



The Story

October 2018

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A Moment with the Pastor

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. *For "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever."* And this is the word that was preached to you. | Peter 1:23-25 NIV

Seeds planted in spring bring a harvest. October is filled with a smorgasbord of colors: rustic reds, fainting yellows, pungent oranges, burnt browns, among the paradox of evergreens. Reminders of the fall symbols: pumpkin patches, leaning corn stalks, yellowing soybean fields, browning grasses, and cooler temperatures. It's a happy time of reflective celebration. Fall introduces the final quarter of the seasons that announces the eventual trumpet of winter.

For many, it might feel like the declaration of gloom and doom. Winter can come un-expectedly, and no amount of preparation can prevent its sting. Realizing that grass, flowers, leaves, even us, will eventually fall back upon the ground makes us mindful that our days are numbered, so the only time we have been given is today.

The Good news is that through the living and enduring word of God, giving insures a harvest. It's harvest time! Seeds never die. They wait to be replanted. Nature reminds us that fall colors will return again. Seeds of hope planted will come to full fruition in due season. Living in the paradoxical seasonal pushes and pulls moves us onward to plant seeds of blessings, wisely investing our time, talent, gifts and witness in the time we have been given.

October reminds us to wisely choose our words, actions and giving, reflecting upon what we wish to leave behind.

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.
—Pericles

Peace be with you,
Roger Weisner, Senior Minister
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**Open Hands Semi-Annual
David Surgeon Memorial Fish Fry**

Tickets: \$8.00

Friday, October 5th 11AM-7PM

**Open Hands Mercy Station Stephen
@ St. Stephen UMC - 100 East 1st Street**

(corner of East 1st Street and North Salisbury)

Fish/Slaw/Hushpuppies Eat in or Carryout

(Delivery available for local orders of five or more)

Proceeds to benefit our free food ministry

(Donations are accepted to provide free meals to our friends who may be struggling.)

Call 336-242-6142 for more information.

David Surgeon was a faithful member of St. Stephen UMC who firmly believed in the call of Christ to serve those in need and to reach out to our community. He strongly supported Open Hands and the establishment of Mercy Station Stephen.

To purchase tickets by text, text the word FISH to 336-221-3187



FUMC Book Club

Tuesday, October 9 (11:30a) Village Grill

We are reading The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

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.



October 29—Evelyn Sink

Uwharrie District News from the United Methodist Women

At the Uwharrie District UMW Annual Meeting on August 25, Carolyn Briggs was recognized as a member of the 2019 Nominations Committee and Pat Langley was recognized as the Parliamentarian. Both women received service pins to celebrate the occasion.



Pictured: (L to R)
Sitting:
Mary Niner
Gay Smith
Standing:
Larlie Mae Knight
Cheri Murray
Rebecca MacNeilage
Pat Langley
Carolyn Briggs
Elizabeth Lookabill

United Methodist Men Port-a-Pit BBQ Chicken Fundraiser Thank you to everyone who helped with the UMM Port-a-Pit chicken fundraiser on September 14. The work done by the line workers, the line bosses, the servers, those who manned the doors and loaded cars, those who made deliveries, those who cooked and cleaned, those who sold tickets, those who set up on Thursday, and those who assisted in any other way was greatly appreciated. A special thanks goes to everyone who bought tickets, said prayers, and offered words of support. Without your help, our fundraiser could not be successful.

—Woody Smith, Chairman
UMM Port-a-Pit BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 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.

October 7 Roger Weisner

October 14 Amanda Bostick

October 21 Amanda Bostick

October 28 Emy Garrett

Children's Christmas

Program Rehearsal

Sundays at (4p-5p)

Fellowship Hall

BEGINS OCTOBER 14

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

Tuesday, Oct 16 (6p)

Meet at Crisis Ministry to
serve evening meal

Sunday, Oct 21 (4p)

Home of Judy Deal—OCC
shoebox packing party

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

BEGINS OCTOBER 10

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7p
Choir Room

Men's Devotion & Fellowship

Thursdays at 7:45a
Biscuit King on Main Street

UPCOMING Events

Morning Bible Study

Short Stories by Jesus

Led by Rev. Doug Rowe
Wednesdays (10a-11a)

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24

Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Leader Training

Event

Saturday, October 13 (8a-12p)
Youth/Scout House

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, October 14

UMW Sunday

Sunday, October 21

Community BLOCK Party

Sunday, October 28
(5p-6:30p)

Monthly Meetings

United Methodist Women Group 2

Tuesday, October 2 (10a)
Parlor

Evangelism

Monday, October 8 (6p)
Conference Room

FUMC Book Club

Tuesday, October 9 (11:30a)
Village Grill

United Methodist Women Group 12

Tuesday, October 9 (7p)
Fellowship Hall

Davidson Prison Ministry

Thursday, October 11 (12p)
Parlor

Endowment

Sunday, October 14 (5:30p)
Parlor

Newsletter Articles Due

Oct 15 for November Issue

Serve meal at Crisis Ministries

Tuesday, October 16 (6p)

HIS Club

Contact: Judy Deal

United Methodist Men

Sunday, Oct 21 (8:30a)
Fellowship Hall

Finance Team & Ministry Team Leaders

Sunday, October 21 (6p)
Fellowship Hall

Amazing Grace Seekers

Tuesday, October 23 (7p)
Home of Lynn Rowe

Faithseekers Gathering

Thursday, October 25 (6:30p)
Home of Donna Smith

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



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SAVE THE DATE...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

(2p-4p) Fellowship Hall

**Everyone...individuals, families, Sunday school
classes, group ministries...ALL ages—Mark**

**your calendars now and make plans to participate in this event! We had
a wonderful time in 2017 and hope to exceed our expectations in 2018.**

An Opportunity to Serve in the Community for the Women

Charles England Elementary School promotes **Dress for Success**, a monthly program for 5th grade boys where they dress up and men from the community come to the school to meet with the boys in small groups to be role models and good influences.



This year, **Rubies and Pearls**, a similar program, is being offered to 5th grade girls. Charles England Elementary School has fifty 5th grade girls ready to take part in this program. They need adult women who are interested in mentoring small groups of girls. The time commitment is 75 minutes once a month (1:15 p.m.—2:20 p.m.). Mentors do not need to come every month, but enough mentors are needed to sign-up on the dates listed below to ensure there are enough for the program to move forward.

The goal is to have a training session for mentors on Monday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Charles England media center. If you know someone who would like to sponsor the group monetarily, they can make donations to Charles England Elementary School and note in the memo section of their check: **Rubies & Pearls**. The funds will go to offset the cost of t-shirts and other clothing the girls may need help with when they attend the banquet at the end of the school year.

Dates of Rubies and Pearls: 10/25 - 11/15 - 12/13 - 1/31 - 2/28 - 3/28 - 4/11 - 5/20 - Banquet (TBA)



Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class Green Bean Project In support of the Missions Team during the month of September, the members of Adult Fellowship collected 214 cans of green beans in memory of their deceased class members: Jim Flynt, Shelly Roberts, Bill Trollinger, Jerry & Louise Fry, Kathryn Neal, Jo Swing, Ray Cates, Joe Bisecker, Charlie Hoover, Vavaneen Lewis, and David & Sarah Miller. The green beans will be donated to Pastor's Pantry.

BLOCK Party SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 (5:00pm-6:30pm)

First UMC joins together with local area churches (First Baptist, First Presbyterian, First Reformed, and Grace Episcopal) to host a BLOCK Party for the children of the churches and surrounding community featuring **Trunk or Treat**, hotdogs & drinks, games & prizes, and LIVE music.



What can you do to help?

Each church is encouraging their members to:

- **Donate lots of CANDY! Drop off at the church office.**
- **Decorate your trunk** (car, van, truck, or use a pop-up canopy) and park in State Street parking lot
- **Dress up/wear a costume** (if you want to)
- **Give out candy** (donated by local churches)
- **NEW THIS YEAR! Bring canned food items** (canned meat, canned pasta, or canned vegetables) to be donated to Pastor's Pantry.

IT'S A CELEBRATION AND YOU ARE INVITED... Operation Christmas Child is celebrating it's 25th birthday this year. Since 1993, 157 million children in more than 160 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. In the worldwide collection in 2017, 11 million shoebox gifts were received. Last year our church filled 146 OCC shoeboxes...to celebrate let's fill that many this year and an additional 25 to celebrate OCC's birthday.. You can find shoeboxes to be filled at the OCC information stations located in the narthex, 4th Avenue and State Street entrances. On Sunday, October 28, a blessing of the shoeboxes for those received and those yet to be received will take place. If you would like to participate but are unable to go shopping, just make a donation and for every \$25 received, a shoebox will be filled and postage paid for the shoebox. The children of the church will be having a OCC shoebox packing party on Sunday, October 21 and will be happy to fill shoeboxes using the money that has been donated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Judy Deal at 336-956-6150.

Open Hands Breakfast Fundraiser Saturday, October 20 (7:30a-10:30a)

First Reformed United Church of Christ (East 1st Street & North Salisbury) Fellowship Hall - Menu: Eggs, bacon, sausage links, biscuits, grits, gravy, toast and more! Donations accepted to provide free meals to the community of people Open Hands serves. For more information, call 336-242-6142. They are accepting donations by mail for those who want to help but are unable to attend. Checks may be mailed to Open Hands, P. O. Box 409, Lexington, NC 27293.



Events & Happenings

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

Sunday School Each Sunday at 9:45a (Birth-Pre K) Children's Ministry Area, Ground Floor • (K-1-2) & (3-4-5) 2nd Floor Children's Sunday School Classrooms

We Worship with the Children Each Sunday during the 11:00a Morning Worship Service *Note: On the 1st Sunday, the children are asked to return to their seats so that they may participate in communion with their church family.

Children's Worship On 2nd-5th Sundays following We Worship with the Children, **K-3rd grade** children are invited to follow their Worship Leader to the Children's Ministry Area, Ground Floor.

Christmas program practice begins on Sunday, October 14 (4p-5p) We will meet in the fellowship hall. Our program is "A Keepsake Christmas."

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

Tuesday, October 16 (6p)—Meet at Crisis Ministry to serve evening meal

Sunday, October 21 (4p)—OCC shoebox packing party at the home of Judy Deal

Teens of Life Youth Ministry Events & Happenings

Bowling—October 14

BBQ Festival (parking cars)—October 27

BLOCK Party—October 28

Sunday, October 7 (5p-6p) *The Beatitudes—Those Who Are Meek*

Sunday, October 14 Bowling (To Be Announced)

Sunday, October 21 (5p-6p) *The Beatitudes—Those Who Hunger & Thirst*
BLOCK Party planning

Saturday, October 27 (8a-4p) BBQ Festival—parking cars

Sunday, October 28 (4:30p-6:30p) BLOCK Party

For more information about Teens of Life Youth Ministry:

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Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Gail Clayton and family upon the death of her husband, Doug Clayton on September 10, 2018.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to the family of Betty B. Callicutt upon her death on September 20, 2018.

Prayer Requests

Ramona Phelps
Kathy Baragona
Sue Corn
June Craver
Linda Fisher
John & Judy Hench
Earl Hester
Joyce Inabinett
Susan Terry Jones
Adrian Neal
Jim Ragan
John Scarff
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
Jim Ragan

Alston-Brook

Isabelle Trimpey

Bethany Woods

(Albemarle)
Alvin Pope

Brookdale

Opal Bloome
Hilda Brower
Betty Darr
Shag Everhart

Brookstone

Albert Gobble

Genesis House

(Salisbury)
Julee Smith

Rolling Green Village

(Greenville, SC)
Peggy Trollinger

Spring Arbor

(Albemarle)
Bonnie Cates

Wood Haven

(Albemarle)
Louise Pope

Extended Family & Friends

Linda Barbee
Larry Starnes
Bonnie Cook
Ralph Denny
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
Rev. Jamie Armstrong
Rev. Elizabeth Graves
Shannon & Steve Ford
Sherry & Roger Smith
Rae Leonard
Sandy Balsler
Mike Daniel
Craig Thompson
Lynn Mack & family
Jennifer Bagby
Katrina Hunt
Bailey Christensen
Rev. Russell Brownworth
Tami Robinson
Kelli Jones
Tom Sigmon
Chris Hunt
Spencer Davis
Faye Graham
Gracie Joy Hedrick
Kendall Conner
David Ogle
Tempie Almstead
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.
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