



The Story

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A Moment with the Pastor

¹¹ The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.
Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

Transitions are exciting. Coming home. It's a strange feeling in a way. As I walk the streets of Weaverville seeing more rabbits than cars in the early morning, my thoughts turn to the transition to First UMC in Lexington, to Davidson County, my home. A place I know extremely well beginning with early memories. It is the place of my birth, my early years of living on a tobacco/livestock farm in Midway/Welcome, attending and graduating from North Davidson High School, then NCSU, and then joining the Air Force. An eight-year career divided evenly between being a missile launch officer and weapons controller on Airborne Warning aircraft. During that time, Cindy and I, my wife for 42 years, had three children, two girls and a boy, resulting in seven grandchildren spaced out in Arizona, Colorado, and North Carolina. It was in Oklahoma, where I left the military, graduating 3 years later at Oral Roberts University with a Master of Theology degree. The plan was to go back into the Air Force as a Chaplain, but God had other ideas. Returning home, I found myself working at Davidson County Mental Health in substance abuse. That opened the door a few years later to work in the North Carolina Criminal Justice System serving as a Community Service liaison. My offices were in the Old Court House, then beside Conrad and Hinkle and Army/Navy store, finally in the Kwan Building just outside of Lexington. Then the unexpected twist of meeting Dr. Bob Ralls, the United Methodist District Superintendent of Lexington who pushed me into the Methodist Church. I remained in the Lexington District for most of my calling, serving the Cid Charge, Christ Chapel-Ebenezer, Pleasant Hill-Prospect, then to Mt. Vernon in High Point, where six and half years later, I was called as an intentional interim pastor to Weaverville UMC, just north of Asheville, NC.

Now, in the span of twenty-three years in ministry and fifteen moves, I am coming home. I realize it's not the same home I'm returning to nor am I the same person. The A&P, downtown Belk's, the movie theater, Farmer's Co-op, Red Pig BBQ, Coble's, and furniture factories are gone. Lanier's Hardware, Conrad and Hinkle, and the Old Court House are still with us. Walking downtown, I see an influx of new small businesses peppered between older establishments. I was even shocked to learn Dixie had burnt down-gone forever. It's not my first time at being at First UMC. Early on, I gathered with other colleagues at First UMC for a lectionary group. Jill D. Alventosa-Brown was assistant pastor then. It was the place where Rev. Sylvia Wilhelm, one of our many district superintendents, was installed. I know many of the pastors who have served at First UMC. There are many wonderful memories of clergy fellowship meetings and meals at First UMC. Coming home creates a sense of excitement of reconnecting with old friends and establishing new friendships.

The next two years hold an unexpected journey yet to be revealed. As we begin our journey together, let us make this a time of healing, hope, and visioning for the future. As the scripture reminds us: God's healings and blessings will guide us, satisfy our needs, and strengthen us in all times, so that we may be like well-watered gardens giving life to those surrounding us.

Peace be with you,
Roger Weisner, Senior Minister
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FUMC Book Club

Tuesday, July 10 (11:30a) Village Grill

We are reading Sweetgrass by Mary Alice Monroe

Member Care Birthday Card Ministry

Let us joyfully unite to remember the birthdays of our shut-ins and nursing home residents. Collection baskets are located near the 4th Avenue entrance and the main hallway near the workroom. Pastor Doug will personally deliver the cards to these dear folks.



July 6—John Scarff

July 11—Dot Kinsey

July 13—Nancy Wilkinson

July 23—Peggy Trollinger

United Methodist Women preparing Health Kits



Easter Sunday



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 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.

July 1 Amanda Bostick

July 8 Christa Weeks

July 15 Laurie Briggs

July 22 Emy Garrett

July 29 Jane Hedrick

Children's Ministry (K-1st-2nd)

Wednesdays (6:30p-7:30p)

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!
We will return in September!

HIS Club (3rd-4th-5th)

Wednesdays (6:30p-7:30p)

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Weekly Group Meetings

Boy Scouts & Venturers

Monday, July 16 (7p)
Youth/Scout House

Theology Pub

Tuesdays at 7p
Sophie's Cork & Ale

Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays at 7:45a
Cagney's Restaurant

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

We will return in August!

Men's Devotion & Fellowship

Thursdays at 7:45a
Biscuit King on Main Street



Mid-Week Family Fellowship

Wednesdays at 6p
Fellowship Hall
Adults \$6 Child \$4
Family \$20 (maximum)

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Monthly Meetings

United Methodist Women

Group 2

We will return in September!

Endowment

Sunday, July 8 (5:30p)
Parlor

Trustees

Sunday, July 8 (7p)
Parlor

Evangelism

Monday, July 9 (6p)
Conference Room

FUMC Book Club

Tuesday, July 10 (11:30a)
Village Grill

United Methodist Women

Group 12

Tuesday, July 10 (7p)
Fellowship Hall

Davidson Prison Ministry

Thursday, July 12 (12p)
Parlor

Newsletter Articles Due

July 15 for August Issue

United Methodist Men

Sunday, July 15 (8:30a)
Fellowship Hall

Finance

Sunday, July 15 (7p)
Parlor

Serve meal at Crisis Ministries

Tuesday, July 17 (5:45p)

Adult Fellowship Sunday School

Contact: Ruby & Buddy Taylor



UPCOMING Sermons

Sunday, July 1

Rev. Doug Rowe

Sunday, July 8

Rev. Doug Rowe

Sunday, July 15

*Getting to Know All
About You*
Ephesians 1:3-14

Sunday, July 22

The Dwelling Place for God
Ephesians 2:11-22

Sunday, July 29

The Power of Prayer
Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermons are posted by
date on our website:

Click **Worship**
Click **Sermon Library**
in the drop down menu
Click [date of sermon](#)

UPCOMING Events

PASSPORT Mission Trip

July 1— July 6
UNCG

Youth Mission Trip

July 14 — July 24
Belize

United Methodist Women Mission U

July 19 — July 22
Pfeiffer University

Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 14
(2p-6:30p)
Fellowship Hall

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



Easter Sunday

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Children Sing with Gold City



Ladies Tea



Homecoming Sunday



United Methodist Women Walk for Mission



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Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Greg (Emy) Garrett, Katee Garrett Spry, and grandchildren, McRay, Kinsey, & Brooks Calderone, Logan Connor, Nikki Spry, Emy Spry, Ashley Weekly, & Sarah Perrine, upon the death of Mary Word Garrett, of Floydada, TX on June 16, 2018 in Lexington, NC.

Prayer Requests

Karen Pearson
Joyce Inabinett
Buddy Taylor
Sue Corn
Kathy Baragona
Doug Clayton
June Craver
Linda Fisher
John & Judy Hensch
Earl Hester
Martha Highsmith
Miheepa Jones
Susan Terry Jones
Adrian Neal
Jim Ragan
John Scarff
Dare Wilson

Shut-Ins

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
Jim Ragan

Alston-Brook

Isabelle Trimpey

Bethany Woods

(Albemarle)
Alvin Pope

Brookdale

Opal Bloome
Betty Darr

Brookstone

Albert Gobble

Genesis House

(Salisbury)
Julee Smith

Lexington Health Care

Hilda Brower

Rolling Green Village

(Greenville, SC)

Peggy Trollinger

Spring Arbor

(Albemarle)
Bonnie Cates

Wood Haven

(Albemarle)
Louise Pope

Extended Family & Friends

Lynn Younts
JoAnn Poston Hill
Helen Hall
Tutterrow Family
Norma S. Trotter
Jimmy McDermott
Rev. Jamie Armstrong
Rev. Elizabeth Graves
Shannon & Steve Ford
Sherry & Roger Smith
Rae Leonard

Jayne James
Arlena Edwards
Sandy Balsler
Ruth Carlton
Mike Daniel
Craig Thompson
Lynn Mack & family
Jennifer Bagby
Katrina Hunt
Bailey Christensen
Rev. Russell Brownworth
Gary Leonard
Lillian Shearin
Tami Robinson
Kelli Jones
Tom Sigmon
Chris Hunt
Spencer Davis
Faye Graham
Gracie Joy Hedrick
Kendall Conner
David Ogle
Tempie Almstead
Kelly Michael
Kristin Harris
Claire Dowling
David Stafford
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
Debra Ann Leonard
Betty Jean Whitaker
Len & Dottie Harris
Jack & Susan Phillips
Jordan Beswick
Susan Fritts
Regina Chrest
Bruce Thornton

Serving in the Armed Forces

Capt. Jarrad Thorley
321 Avondale Lane
Bossier City, LA 71112
Birthday: August 17

SMS Jason Brownworth
128 Barkley Street
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473

SGT Alan R. Ingram, USMC
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Oceanside, CA 92058-6748

SGT John Hall
Deployed to Afghanistan
Birthday: August 7

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