



The Story

December 2018

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A Moment with the Pastor

²⁸⁻³⁰ *Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.*
Matthew 11:28-30 *The Message* (MSG)

During the upcoming Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas season, we get weary. Ever get tired? Ever feel a need for rest? It is like going on a vacation. If you are like me, my vacation leaves me more tired than before I actually go on vacation! I experience the same during the holiday seasons. We are a weary person because we rush from one activity to the other. We work long hours and fill our calendars with too many obligations. The fact that we need rest makes hearing this invitation from Jesus so very appealing.

Look at verse 29b – “recover your life.” Initially, Jesus is not talking about physical rest, but He is talking about spiritual rest. Most people are weary in their spirits today. Henry David Thoreau said, “Most men lead lives of quiet desperation.” Many are troubled and agitated in their souls, and they try to find rest in all the wrong places. Some look to a mate/ a bottle or a pill/ friends/ pleasure/ entertainment/ a job/ money. People look everywhere and try everything in the effort to find rest for their souls. Nothing and no one in this world can give you the peace and rest you seek.

While people run here and there trying to find peace, Jesus says, so simply and so calmly, “Come unto Me, and I will give you rest.” There is a place of rest; a place of quietness; a place of peace and His name is Jesus. He invites you to come to Him to find the rest your soul seeks. People are looking, running, seeking, struggling, striving, fighting, loving, rushing, searching, trying to find what only Jesus Christ can give. That challenge is even harder during the holiday season where we are busy and in desperate need of rest.

There is a place of rest for the weary soul and that place of rest is Jesus Christ. What better time to remind ourselves that Jesus invites you and me to enter that place of rest, so He can give us that spiritual, physical and mental rest we desperately seek. Be still, and know that I am Lord.

Peace be with you,
Roger Weisner, Senior Minister
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Advent Fair for Children & Youth

Sunday, December 2 (9:45a) 2nd Floor Classrooms—Join us as we begin our season of Advent together with stories, activities, crafts and more!

Homemade Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser Lunch

Sunday, December 2 (12p) Sponsored by the Koinonia Sunday School Class — Join us in the fellowship hall for homemade soup served with sandwiches, dessert and drinks. Your kind donations will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will benefit mission projects.



Children’s Christmas Program • A Keepsake Christmas

Sunday, December 2 (4:00p) in the Fellowship Hall During this engaging **interactive** program, you'll hear a dramatic retelling of the Christmas story from cast members (**our children**) on stage. And each guest will create their very own keepsake nativity scene to cherish for years to come.

Hear Mary's memories of traveling to Bethlehem and reminisce about their family trips. Hear Joseph's thoughts about when Jesus was born, and share stories of when their own children were born. Learn the meaning of Jesus' name, and share how they got their names. Hear an angel's memories and explore ways to celebrate Jesus this Christmas. We hope everyone will join us to experience **A Keepsake Christmas** and add a meaningful family memory to your Christmas this year!



United Methodist Women Group 2 Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 4 (11:30p) Yarborough's Restaurant
Carpooling available—**meet at 11:00a**—we will leave at 11:15a

Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte

Wednesday, December 5 (We will leave the church at **8:30a** and return between **5:30p-6p**) As a group we will help sort and process shoeboxes before they begin their journey around the world. Sign-up sheets are located at the Volunteer's Desk. Questions? Contact Judy Deal (336) 956-6150.



Poinsettias will be available for pick up **Friday, December 7** (10:30a-1:00p) State Street entrance



Lexington Choral Society *Welcome to December* Christmas Concert
Friday, December 7 (7:00p) Maple Springs UMC, Winston-Salem, NC
Saturday, December 8 (5:00p) First Baptist Church, Lexington, NC



Carols with the Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Sunday, December 9 - 11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Women Group 12 Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 11 (6:00p) Cagney's Restaurant



CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2018

Worship

Early Worship

1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30a
Sanctuary
2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:30a
Fellowship Hall

Morning Worship

Each Sunday at 11:00a
Sanctuary

Sunday School

All Ages at 9:45a

Children's Ministries

Staffed Child Care

Birth—5 years
Both Worship Services and
Sunday School (Children's
Ministry Area, Ground Floor)

We Worship with the Children

Each Sunday during the 11:00a
Morning Worship Service

Children's Worship

Each Sunday following *We
Worship with the Children*.
K-3rd graders are invited to
follow the Worship Leader to
the Children's Ministry Area,
Ground Floor.

December 2 Children Sing
December 9 Amanda Bostick
December 16 Amanda Bostick
December 23 Amanda Bostick
December 30 Jane Hedrick

HIS Club Hands Mission Team (3rd-4th-5th graders)

Genesis House

To be announced

Weekly Group Meetings

Teens of Life Youth Ministry

Sundays at 5p
Youth/Scout House

Boy Scouts & Venturers

Mondays at 7p
Youth/Scout House

Theology Pub

Tuesdays at 7p
Sophie's Cork & Ale

Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays at 7:45a
Cagney's Restaurant

Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6p
Bell Room

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7p
Choir Room

Men's Devotion & Fellowship

Thursdays at 7:45a
Biscuit King on Main Street



Monthly Meetings

United Methodist Women Group 2

Tuesday, December 4 (12p)
Yarborough's Restaurant

FUMC Book Club

No meeting in December. We
will return in January.

United Methodist Women Group 12

Tuesday, December 11 (6p)
Cagney's Restaurant

Davidson Prison Ministry

Thursday, December 13 (12p)
Parlor

Newsletter Articles Due

Dec 15 for January Issue

United Methodist Men

Sunday, December 16 (8:30a)
Fellowship Hall

Serve meal at Crisis Ministries

Tuesday, December 18 (6p)

United Methodist Men

Contact: Richard Foust

Church Office Closed

Monday, December 24 (12p)
Tuesday, December 25 (All Day)
Wednesday, December 26 (All Day)

UPCOMING Events

Boy Scout Christmas

Tree Sale

Now thru Sunday, December 9
Beside of **Your Pharmacy** 100
West Third Street, Lexington

Homemade Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Fundraiser

Sunday, December 2 (12p)
Fellowship Hall

Children's Christmas

Program

Sunday, December 2 (4p)
Fellowship Hall

Operation Christmas Child Processing Center

Wednesday, December 5
Leave church @ (8:30a)
Return @ (5:30p-6p)

Poinsettia Pick-Up

Friday, December 7 (10:30a-1p)
State Street entrance

Lexington Choral Society

Friday, December 7 (7p)

Maple Springs UMC, Winston-Salem, NC

Saturday, December 8 (5p)

First Baptist Church, Lexington, NC

Carols with the Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Sunday, December 9 (11a)
Sanctuary

Chancel Bells play during service

Sunday, December 16 (11a)

A Service of Carols and Lovefeast

Sunday, December 16 (7p)
Sanctuary

Adult Fellowship Lunch

Thursday, December 20 (12p)
Yarborough's Restaurant

Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday, December 23 (11a)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion

Monday, December 24
(5:30p) and (11p)
Sanctuary

ONE Service of Worship

Sunday, December 30 (11a)

Calendar Events are subject to change—Refer to the Weekly Calendar in the bulletin or visit us on the web at www.fumclex.org

Boy Scouts Christmas Tree Sale Now through December 9

Location: "Your Pharmacy" 100 West 3rd Street in Lexington

Hours: Weekdays 10a to 8p • Saturdays 9a to 8p • Sundays 10a to 8p

We look forward to greeting and serving you with quality Frazier Fir Christmas trees, wreathes, and garland. If you have questions, please contact Mickey McCrary (336-242-3015).



Chancel Bell Choir Sunday, December 16

(11:00a Worship Service)

A Service of Carols and *Lovefeast

Sunday, December 16 (7:00p) in the Sanctuary

*Luminaries will be placed on the church lawn to the glory of God and in the spirit of the Lovefeast as a thank you gift to our church family by the Teens of Life Youth Ministry.



Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 20 (12:00p) We will meet at Yarborough's Restaurant.



FUMC Book Club

We are taking a break in December and will return in January.

Member Care Birthday Card Ministry

Let us joyfully unite to remember the birthdays of our shut-ins and nursing home residents. Card collection baskets are located in the 4th Avenue entry way and the main hallway near the workroom. Pastor Doug will personally deliver the cards to these dear folks. December 17—Margaret Ragan



Hallelujah Chorus Sunday, December 23 (11:00a Worship Service)

The **Chancel Choir** will close the service with the **Hallelujah Chorus**. Members of the congregation are encouraged to join with the Chancel Choir accompanied by the organ.



**Monday
December 24**

5:30p
Family friendly, less formal

11:00p
Traditional

December 30 A New Year Awaits 11:00a One Service of Worship



Community Christmas Events

Journey to Bethlehem Saturday, December 1 & Sunday, December 2 (6:00p-8:30p)
A drive through Christmas experience at Tyro United Methodist Church

What Child Is This? Friday, December 7 & Saturday, December 8 (6:00p-9:00p)
Sunday, December 9 (5:00p-8:00p) A drive through re-enactment of the nativity story at Memorial United Methodist Church, Thomasville, NC

Merry Christmas



From
Roger, Doug,
Lee, Phyllis,
Amanda, Kim,
Alma & Donna

**United Methodist
Women
Group 2 and 12**
will **not** meet in
January, 2019.



Events & Happenings

For more information about Children's Ministry:
Amanda Bostick, Children's Ministry Coordinator
336-596-1363 or aebostick@gmail.com

- **Advent Fair** Sunday, December 2 (9:45a) 2nd Floor Children's Classrooms
- **Children Sing** Sunday, December 2 (During 11:00a Worship Service)
- **Children's Christmas Program** Sunday, December 2 (4p) Fellowship Hall

HIS Club Hands Mission Team (3rd-4th-5th)

Details to be released soon! We will visit Genesis House.

Teens of Life Youth Ministry Events & Happenings

Youth Choir Sunday, Dec 2, 9, 16

Mission Project: Caroling for FUMC members Sunday, Dec 9

Sunday, December 2	(3:30p-4:00p) Youth Choir, Choir Room (4:00p-5:00p) Help with Children's Christmas Program, FH (5:00p-6:00p) Dinner, FH
Sunday, December 9	(4:30p-5:00p) Youth Choir, Choir Room (5:00p-6:30p) Packing cookies/caroling
Sunday, December 16	(5:30p-6:00p) Youth Choir, Choir Room (6:00p-7:00p) Place luminaries & pizza dinner (7:00p-8:00p) Love Feast Service, Sanctuary
Sunday, December 23	Merry Christmas ! Spend time with your family—No meeting
Sunday, December 30	Happy New Year ! Spend time with your family—No meeting

For more information about Teens of Life Youth Ministry:

Lee Mabe, Director of Youth Ministry 336-248-2886 or maestromabe@gmail.com

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Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Kathy (Earl) Hester and family upon the death of her mother, Katherine Matthews O'Briant of Roxboro, NC on November 3, 2018.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Kim (Loyd) Leonard and family upon the death of her father, Corren P. Youmans, Jr. of Miami, FL on October 25, 2018.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Margaret Ragan and family upon the death of Jim Ragan on November 14, 2018.

Prayer Requests

Lloyd Brown
Kathy Baragona
Betty Caudill
Sue Corn
June Craver
Linda Fisher
John & Judy Hench
Earl Hester
Joyce Inabinett
Susan Terry Jones
Adrian Neal
Ramona Phelps
John Scarff
Steve Smith
Mary Louise Wilkerson
Dare Wilson

Shut-Ins

Miheepa Jones
Dot Kinsey
Caroline McCree
Evelyn Sink

Piedmont Crossing

Health Care

Margaret McCrary Carver
Barbara Proctor
Margaret Ragan
Nancy Wilkinson

Residents

Jo Doris Beck
Herman & Naoma Crabtree
Richard & Camille Lawrence
Madeline Palmer

Bethany Woods

(Albemarle)

Alvin Pope

Brookdale

Opal Bloome
Hilda Brower
Betty Darr

Brookstone

Albert Gobble

Genesis House

(Salisbury)

Julee Smith

Rolling Green Village

(Greenville, SC)

Peggy Trollinger

Spring Arbor

(Albemarle)

Bonnie Cates

The Lodge at Wellmore

(Tega Cay, SC)

Harvey Dick

Wood Haven

(Albemarle)

Louise Pope

Extended Family &

Friends

Rev. Jamie Armstrong
Matt & Maggie Armstrong
Gracie Joy Hedrick
Steve Weeks
Gordon Wright
Ken Hunt
Chris Hunt
Rodney Perdue
Paula Brooks
Mark Milligan
Linda Barbee

Larry Starnes
Bonnie Cook
Clay Jensen, his parents & siblings
Beth Wood Hogan
Jan Greer
Mary Lou LeGette
Pat & Gary Leonard
Debbie Bowman
Clayton Hepler
Rusty Edwards
Lynn Younts
Norma S. Trotter
Jimmy McDermott
Shannon & Steve Ford
Sherry & Roger Smith
Rae Leonard
Sandy Balsler
Craig Thompson
Lynn Mack & family
Jennifer Bagby
Katrina Hunt
Bailey Christensen
Tami Robinson
Kelli Jones
Tom Sigmon
Spencer Davis
Faye Graham
Kendall Conner
David Ogle
Tempie Almstead
Kristin Harris
Claire Dowling
Cameron & Pete Dunlap
Linda & Tom Dunlap
Carol & Steve Harris

Peggy Sisk
Anna Smathers
Pat Wilson
Jack Smith
Gene Oldham
Nakajah Vaughan
Brenda Hipp
Jane King
Breanna Wilson
Ethan Reavis
Jason & Stacy Heitman
Jenny Rains
Jimmy Davis
Bentley Leonard
John Bruce Davis
Eric Leonard
Robert, Doris, & Keith Hunt
Martha Daniel
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