



The Story

June 2018

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A Moment with the Pastor

The story is told of a weary pastor on a hot summer day who was asked, “How is your congregation?” The pastor sadly replied, “They are up and down. Some are up in the mountains and the rest are down at the beach.” Summer church services can sometimes feel that empty. Everyone needs a vacation, but no one needs to take a break from church. Being a Christian is a full time seven day a week commitment.

There is nothing wrong with vacations. The first book of the Bible tells us that after working hard all week creating the world, God rested on the seventh day. If God needed a day off then so do we.

The Jewish people took Sabbath rest so seriously they include it as one of the Ten Commandments. Laws governing the Sabbath defined what could and could not be done on God’s holy day. If there is one good explanation for why so many modern people feel exhausted and weary, it goes back to their failure to rest one day in seven.

The Bible does not mention vacations, but religious festivals were numerous. They offered a break in life’s daily routine. They were times for joyous festivals and good food. It was not until the Middle Ages that religious pilgrimages became the fore-runners of today’s vacation trips. Yet even vacations can become stressful. Many people return from a long holiday badly in need of a few days rest.

This summer as you and your family visit new places, I hope you will not leave your commitment to God behind. Most churches are more than eager to welcome weary travelers to their worship services even if their guests failed to pack their best Sunday clothes. You don’t have to worship at a United Methodist church but at a Methodist church you will find a service remarkably similar to the one at Lexington First.

Our church does not keep individual worship attendance records, but I hope you will bring home a copy of the worship bulletin from your vacation church. Consider it your excused absence. It is always interesting to see where our members have traveled and what they have experienced along the way. Also, be sure your vacation includes time alone with God. Jesus often slipped away from the crowds to talk with his Heavenly Father and so should we. It is the best way I know to return home from a vacation renewed and restored for the challenges God has for us here at home.

Blessings,
Rev. Fred Jordan
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P.S. If you would like to share your summer worship bulletin, we will have a bulletin board prepared in the main hallway to display them on. Thank you!

Thank You to the Evangelism Committee for organizing, preparing, setting up, and cleaning up for the Homecoming Sunday lunch. A wonderful time was had by all with plenty of delicious food from our church family, an outdoor tent with tables and chairs, paper products & drinks provided, and good old-fashioned fellowship.

June Sunday Lunch Program at Grace Episcopal

The following groups volunteer as servers:

- 1st Sunday—Adult Fellowship Class
- 2nd Sunday—Koinonia Class
- 3rd Sunday—Genesis Class
- 4th Sunday—Agape Class



Please arrive at 12:30 p.m. to serve and fellowship with the folks receiving lunch followed by clean up.

United Methodist Women WALK for MISSION

Saturday, June 2 (9:00a)

Registration begins at 8:30a
Grimes Park, Lexington

*For we walk by faith and not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7*

Everyone...women, men, children, and youth—**ALL AGES** are welcomed!
It's time to put on your walking shoes!
Come walk as much as you can or just come out and support the ones who are walking.



As always, monies raised will go toward undesignated giving. Make checks payable: **Uwharrie District UMW** and bring it the day of the walk.

Let's walk together to support the mission work of United Methodist Women. For more details or questions about the event, contact Pat Langley (336) 853-7444 or Gay Smith (336) 479-3822.

Father's Day Bulletin

This year the Father's Day bulletin is being sponsored by HIS Club (3rd-4th-5th grade). Please submit your donation with a completed request form to the church office **no later than Monday, June 11.** Proceeds will assist with their upcoming mission projects.



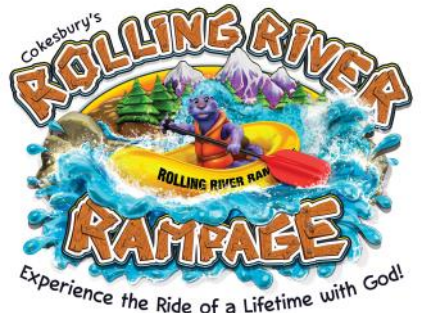
Vacation Bible School Registration

Registration Forms located at the Volunteer's Desk and online www.fumclex.org

Family Night VBS KICK-OFF
Sunday, JUNE 10 (5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.)

Dates: **JUNE 11 - JUNE 14**
Time: **(5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.)**
Location: **First UMC**

Questions?: Amanda Bostick (336-596-1363)



ROMPER THE OTTER NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR VACATION BIBLE?

Volunteers are needed to serve all 4 evenings, especially on Tuesday, June 12. If you are available to serve one or all evenings, please contact Amanda Bostick (336-596-1363).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 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.

June 3 Amanda Bostick

June 10 Christa Weeks

June 17 Laurie Briggs

June 24 Emy Garrett

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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UPCOMING Sermons

Sunday, June 3

Sabbath Rest
Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday, June 10

Take Heart
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

Sunday, June 17 *Father's Day*

Growing Up
Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 24

Weathering Life's Storms
Mark 4:35-41

Sermons are posted by date
on our website:

Click on **Worship**

Click on **Sermon Library** in
the drop down menu

Click on [date of sermon](#)

Weekly Group Meetings

Boy Scouts & Venturers

Mondays at 7p
Youth/Scout House

Theology Pub

Tuesdays at 7p
High Rock Outfitters

Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays at 7:45a
Cagney's Restaurant

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 6 at 7p
Choir Room

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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UPCOMING Events

UMW Walk for Missions

Saturday, June 2 (9a-10a)
Grimes Park

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, June 10 (5:30p-8p)
Family KICK-OFF Event
Monday, June 11—Thursday,
June 14 (5:30p-8p)

JOYTIME 2018

Thursday, June 14 (6:30p)
Adaumont Farm, Trinity, NC

UMW Spiritual Growth

Retreat
Friday, June 15—Saturday, June 16
Lake Junaluska

Monthly Meetings

United Methodist Women

Group 2 Tuesday, June 5 (12p)
Piedmont Crossing for Lunch
Meet at church (11:30a) to
carpool

Endowment

Sunday, June 10 (5:30p)
Parlor

Trustees

Sunday, June 10 (7p)
Parlor

Evangelism

Monday, June 11 (6p)
Conference Room

FUMC Book Club

Tuesday, June 12 (11:30a)
Village Grill

United Methodist Women Group 12

Tuesday, June 12 (6p)
Cagney's Restaurant

Davidson Prison Ministry

Thursday, June 14 (12p)
Parlor

Newsletter Articles Due

June 15 for July Issue

United Methodist Men

Sunday, June 17 (8:30a)
Fellowship Hall

Serve meal at Crisis Ministries

Tuesday, June 19 (5:45p)

Agape Sunday School

Contact: Linda Saintsing & Judy
Deal

WNCC Annual Conference

Thursday, June 21—Sunday, June 24
Lake Junaluska

SAVE THE DATE...

RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
(2p-4p) 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



FUMC Book Club

Tuesday, June 12 (11:30a) Village Grill

We are reading The Book Club by Mary Alice Monroe

The ladies of the church are invited to an encouraging event in Trinity, NC!



Thursday, June 14 (6:30p)

Adaumont Farm, 4941 Finch Farm Road, Trinity, NC

“She Made Up Her Mind” will be the theme for JOYTIME 2018 featuring Christian radio personality and speaker Joy Greene and Mike Weaver, lead singer of the award-winning, contemporary Christian band, Big Daddy Weave. Open to all

women, the event is located in a beautiful, rustic venue. Individual General Admission tickets start at \$25/each. Group tickets (10+) are available for \$22/each.

Tickets may be purchased online at: www.joytime.org

For more information, contact: Sandy Robertson at sandy@joytime.org

UMW 2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 15-16, 2018 at Lake Junaluska

Theme: Glory Gifts

Retreat Leader: Rev. Suzanne Michael, New Hope UMC
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

- ◆ On-site registration at the retreat - \$25 per person
- ◆ **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!**

Online advance registration through June 10, 2018 is only \$15 per person!

Visit: www.wnccumw.org for more details.



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.



19—Jo Doris Beck

23—Rebecca Mallet **UMAR**

30—Caroline McCree

The 2018 Belize Mission Trip Recreation Team needs your help to provide the children in Belize a fun recreation time at *All For Jesus* VBS being held this summer. We are asking both First Baptist and First Methodist churches to donate recreation items. **Donations are being accepted June 24** in the main hallway near the workroom. Your support is valued and appreciated by the Teens of Life Youth Ministry.

Recreation items needed from First Methodist:

Jr/Small footballs, jump ropes, Frisbees, kick balls, beach balls, bandanas (all colors)



Mission Trip Team to Lumberton, NC

Front Row Kneeling Left to Right: Steve Schoch, Taffy Jordan, Mark Park, Fred Jordan

Second Row Left to Right: Nancy Schoch, Bill Distler, Steve Smith, Asher Ellis, Tom Bowen, Rebecca MacNeilage, Melvin Smith

A Note from the Staff Parish Relations Committee

Dr. Roger Weisner, our newly appointed senior minister, is appointed as an Intentional Interim Minister (IIM). The typical time period for an IIM is two years. A pastor trained as an IIM helps to strengthen a local congregation during a time of transition, a time of conflict or after a very long pastorate. They function as the church's senior pastor in regard to preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and administration. The Intentional Interim Minister will work to:



- Sustain ongoing ministries and programs
- Assist in identifying unresolved issues of the church
- Serve as a catalyst to bring about the healing process in dealing with unresolved issues
- Facilitate the grieving process that accompanies every pastoral change
- Assist the church in seeking to discover, discern, and/or clarify God's will and direction for the future
- Lead the congregation through an introspective experience – 'who are we' and 'who do we think God wants us to be'
- Provide stability during a period of change and help the church visualize change
- Maintain the momentum of the church

Roger comes to us from Weaverville with a ministry history from the surrounding area (95 Cid; 98 Lexington: Christ Chapel-Ebenezer; 02 Lexington: Ebenezer; 04 Thomasville: Prospect-Pleasant Hill; 10 Mt. Vernon; 17 Weaverville). He earned a BA from N. C. State (1976), Masters of Divinity from Oral Roberts University (1988), and Doctor of Ministry from Hood Theological Seminary (2007).

Roger believes his work as a pastor is guided by Ephesians 4:12-13 *...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ until all come to the unity of the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity...* by helping the laity discover their gifts and talent, empowering and involving them in ministry and mission to fulfil the Great Commandment and Commission.

Roger is married to Cindy, a third grade teacher at Hasty Elementary School in Thomasville. Please join us in welcoming Roger and Cindy to First UMC. His first Sunday will be July 15.



Methodist and Presbyterian Heritage Tour presented by Reformation Tours, LLC **September 6-17, 2018 • Visiting London and Scotland** • Join Pastor Randy Hall (Fairmont Presbyterian-Lexington) and his wife, Jane and Pastor Jill Alventosa-Brown (West Market Street-Greensboro) as they co-host this tour. If you are interested in this tour, please drop by the church office to pick up a detailed brochure.

Teens of Life Youth Ministry Events & Happenings

PASSPORT Mission Trip @ UNCG July 1—6
Belize Mission Trip July 14—July 23

Thursday, May 31	Final Payment for Belize Mission Trip Due
JUNE	No Scheduled Meetings
JULY 1—6	PASSPORT Mission Trip at UMCG with Youth from FBC (10:45) Meet at FUMC
Sunday, July 8	(11:00) Commissioning Service at FUMC & FBC (12:00) Lunch at FBC followed by final meeting & packing of supplies for Belize Mission Trip
Saturday, July 14	Meet at FBC to leave for Belize Mission Trip Time: (TBA)
JULY 14—23	Belize Mission Trip (Saturday—Monday)

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 Toni (Bob) Burchette and family upon the death of her father, Harvey Speaks, on May 14, 2018.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Carolyn Smith and family upon the death of her husband, Paul Smith, on May 15, 2018.

Prayer Requests

Kathy Baragona
Doug Clayton
June Craver
Linda Fisher
Helen Fitzgerald
John & Judy Hensch
Earl Hester
Martha Highsmith
Miheepa Jones
Susan Terry Jones
Adrian Neal
Jim Ragan
Lynn Rowe
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

JoAnn Poston Hill
Mary Garrett
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
Ann Schaefer
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
427 Calico Road
Oceanside, CA 92058-6748

SGT John Hall
Deployed to Afghanistan
Birthday: August 7

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