

THE GARDEN POST

794 Sedge Garden Road

Kernersville, NC 27284

November 24, 2021

Happy Thanksgiving!

Many of us know the origins of the Thanksgiving holiday as a time when the pilgrims sat down to share a meal with the Wampanoag tribe. Both the pilgrims and the Wampanoag people were giving thanks for the friendship that they shared and the opportunities to learn from one another.

However, many people don't realize that Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until President Abraham Lincoln declared it a holiday during the Civil War.

I find it interesting that during a time of war, a national holiday was declared for all of us to pause and give thanks. It reminds me of the verse from 1 Thessalonians, "Rejoice always, pray continually, **give thanks in all circumstances**; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus," verses 16-18.

I believe that President Lincoln, much like the Apostle Paul, was trying to remind us that even in times of trial, we can begin the healing process by taking a posture of thankfulness. This is an awesome practice for us in our daily lives, and one that if we practice regularly, could have a huge impact in our lives and on the world around us.

What if, rather than getting upset in traffic, we paused to give thanks for the vehicle that is getting us from one location to another. What if, rather than complaining about slow service in a restaurant, we paused to give thanks for the extra time that we are spending with our friends and family over that meal. What if, rather than coveting the latest and greatest ____ (fill in the blank), we paused to give thanks for all that we are already blessed with.

Living in a posture of thankfulness helps us to combat frustration and impatience, fight against unhappiness and disappointment, and experience contentment and gratitude. But in addition to the positive things that we personally benefit from when we are thankful, think about how that person next to you in traffic feels when they look over and see someone singing along happily to their favorite song; or the waitress who gets to see a family enjoying their time together rather than receiving complaints; or the by product of our contentment when we share from our abundance of blessing rather than storing up earthly treasures.

So, this thanksgiving, I pray that there is a wonderful time of family, fellowship, and food... but I also pray that we adopt a posture of thankfulness that lasts all year. I am glad that we have a day to be thankful, but shouldn't we be thankful every day? My favorite song right now is "Thank You Lord" by Chris Tomlin, and the line that I want to leave you with is this: "Blessings, on blessings, on blessings, on blessings if I still have breath in these lungs, and that's all I need to get down on my knees and be thankful for all that He's done."

Thankful for all of you, my church family! ~Amanda

December ~ Birthdays ~ Anniversaries ~ Celebrations

Birthdays

12/1	Maggie Conaway Alexandra Gallop Tracy Holder-Kearns Jason Hoyle Randy McCormick				
12/2	Bailey Meeks Jared Reid Rebecca Snyder JoAnne Via	12/15	Brad Houseknecht Denny Walker	12/28	Lynette Hampton Craig Motsinger Allie Yokely
12/4	Michael Comer Trish Grubbs Jerry Ring	12/16	Nick Conner Cole Rouse	12/29	Ryan Julian Clara Langford Allison Tuttle
12/5	Grier Jones	12/17	Debbie Page Robin Rowell Jerry Young	12/30	Mike Hennis Kevin Kling Katie Tyndall
12/6	Carson McCann Kathy McCliment	12/18	Tara Desmond Connor Manuel	12/31	Charlie Bocholis Cheryl Hancock Hugh Hill Patricia Weavil
12/7	Jim Karr	12/19	Kay Bailey LuAnn Baker Payton Hunter Harold Sapp		
12/8	Sherry Jeffries	12/20	Donna Johnson Jonathon Turner Garrett Walker		
12/9	Murphy Ann Hastings Andrew Lowe Tyler McLean	12/21	Avery Dobson Fiona Duncan		
12/11	Morgan Beaman Beth Conley	12/22	Kurt Arthur Ryan Kurtiak Betsy Richardson Chris Umbaugh		
12/12	Dillon Houseknecht Greg Voss	12/23	Charlie Kearns		
12/13	Hannah Craver Donna Gilbert Faye Manuel Angie Shearer	12/24	Fran Fiumara Luke Manuel		
12/14	Karen Manning Lauren Smith	12/25	Erline Shelton		
		12/27	Jason Baker Hannah Dunlap Bay Routh Anita Waibel		

Anniversaries

12/05	Neil & Jennifer Casstevens
12/14	Damian & Tara Desmond
12/16	Kurt & Lindsay Arthur
12/18	Rob & Debby Alexander
12/20	Hugh & Linda Pennington
12/26	David & Linda Chapman Denny & Nina Holder
12/28	Alfred & Ann Blake

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From the Finance Committee...

Needed to Meet Weekly Budgeted Expenses: **\$13,163.00**

Year to Date General Mission & Ministry Fund Giving: **\$494,932.22**

OUR GIFTS :

General Mission & Ministry Fund: \$34,212.87

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**November financial information will
be available in the next newsletter.**

Memorials

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

In Honor of Murphy Ann Hastings

General Fund	Erline Shelton
	Dennis & Cindy Stout
	Frances Fiumara
	Ruth Heath
	Hilda Young
	Suzanne Ross and Martha Ross Griffin
	Barbara and James Taite
Stitches of Love	Bob and Anne White

In Memory of Elizabeth Motsinger

General Fund	Suzanne Ross and Martha Ross Griffin
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In Memory of Mary Turner

General Fund	Suzanne Ross and Martha Ross Griffin
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In Memory of Orbie Chandler (Zane Chandler's Brother)

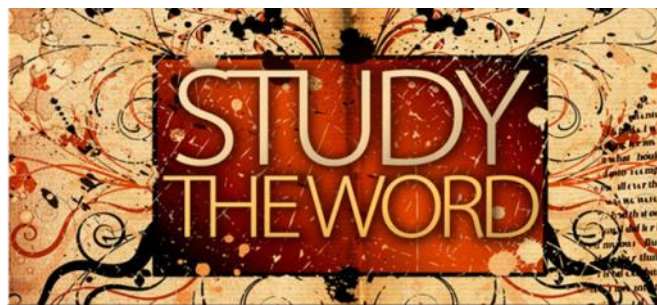
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Church Mailboxes are available for use.

The mailboxes in the Commons area are available for use this Christmas season. Share your Christmas cards and save a stamp!

RED BAG FOOD PROJECT Family Holiday Meals

The United Methodist Women are once again collecting meals for local families who otherwise would not enjoy a Christmas meal. The UMW is challenging all members of the church to help make this food drive an overwhelming success. Check the bulletin board outside the Commons Area for red bags and a food list.

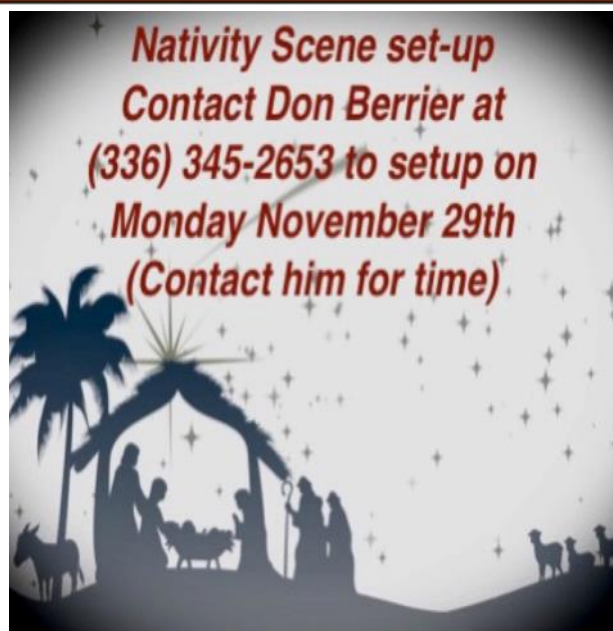


Bible Study with Rev. Karen

Wednesdays at 11:00am or Sundays at 4:00pm

Join us in praying for our church everyday at 3pm!

*God, help Sedge Garden
United Methodist Church
to be faithful to the call you
have for us and to be fruit-
ful in Your Kingdom. In
the Name of Jesus, Amen.*



PASTOR'S REPORT TO CHARGE CONFERENCE

November 14, 2021

Book of Discipline 2016—The Pastor shall give a report on the state of the church and an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (§ 340): providing support, guidance, and training to the lay membership in the church; ministering within the congregation and to the world; and administering the temporal affairs of the congregation. Include as a part of the report is a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (§ 349).

Sedge Garden UMC continues to be a deeply committed Church to making disciples and embracing the call to worship and serving God. This year has proven to be unlike any that we have experienced before due to the crisis of the COVID-19 Pandemic and racial injustice. This year has forced us to grapple with the question: What is the Church? Better said, Who is the Church? We realized as a COVID-19 Leadership Team that we are in this for the long haul of overcoming COVID-19. We established our values and held to them for guiding our approach to reopening:

Mission – The Mission of Christ continues. We will worship God and we will join Christ on mission in our community and world.

Safety – Each person matters to God, and we will ensure safety for all who connect to Sedge Garden UMC.

Adaptability – The Church has adapted across cultures and over time to continue its mission. Our ministry has, is, and will continue to adapt to share the love of Christ.

Efforts in 2021 to be a church for our community and for the world:

We paid off our mortgage debt seven years early!!! We recorded services and music to enable worship to continue happening in homes.

We allowed those with no technology to have priority access to worshipping in person based upon current COVID-19 Leadership Team Decisions.

We designed special Holy Week Services to help us prepare for Easter Sunday as a Church through recording and premiering them online. This attracted great engagement.

We hosted an in-person outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for our community with over 4,000 eggs to be collected.

We hosted a joint outdoor Easter worship service led by both the band and chancel choirs where several joined the Church.

We reopened our Pre-School in a pilot method for the summer with an outdoor preschool to increase greater safety. 52 children participated.

We hosted an outdoor VBS for our community with numerous non-Sedge Gardeners in attendance.

We engaged in a Youth Mission Trip through Urban Ministry with Carolina Cross Connection working at Haywood Street Congregation in Asheville, NC.

We took two groups of youth hiking through the Wilderness Trail Backpack Ministry to strengthen their spiritual journey.

We have offered in-person and online Sunday School options for much of 2021 for families who do not feel ready to return in person.

We celebrated our mortgage payoff with a joint worship service.

We have collected several thousand pounds of food for Crisis Control toward our 6000-pound goal in 2021.

We have partnered together as ministries for greater impact through items such as:

The Pumpkin Patch – A fundraiser connecting us to new families in our community.

Stronger Combined Worship Services such as Easter Sunday, July 4th and Packathon Sunday.

The Fall Masquerade Bash partnership between Garden Kids, Grounded Youth Ministry, and Traditional Worship Ministry.

We packed 32,000 meals for Packathon with Feed the Hunger, bringing us to packing as a Church over 250,000 meals in nine years.

Our Fall Masquerade Bash Trunk or Treat had more community families than SGUMC families participating in the face painting, trunk or treat, cheesecake sale, and spooky organ concert and costume runway! We have hosted online and in-person concerts for our community. We have visited over 80 families during our pastor pop-in parade times of staying connected with folks where we sing hymns, pray, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, Sedge Garden remains a vibrant called community where followers of Jesus worship, grow in their relationship with Christ and one another, and serve generously.

In the last year (2021), I have participated in the following continuing education opportunities:
Executive Leadership Coaching provided by High Performance Academy and Growth.com.
Continued Training with the Outward Mindset Coaching through WNCCUMC.
Read numerous books and professional journals related to ministry.
Completed two weeks of the Reynolds Academy of Leadership through the WNCCUMC Foundation.
Attended future UMC meeting with young clergy and top 400 largest churches in the denomination at Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS.
Completed serving on the leadership team for the Transforming Community Cohort 16 with the Transforming Center, Naperville, IL.

My continuing education goals for the upcoming year (2022) include:
Complete my formation and spiritual growth leave focusing on the following:
Relationship with Christ – I am excited to have extended times of being with Christ in personal devotion. I can't wait to see how Christ meets me during these daily extended times.
Relationship with Family - I have said many times that the greatest impact of ministry anyone will ever have is with their family. I will be focused on nurturing relationships within my family and caring for Melissa as we walk through her journey of healing. She was diagnosed with an aneurysm behind her right eye in September, along with some other concerns related to her head. She is having to see several different specialists. I will also be focused on strengthening my relationship with Andrew and Esther and extended family.
Rest – I will be focused on care and nurturing myself to get the rest that God talks about in Psalm 23:1-2.
Renewal – Each year in August I spend some time and read our *Book of Discipline* "Part III, Doctrinal Standards and our Theological Task as Methodists." It renews me each year as I spend time reflecting, especially on our theological task of reflecting upon God's gracious action in our lives, church, community, and world. I will be focused during my leave on reading John Wesley's sermons again and on Paul's letters to each of the churches that he connected with in his missionary journeys.
Complete the rest of Reynolds Leadership Academy.
Serve as a Page for next General Conference (2022 scheduled).
Begin working with a Mentor and Coach.
Become certified as a Wilderness First Responder for backpacking ministry trips.

Welcome the new supply pastors and a new church staff person.

Sedge Garden United Methodist Church welcomes **Rev. James (Jim) Martin** and **Rev. Dr. Quentin Scholtz** as the supply pastors during Pastor Justin Lowe's leave.

In addition, we extend a warm Sedge Garden UMC welcome to the new Church Office Coordinator, Corine Brouwer. You may know Ms. Brouwer from her musical contributions to services in the past as a violinist, but she also brings considerable administrative and business experience to this position. Please feel free to stop by the offices or call and introduce yourself.

SEDGE GARDEN UMC LEADERSHIP & MINISTRY TEAMS 2021**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

Chairperson	Todd Braun	682-0641
Vice Chair	Jay Giles	722-8469
Recording Secretary	Debby Alexander	414-2960
Lay Leader	Barbara Tuttle	996-1949
Lay Delegates to Annual Conf	Anne White	970-9668
(Alternate)	Kevin Leonard	992-2243
Staff-Parish Chair	Mark Chandler	813-3374
Finance Chair	Alecia Julian	704-284-2094
Church Business Administrator	Chris Edwards	740-1976
Church Membership Secretary	Corine Brouwer	788-2297
Staff Parish Chair	Mark Chandler	813-3374
Trustees Chair	John Miller	784-6595
Parsonage Chair	Charlotte Williams	403-4630
Cemetery Chair	David Manuel	971-6832
Congregational Care Team Leader	Anne White	970-9668
Garden Kids Ministry Team Leader	Morgan Shaw	817-1219
Garden Kids Ministry Director	Amanda Betters	624-1423
Pre-School Ministry Team Leader	Tim McCann	473-6347
Pre-School Director	Judy Hoyle	345-7779
Grounded Youth Ministry Directors	Chad Betters	682-6899
	Amanda Betters	624-1423
Girl Scout Coordinator	Susan Piotrowski	934-3888
Scouting Coordinator	Bryan Staley	785-1555
UMM President		
UMW President	Anne White	970-9668
Mission & Outreach Team Leader	Brenda Roth	324-5609
Worship Team Leader	Troy Reed	416-2085
Coordinator of Contemporary Music	Will Edwards	354-5020
Director of Traditional Worship	Barry Lyons	399-5119
Senior Pastor	Pastor Justin Lowe	788-2297

Members at Large

2022	Sarah Lawrence	341-3531
2022	Pratt Dunlap	317-4114
2022	Kerry Leetz	508-3775
2023	Bob Johnson	828-773-1692
2023	Chase Langham	462-7635
2023	Paula Walker	817-2693
2024	Jill Mooney	345-2993
2024	Otis Eubanks	486-4172
2024	Nickolas McLean	455-0960

STAFF-PARISH COMMITTEE

Staff Liaison, Pastor Justin Lowe		
Chairperson	Mark Chandler	813-3374
2022	Don Berrier	345-2653
2022	Dixie Braun	473-1298
2022	Bub Manning	817-4677
2023	Ron Talley	416-7754
2023	Mike Hennis	403-6213
2023	Angela McCann	816-0338
2024	Catrin Giles	722-8469
2024	Ryan Julian	704-284-2094
2024	Roberta Peterson	682-314-6707

Ex-Officio of Staff-Parish

Lay Leader	Barbara Tuttle	996-1949
Annual Conf. Delegate	Anne White	970-9668

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Staff Liaison, Pastor Justin Lowe		
Chairperson	Alecia Julian	704-284-2094
2022	Ashley Locklear	749-1834
2022	Alecia Julian	704-284-2094
2022	Diana Ross	413-2199
2023	Andy Rouse	406-6254
2023	Patrick Tuttle	682-2192
2023	Cindy Stout	414-0279
2024	Geroge Peace	817-4885
2024	Ronnie Stack	993-4342
2024	Paula Walker	817-2693
Ex-Officio of Finance		
Senior Pastor	Justin Lowe	788-2297
Treasurer	Janet Gamble	403-5758
Asst Treasurer	Rob Alexander	414-2961
Admin. Board Chair	Todd Braun	682-0641
Lay leader	Barbara Tuttle	414-1075
SPRC	Mark Chandler	813-3374
Church Business Administrator	Chris Edwards	740-1976
Trustee Chair	John Miller	784-6595
Lay Delegate	Anne White	970-9668

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Staff Liaison, Pastor Justin Lowe		
Chairperson	John Miller	784-6595
2022	Jerry Grubbs	816-0353
2022	Becky Gurley	399-0878
2022	Tyler McLean	655-6390
2023	Jerry Hamilton	655-2365
2023	Brian Motsinger	978-1240
2024	James Alley	992-2172
2024	Sharon Hennis	403-6213
2024	David Roggenkamp	784-7294

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE (Trustee Sub Committee)

Staff Liaison, Pastor Justin Lowe		
Chairperson	Charlotte Williams	403-4630
2022	Bobbie Berry	414-4823
2022	Bryan Staley	785-1555
2023	Cindy Leonard	813-2697
2023	Ron Tuttle	414-5081
2024	Cindy Eubanks	830-3038
2024	Richard Hoover	462-3370
SPRC SPRC Chair	Mark Chandler	813-3374
Senior Pastor	Pastor Justin Lowe	788-2297

CEMETERY COMMITTEE (Trustee Sub Committee)

Staff Liaison, Pastor Justin Lowe		
Chairperson	David Manuel	345-2028
	Janet Gamble	996-3646
	Andy Holder	784-6821
	Nancy Swaim	650-4626
	Lee Sloan	399-3523

Reminder to Committee Chairs

Please submit your planned meetings and events to Corine in the office ASAP. Then the rooms can be properly reserved and scheduled. Thank you!!

COVID-19 LEADERSHIP TEAM			WORSHIP MINISTRY		
Pastor and chair	Pastor Justin Lowe	828-246-1969	Chairperson	Troy Reed	462-7268
Admin Board Chair	Todd Braun	682-0641	Coordinator of Contemporary Music	Will Edwards	354-5020
Admin Board Vice Chair	Jay Giles	722-8469	Director of Traditional Worship	Barry Lyons	399-5119
Lay Leader	Barbara Tuttle	996-1949	Choir President	Angie Jarman	341-5218
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Anne White	970-9668	Environment Team Leaders	8:30 Vacant	
Finance Chair	Alecia Julian	704-284-2094		10:55 Angie Jarman	341-5218
Staff Parish Chair	Mark Chandler	813-3374	Hospitality Team Leaders	8:30 Vacant	
Congregational Care Team Leader	Anne White	970-9668		10:55 Tony Tice	575-9697
Disciple Team Leader	Vacant		Host and Liturgists Team Leaders	8:30 Vacant	
Mission and Outreach Team Leader	Brenda Roth	324-5609		10:55 Barry Lyons	399-5119
OUTREACH COMMITTEE			Response Team Leaders	8:30 Vacant	
Team Leader	Brenda Roth	324-5609		10:55 Ashley Locklear	749-1834
LOCAL MISSION AND OUTREACH				Addison Locklear	749-1834
Backpack Ministry at Hall Woodward	Susan Piotrowski	934-3888	Tech Ministry Team Leader	Vacant	
	Wayne West	413-1682	Senior Pastor	Pastor Justin Lowe	828-246-1969
Blessing of the Animal Service			CHILDREN'S MINISTRY		
Christmas Tree Lighting Community Event	Brenda Roth	324-5609	Team Leader	Vacant	
	Al Blake	312-5195	Garden Kids' Ministry Team	Morgan Shaw	817-1219
	Amanda Better	624-1423	PRE-SCHOOL MINISTRY		
Crisis Control Food	John Ross	408-4243	Co-Team Leaders	Tim McCann	473-6347
	Diana Ross	413-2199		Pat Smothers	310-4838
Garden Kids' Mission Wk	Amanda Better	624-1423	Director	Judy Hoyle	345-7779
Hall Woodward Elem.	Norma Freeman	413-1540	Team Members	Paula Walker	817-2693
Next Step Ministry	Vicki Johnson	773-1692		Cindy Eubanks	705-0498
Mission Network Representative	Rev. Ellis Rouse	403-5637		Jay Giles	722-8469
Open Arms Ministry	Judy Sullivan	407-3645		Peggy Mumaw	996-3689
Red Cross Blood Drive	Lynne Lamb	970-8246		Brenda Young	996-2939
	Al Blake	312-5195		Mark Chandler	993-0515
	Darla Miller	403-0890	CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY		
Shalom Project	Al Blake	312-5195	Chairperson	Anne White	970-9668
	Darla Miller	403-0890	Bereavement Care Team	Linda Eubanks	486-5444
SGUMC Garden	Jerry Hamilton	803-756-0123	Golden Agers	Debby Alexander	414-2960
	Richard Hoover	462-3370	HOPE Committee	Vacant	
Smith Farm Elementary School			Military	Kerry Leetz	508-3775
REGIONAL MISSION & OUTREACH				Anne White	970-9668
Wilderness Trail	Chad Better	624-1423	Stephen Ministers	Anne White	970-9668
	Amanda Better	624-1423		Jim Harrison	830-3594
Youth Mission Trip	Chad Better	624-1423		Pastor Justin Lowe	828-246-1969
	Amanda Better	624-1423	COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP (Nominations)		
GLOBAL MISSION & OUTREACH			Chairperson	Pastor Justin Lowe	828-246-1969
HOPE Educational Center (Kenya)	Roberta Peterson	682-314-6707	2022	Angie Shearer	782-1680
Packathon	Rev. Ellis Rouse	403-5637	2022	Wanda Rouse	403-4448
	Jerry Hamilton	655-2365	2022	Amy Oakley	408-7625
Project Agape	Vicki Johnson	828-773-1692	2023	Linda Eubanks	486-5444
Operation Christmas Child	Mike Hennis	403-6213	2023	Morgan Shaw	817-1219
			2023	Ron Tuttle	414-5081
			2024	Bob White	784-4533
			2024	Carrie Wilson	782-1038
			2024	Chris Connor	992-3189

ADULT FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Adult Fellowship	Richard Hoover	788-6897
Golden Agers	Debby Alexander	414-2960

United Methodist Men

President		
Vice President		
Treasurer	Bryan Staley	785-1555
Secretary		

United Methodist Women

President	Anne White	970-9668
Vice President	Yvonne Coffey	705-0028
Secretary	Linda Eubanks	486-5444
Treasurer	Sharon Hennis	817-5496
Social Action	JoAnn Stewart	306-6450

Chairs

Rachel's Rose Garden	Linda Eubanks	486-5444
Rachel's Daisy Garden	Vicki Jarman	293-3732
Rachel's Tulip Garden	Anne White	970-9668
Millennium Chair	Mickey Miller	655-3948

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Grounded youth Ministry Core Council Team		
	Amanda Betters	624-1423
	Chad Betters	682-6899
Girl Scouts	Susan Piotrowski	934-3888
Scouting	Bryan Staley	785-1555
SGUMC Scholarship Ministry Team		
	Gene Gurley	391-3320
	Tracy Kearns	312-5127
	Jay Giles	408-8025
	Nancy Kluttz	830-4274
	Norma Freeman	413-1540
	Jane Kamiab	413-7803

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Chairperson	Sheila Holder	788-3794
	Norma Freeman	788-7731
	Nancy Swaim	650-4626

*Please notify the church office if we have listed information and/or telephone numbers incorrectly!
Thank you for serving!*



It is with great delight that we announce the selection of Bryan Staley as the 2021 Brian Ray Holland Lay Leader of the Year. He was presented with his award at the administrative board meeting on November 7th. Congratulations Bryan Staley!!

Poinsettias

You may choose to Memorialize or Honor a loved one for Christmas by ordering a Red Poinsettia. \$24 per poinsettia for one memorial and/or honorarium. The poinsettias will be wrapped in foil.

Please fill in your information below and place in the collection plate or return to the church office. You may make your check to SGUMC (all monies should accompany the order form). The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary for the morning services on Dec 12th. They can be taken home after noon on Dec 19th. **Wednesday, Dec 1st is the DEADLINE** to place orders.

Garden Kids Nativity and Carol Sing**December 19th @ 3pm****Garden Kids Worship Center**

Join us for the Garden Kids' annual telling of the Christmas story! This year we need you to help us tell the story with song. We'll be singing some of our favorite classic Christmas carols and hymns, so warm up...do re mi fa so...and don't miss it. The Garden Kids will be our "actors" while we tell the story in song! Refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Pastoral Care Notes

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the following families:

Remember Zane Chandler on the death of his brother and Mark Chandler on the death of his uncle, Orbie Chandler who passed on November 14, 2021 in Raleigh.



Prayers are lifted up to God for the following church family and friends who are currently hospitalized, had a surgical procedure or are in a hospice or rehabilitation facility:

Nancy Ellison (recent procedure)
Carolyn Voss (upcoming procedure)

Jimmy Hill (recent procedure)

Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

We extend ongoing prayers of petitions for healing and comfort to the following:

Shirley Ayers
Lynn Cash
Evangeline Davis
Nancy Ellison
Fran Fiumara
Diane Hatfield

Betsy Lindsay
Caitlin Little
Melissa Lowe
Jeanette Peace
Betsy Richardson
Ellis Rouse

Nick Smothers
Bryan Staley
Mona Terrell
Carolyn Voss
Dana Wooten
Vickie Wooten

Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Independent Living Residents

Our Homebound Friends

Ann Coffey
Jenell Hart
Peggy Holder

Myrtis Holder
Dick Martin
Gladys Paschal

Jean Shelton
Dot Sides
Pat Vogler



Betty Bryant (Westchester Manor Nursing Home)
Imogene Elam (Trinity Elms Rehabilitation Center)
Thomas Hamilton (Kerner Ridge)
Gayle Hampton (Homestead Hills)
Murphy Ann Hastings (Arbor Ridge)
Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax)
Jimmy Laughter (Kerner Ridge)
Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge)
Patsy Murray (Providence Place, High Point)
Betty Peddycord (Kerner Ridge)
Larry Smith (Kerner Ridge)
Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge)
Virgil Smith (Arbor Ridge)
Linda Southern (Kerner Ridge)
Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ridge)

Church Members Currently on Active Military Duty

Jared Robbins

Sam Rice

Markus Hamilton

Camerone Ashburn

Updated on November 22, 2020

Baptisms

We are pleased to announce the baptism of Caroline Kearney on November 14, 2021

New Members

We welcome into membership Mary Catherine Kearney by letter of transfer on November 21, 2021
We welcome into membership Mia Weisner, Addison Locklear, Sarah Kearney, Caroline Kearney and Ann Snyder on November 14, 2021

****All names above have given permission to the Congregational Care Ministry to be listed***

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YOUTH MINISTRY

24/7

UMYF Schedule

- November 28th
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups In-Person & on Zoom
 - 5pm - Annual SGUMC Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 5th
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups In-Person & on Zoom
 - 1:45-2:45pm - Confirmation in the Youth Room
 - 3-5pm - GYM in the Youth Room
- December 12th
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups In-Person & on Zoom
 - 1:45-2:45pm - Confirmation in the Youth Room
 - 3-5pm - GYM in the Youth Room
- December 17th - Youth Christmas party (details TBD)

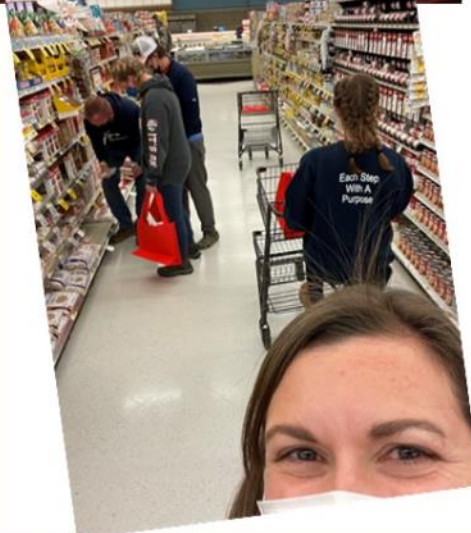


"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

1 Peter 1:3

JUNIOR/SENIOR FALL RETREAT 2021

Jr./Sr. Retreat is a time for our upperclassmen to enjoy time together in fellowship while diving into topics that are important as they transition into adulthood. This weekend we talked about God's will for relationships...dating, marriage, intimacy, and God's love for us as the perfect example for love. We also had tons of fun - we broke out of an escape room, enjoyed a holiday parade, ate lots of good food (some that we foraged ourselves), played at a retrocade, and worshiped at First UMC in Brevard! A whirlwind of a weekend, but lots of memories made!



Chad & Amanda Betters, Co-Directors of Youth Ministry
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November Outreach

Please continue to support our community through your Crisis Control donations. The requested items for November are Sugar, Flour and Baking Items. Donations are still being collected under the cover at the Sanctuary parking lot entrance.

December's Food Item is: saltine crackers

OUTREACH

OUTREACH **RED BAG** FOOD DRIVE ~COVID STYLE~

The United Methodist Women are once again collecting meals for local families who otherwise would not enjoy a Christmas meal. The UMW challenges all church members to make this food drive an overwhelming success. Please pick up the items listed below and bring to the Church Fellowship Hall between Dec. 9-12, 2021.

Questions call Anne White—336-784-4533

PICK UP RED BAGS IN THE COMMONS AREA

- 1 lb dry white rice, box or bag (not instant)
- 2 lbs dried pinto beans
- 2 cans (15 oz each) Bruce's sweet potato yams
- 2 cans (15.25 oz each) Green giant whole kernel sweet corn
- 16 oz bottle Kraft classic ranch dressing
- 12 oz bottle Texas Pete original hot sauce
- 16 oz bottle vegetable cooking oil
- 2 boxes Betty Crocker brownie mix
- 2 BOXES Jiffy Corn Bread mix
- 1 (6 pitcher pack) Crystal Light drink mix (lemonade or tea)



November 28th @ 5pm *Christmas Tree Lighting*

Hear the Christmas Story and sing carols!

Duck Donuts & Hot Apple Cider

Pictures with Santa!

Be sure and visit the Boy Scout Tree Lot!

Opens November 27th

Located on Sedge Garden Rd near Hastings Hill Rd.. The trees are grown locally on the Parker Family farm in NC. The lot will be open weeknights 6 PM-8 PM, Saturdays 9 AM-8 PM, Sundays 1-8 PM.

Cost of trees will be posted at the tree lot.



PREPARE THE WAY

WELCOME

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit”, begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent, we prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ. Please join us for the following services.

November 28: First Sunday of Advent and Christmas Tree Lighting
December 5: Second Sunday of Advent and Holy Communion
December 12: Third Sunday of Advent and Service of Lessons and Carols
December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent and Children’s Program
December 26: Combined services at 10:30 AM

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