



PASTOR'S NOTE

As summer comes to a close I have been in a rather nostalgic mood. When I was a child I loved summer. I didn't love it just because school was in recess but because for my extended family it meant camping trips, vacations, and seemingly endless sleepovers with all my cousins. As a child I thought the only reason I loved the season was because it provided fun and enjoyment. As an adult I realize it was something far deeper that kept me yearning for the hot, steamy days of summer – it was a sense of family and belonging that stirred my yearning. When days were full of cousins, friends, aunts, uncles and grandparents I was my most content. I loved how everyone came together to enjoy homemade ice cream or how even the men would take a role in preparing picnic lunches for a drive up on the parkway where we would pull over the caravan of cars and eat out of the trunk along the side of the road. I look back and now see that when I fell into an exhausted and content sleep on those summer evenings it was not the fun of the day that lulled me into sweet dreams, it was the fact that I went to bed assured that I was much loved and cared for.

I know that for many of us Wednesday evening meals at the church have a similar nostalgia as we reflect upon our enjoyment of good food and conversation with one another each week. However, we have encountered several challenges to providing a meal each week. Therefore we have to make the tough decision to halt our Wednesday evening meals for the near future. Our programs will continue at their regular times, only the meal is cancelled.

For those of you who will miss those special moments of fellowship here are some ideas for how to keep fellowship with your church family you normally eat with on Wednesday evenings...

1. Invite others to bring a bag meal or take out meal to the church and eat together in the fellowship hall or picnic shelter.
2. Arrange to meet at a nearby restaurant and enjoy a meal before coming to the church for programs.
3. Host a small group meal in your home on Wednesdays.

May you fill your evenings with food, family and friends.

Pastor Karen

ADVENTURE AWAITS



Join the Keenagers for the journey! Call Jenny Miller, 336-667-9495, if you plan to go any carpooling events and/or with questions.

- ♦ Tuesday, October 2: 11:30am Lunch at @ Chile Verde restaurant in Wilkesboro
- ♦ Tuesday, October 16: Daytrip to the Reed Gold Mine in Midland NC [rescheduled from September due to Hurricane Florence]. Carpool will leave promptly at 9:30am.

The Reed Gold Mine site of the first documented gold find in the United States...Portions of the underground tunnels...have been restored for guided tours ...exhibits of gold and historical mining equipmentfilm highlights the first gold discovery, and tours of a restored ore-crushing stamp mill are offered.

www.nchistoricsites.org/reed

- ♦ Saturday, October 20: Carolina Balloon Fest, Statesville. The group will meet at the church at 1pm. Let Mary Jane Rich know if you plan to go. www.carolinaballoonfest.com

MISSION: SEWING BEE



Thanks to the online shopping skills of Margaret Cooper and generous donations from many individuals and groups such as Christian Friendship SS class, UMM and UMW, the Sewing Bee has another 2000+ yards of fabric.

A member of Hinshaw Baptist distributed book bags, dresses, and shorts to children in a New Mexico Navajo Indian reservation in September.

Our next Sewing Bee is Saturday, October 6, at 8:30am. Cutters will be most welcome! RSVP to 336-927-0911 or tanyashire@aol.com. Thanks for your continued support!



Appalachian District
Western North Carolina Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DISTRICT DIALOGUE

You are invited to join Pastor Karen and the

Administrative Council for the District Dialogue on Sunday, October 28 at West Jefferson UMC. Fellowship/registration at 2:30pm. Discussion 3—5:00pm.

This time together is an opportunity for churches to be in conversation with each other and share ideas that they have found effective in reaching more people with the life-transforming love of Jesus Christ.

All Administrative Council members are expected to attend but all others are welcome. Contact the church office for more information.

CHURCH BUSINESS

ALL FUNDS GIVING REPORT

09/02 \$ 11,321.90
 09/09 \$ 7,180.00
 09/16 \$ 3,164.00
 09/23 \$ 9,195.00

Administrative Council meeting minutes and Treasurer Reports are available in the Sanctuary narthex and on our website (via the *Newsletter* link).

09/22/2018

Tithes and Offerings \$258,491

Expenses \$263,157

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WUMC CHARGE CONFERENCE

was rescheduled from September to Sunday, October 21st at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All Administrative Council members are expected to attend and all others are welcome.

To learn more, visit

www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-charge-conference.

ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY



Help in this mission by saving your cancelled stamps. A collection box is available in the Educational Building labeled "Stamp Ministry". **Vitally Important**—when trimming the stamps from the corner of the envelope, leave 1/4 or 1/3 of paper around the cancelled stamp. The only stamps that cannot be used are metered postage and stamps that have been cut too closely, torn or wrinkled.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY—UMW



Seventeen ladies attended our monthly meeting September 4th. Jean Stetler presented a program, "Encounter with God", a reflection on sacred encounters with God and humanity in creation. Members shared encounters with nature. Jean summarized "the Creation", and encouraged us to reflect on what we can do for our responsibility to care for God's earth. See the "Why Recycling?" insert of this newsletter.

District Annual Meeting was attended by 4 of our members. Certificates were awarded to our unit for Participation in Mission Today, Participation in Mission Studies, Justice Today Member-Silver Level, Participation in 5 Channels of Giving, Participation in Increasing Membership, and to Lorraine Golds for the Reading Program.

UPCOMING: UMW will be in charge of the brunch on September 30th; UMW Sunday will be October 14th; Nominating Committee will be Jean Stetler, Jan Taylor, and Sherry Mabry. A slate of officers will be presented at the meeting in October; 2018 Leadership and Membership Development Training for new officers will be held on November 3, 2018, at First Church in Elkin.

Recycling bins are available in several areas of the church now—Let's be good stewards of God's earth!

All ladies of the church are welcome to join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, and if you choose, come at 6:00pm & share a meal prepared by the Methodist Men. The World Thank Offering will be received during our October 2nd meeting.

MEN'S MINISTRY—UMM



All men are invited to attend the United Methodist Men's meeting Tuesday, October 2 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Remember to bring items (food, paper products, bottled water, etc.) for local homeless shelter.

	OCTOBER	7	14	21	28
Communion	9a	Cindy Winslow			
	11a	TBD			
Acolyte & Crucifer	9a	Angela Chavez	Kaleb Thornton	Seth Wilson	Hannah Thornton
	11a	Luke Shepard	Jenny Smithey Caitlyn Summers	Sailym Kilby	Jenny Smithey Caitlyn Summers
Children's Church & Nursery	9a	Heather McGroarty Kaleb Thornton	Tracey Harkless Hannah Thornton	Angela Chavez Suzanna Chavez	Tracey Harkless Kaleb Thornton
	11a	Josiah Smithey Misty Smithey	Angela Summers Caitlyn Summers	Caitlyn Summers Susie Triplett	Kim Hayes Luna Hayes
SS K-5	10a	Angila Thornton	Jan Taylor	Susanna Chavez	Angila Thornton
Ushers	9a	Cindy Winslow	TBD	TBD	TBD
	11a	Art Groce, John Henry Groce,	Troy Harmon, Barton Waddell		
Media	9a	Jerry Kilby, Kaleb Thornton, Seth Wilson			
	11a	Marcus Giles, Tom Kinlaw			

Upper Room Prayer Center Ministry Monday, October 8 8—10p Jim Davenport

The Upper Room Living Prayer Center is a 7-day-a-week (7am-11pm CST) intercessory prayer ministry staffed by Christian volunteers. To learn more visit www.upperroom.org.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday! **2** JANEY JONES; **3** AUDREY ABSHER, LUNA HAYES; **7** DENNIS LOFLAND; **8** RUBY PLESS, KIM TETZLAFF; **9** HOLLY COOK, PAUL MARLEY SR.; **10** JOEL DILLS, LIBBY LEVI, WARREN STALEY; **11** CHARLES CAMPBELL SR.; **12** CYNTHIA BURGESS; **13** JONATHAN HALL, ROXANNE REID; **14** WANDA AYERS; **16** DALE PETERSON; **17** VIDA PEARSON; **18** BREANA BARLOW, RUTH FORREST; **19** MEGAN KOVACS, JANEY YORK; **20** TANYA SHIRE; **22** MICHAEL COOPER, KEN HAYES, TONY TRIPLETT, ERNIE WINSLOW; **23** DEE-DEE CAUDILL; **24** YUKA HAYES, CAROLYN THOMPSON; **25** JACKSON HUBBARD, MARY JANE RICH, ROBIN STALEY; **26** TROY HARMON JR, LISA LOFLAND, DIANA PLESS; **27** ALLEN DAVIS, RITA DOUGLAS, DREW HAYES, MADGE SNYDER; **28** BARBARA PARDUE; **29** KRISTEN MCENTIRE; **31** GERALD STIERWALT, HAROLD STIERWALT

Happy Anniversary! **1** CARY & MEGHAN ROUSSEAU; **7** RAY & MARY JANE RICH; **10** CHARLES & ROSIE DRUM; **15** JEFF & DONNA ATWELL; **21** KEITH & MARY SUMMERFORD; **26** CHRIS & TAMARA LAKEY; **27** DAVID & GINGER COATS

MISSION: ARMENIA



By the time you read this Pastor Karen, Larry and Dee-Dee Caudill will be on the way to Armenia. But they will not be the only team going there this October. October marks the 25th year that the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist

Church (WNCCUMC) has been going to Armenia. So, the conference is sending a team to celebrate. This will not be a part of the building team our folks will be on. But everyone will be at the same place for several days and participate in the celebration.

The first trip to Armenia was not an easy one. The group had to wait in Moscow at the airport for days before they could get a flight into Armenia. When a flight became available it was over-booked. By the time everyone boarded the plane there was not a seat to be had. Sandy Welborn, one of those first team members, tells that they had made friends with one of the government officials traveling back to Armenia. That man stood up in the plane and asked who would give up their seats for the Americans. Seats were found for the Americans immediately. The people giving up their seats had to sit in the floor for the flight.

Sandy Welborn, one of those first team members, will be on this building team. Another person on that first trip that some of you might know was Alex Alvord, a former pastor at WUMC.

That first group saw the need and started American Greater Armenian Partnership Efforts (project AGAPE). Today, this ministry of WNCCUMC provides an orphanage, school, hospital, animal donation program, home repair/construction, humanitarian aid, and Christmas shoe boxes.

Visit www.wnccumc.org/project-agape to see what you are a part of.

THANK YOU & CONGRATS

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for your visits, phone calls, and love shared during my hospital stay [August]. We cherish your love and fellowship.*

~ God's Peace, Mary Summerford

Such a caring congregation. I felt your prayers and concerns—I guess God did too 'cause I was blessed to be kept secure in His Hands. Thank you so much for your cards and notes of caring thoughts during my recovery from the stroke [August].

~ Sue Taylor

Congratulations! Seth Wilson, son of Hal & Cindy Wilson, received Christian Baptism on August 26th.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Pre-K through 5th grade aged

children are encouraged to participate in **Children's Church - Blessing of the Children** during Sunday worship services, **Sunday School** in classrooms below the sanctuary at 10am AND

J.A.M. (Jesus And Me)

group meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm for mission projects, bible studies, & fun activities.

October Bible Study led by Donnie Thornton.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

@ 10am

Donnie Thornton

Wednesday Nights

@ 6:30pm—>Rachel Styers, rachel.styers@gmail.com
Bible Study + Discussion
NBC TV show "The Good Place"

YARD & PLANT Collection

Receiving stuff in October.

Help wanted in setting up!
Contact the church office.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

October 20th

WUMC Youth booth in the Wilkesboro Pavilion.

FALL FESTIVAL

October 28th

Participation required for HS Youth Mission Team.

YARD & PLANT SALE

November 3rd

ALTAR FLOWERS



Contact the church office if you would like to place flowers on the altar for Sunday worship.

WILKESBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*exists to share the good news of Jesus Christ,
comfort the troubled and embrace God's love.*



Sundays

9:00am & 11:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School

October 14 = UMW Sunday

OCTOBER 2018

- 1 Mon 11a-3p Card Party Fundraiser, *insert*
2 Tue 10:00a Krafters
11:30a Keenagers—Luncheon, p. 2
5:30p UMW Executive Committee
6:00p UMM, p. 2
6:30p UMM Member, p. 2
7:30p Jubilate Ringers
3 Wed 6:30p Programs, p. 4
6 Sat 8:30a Mission: Sewing Bee, p. 1
7 Sun 9:00a+ Worship + Sunday School, p. 4
8 Mon 8—10p The Upper Room Living Prayer Center Ministry
10 Wed 6:30p Programs, p. 4
14 Sun 9:00a+ Worship + Sunday School, p. 4
16 Tue 9:30a Keenagers—Reed Gold Mine, p. 1
6:00p Sharing the Flame RFL Team, *insert*
20 Sat 1:00p Keenagers—Carolina Balloon Fest, p. 1
21 Sun 9:00a+ Worship + Sunday School, p. 4
12:00p Charge Conference, p. 2
28 Sun 9:00a+ Worship + Sunday School, p. 4
2:30p Appalachian District Dialogue, p. 1
5-7p Fall Festival, p. 4 + *insert*
31 Wed 6:30p Programs, p. 4

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| NO Fellowship Supper | 6:45pm Adult Bible Study |
| 6:30pm J.A.M. Children, p. 3 | 6:45pm Carillonners |
| 6:30pm Youth, p. 3 | 7:45pm Chancel Choir |

NO FELLOWSHIP SUPPER, see Pastor's Note page 1.

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 28, 5—7pm
@ WUMC

Bring family, friends & neighbors!

Treats, Cake Walk, Games & Prizes,
Face Painting, Food & More!

INSERT INFORMATION:

- ◆ Why Recycle?
- ◆ Sharing the Flame RFL Team: Card Party Fundraiser 10/01 and Kick-off Party 10/16
- ◆ Job Fair Event 10/02
- ◆ Guardian Ad Litem Training Opportunity 10/16
- ◆ Fall Festival 10/28
- ◆ Yard Sale 11/03
- ◆ Blood Drive 11/05



DISASTER RELIEF: The Western NC Conference Committee on Relief continues to monitor damages & provide updates

on Conference response efforts. Visit www.wnccumc.org/committee-on-relief.

If you would like to help NC victims in the Hurricane Florence disaster relief efforts by giving financially, note "UMCOR-NC Relief" on your gift to WUMC.

YARD SALE

Saturday, 11/03

WANTED: YOUR STUFF

Accepting donations of items that can be sold for the Yard Sale through Nov. 1st in the community room.

Thanks for your support of the Youth Mission Team!



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

www.riseagainsthunger.com (formerly known as Stop Hunger Now)

RAH provides highly nutritious dehydrated packaged meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The meals are used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries. Hunger is the common thread among the world's most challenging issues. Targeting hunger, specifically by supporting school feeding programs, leverages support to other causes including poverty, disease, education, and the welfare of women + children.

The Wilkesboro United Methodist family goal in this mission project is to raise \$5000+, which will provide 20,000 meals. Your financial gift to WUMC/memo RAH and help in February 2019 for the meal packaging event is welcomed.

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