



THE MESSENGER
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Pastor

Teresa Gardo
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Linda Barger
Chancel Choir Director

Andrew Harmon
Handbell Director

Mildred Young
FUMC Weekday Preschool Dir.

On Sunday, July 14th, Zack Christy will share his first message from the pulpit as the new pastor of FUMC Cherryville. Zack, his wife Crystal, and two small children (Elijah and Ella) will be moving from the mountains of Canton (near Lake Junaluska) to Cherryville this coming week. Zack's grandfather (John Christy) was a beloved pastor and District Superintendent in the Western NC Conference. Zack's father, Paul, is the pastor at FUMC in Hickory. Both Zack, and his father, attended college at Brevard and then graduated from Duke Divinity School. Zack played on the golf team while at Brevard. After college Zack married Crystal (from Hendersonville) who is an elementary school teacher. Zack has two uncles who are United Methodist ministers in our WNC Conference. His uncle, David Christy, is the pastor at FUMC in Gastonia. Another uncle, Mike Kurtz, is the pastor at Frances Asbury UMC near Asheville. Zack also has two cousins who graduated from Duke Divinity School and are United Methodist ministers. And to top it off, Zack's aunt, Karen Christy Kurtz (Mike Kurtz's wife), was a United Methodist minister prior to her retirement.

Although Zack comes from a rich history of United Methodist clergy, Zack comes to FUMC Cherryville having received his own distinct call from God to become an ordained minister and to serve the church. He has a personality which is his own, and his own myriad of gifts and graces which make him the person and minister that he is. Zack is more than a third generation of clergy in his family, he is a gifted preacher and minister who God will use to bless to the churches where he is appointed. By the way, Zack is also a great husband and dad.

You will enjoy getting to know Zack & Crystal and their family, and having Zack as the new minister at FUMC Cherryville.

One final time,
Pastor Joe

TRANSITION TEAM

To help us welcome Rev. Christy, we have a Transition Team. The Transition Team is a group of members that solicits input from the congregation & communicates freely about the transition.

- The primary purpose of the Transition Team is to facilitate conversations with both the new pastor and the congregation concerning observations, plans, expectations, proposed changes, and communications strategies.
- This team is the place where Rev. Christy can receive feedback about potential changes in worship or church programming before he makes them.
- It focuses its work on the first ninety to one hundred days of the transition and disbands after the pastor and the team mutually agree that they have reached the breakeven point, or end of the transition.

Transition Team: Randy Baxter, Judy Bingham, Johnny Brown, Jenny Emerson, Kaci Thornburg Beck and Darin Webb.



**VBS: Kicking It Old School
July 14-18, 2019**

We are excited to be preparing for VBS 2019! We know that it takes many hours of hard work to make it a success. The hard work is worth it because it is not all about entertaining kids for a week. It's not about silly songs and games, even though they're fun! It is about creating an intentional time and space for kids of all ages to hear the gospel, learn Scripture, and tell their friends about Jesus. We can only make this a success through the continued support from our church family. Below is a list of ways that we can use help. Please check any of the boxes (on the back of the card) that you would be interested in helping with. We will compile all the cards and be in touch with you. Thank you in advance on behalf of all the UMKids for your continuous generous support of the children's ministry.

**The Education Committee, Contact person:
Chrystal Harmon**

IN HONOR

We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in honor of:

CONNOR BRADLEY

Tommy & Renee Allen

JALIE CREECH

Tommy & Renee Allen

SUSAN FRALEY

Katy Beam (Backpack Ministry)

REID & DORIS HUSS

Tommy & Renee Allen

COOPER SAIN

Matt & Lori Gibson



We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in loving memory of:

In Loving Memory in the Month of their Birthdays:

**KENNETH B. BEAM
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Cathey Beam Casalini
Kenni B. Beam

DR. & MRS. MARSHAL AGNER

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HELEN EATON

Jim Eaton

PAUL GANTT

Jack & Mary Etta Stephenson

KATHERINE GOINS

Tommy & Renee Allen
Linda Barger (Music for Chancel Choir)
Bruce & Chris Barrett
Ben & Robin Blackburn
Glenn, Cindy & Taylor Burgess
Cherryville History Museum
Jack Davis
Jim Eaton
Frank & Danna Henley
Steve & Cindy Homesley
Ron & Janice Hovis
Gail Jenkins
Morris & Jacque McGinnis
Janice Metcalf
Phyllis Roberts
Betty Jane Robinson
Bill & Debbie Sessoms
Shirley H. Smith
Bill & Chris Sneed

WADE HARRELSON

Curtis & Sherie Harrelson

July Birthdays

1 Brian Emerson
2 Sheri Sneed
3 Macie Beam
3 Taylor Paputseanos
6 Jason Ledford
7 Jace Brittain
7 Linda Mauney
9 Betsy Baity
9 Paitlyn Yount
10 Teresa Gardo
10 Deb Husen
10 Karleen Gaskins Price
12 Kaci Thornburg Beck
12 Tyler Buff
12 Gail Jenkins
12 Teci Webb
13 Blair Moss
14 Bobbi Conner
14 Zach Harmon
15 Michael Wright
16 Kristina Houser Haynes
16 Darin Webb
19 Jay Allen
19 Brian Gardo
20 Josh Skibo
20 Betsy Sneed
21 Richard Cornwell
22 Lydia Bradley
22 Cheryl Dobson
22 Kathy Kiser
23 Keith DeVenny
25 Kennedy Dellinger
27 Kelvin Brittain
27 Kristi Buff
27 Nell Griggs
28 Amanda Sorenson
29 Michael Baity
31 Shayne Turner



If your birthday is in July and not listed, please contact the church office.

A NOTE OF



Our family would like to express our sincere appreciation for so many flowers, memorials, food, cards, thoughts and especially your prayers and friendship. Your acts of kindness and sympathy have been humbling, not only during this difficult time, but throughout the past years. Our heartfelt gratitude is hard to put into words, but just know that God and you have been our primary source of strength and faith. Your kind gestures will be remembered always. May God bless you all.

The C.V. Thornburg family



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STEWARDSHIP REPORT JUNE 23, 2019

Previous Total..... \$146,592.22
Total To Date \$174,467.22
Needs To Date..... \$179,932.75
Under..... \$5,465.53

ATTENDANCE, JUNE 23, 2019

Sunday School..... 87
Worship..... 171

JULY USHERS:

Steve Falls, Ed Pierce, Todd Sorenson,
Andrew Harmon, Chad Thornburg

NURSERY WORKERS

10:30am

July 7 Teci Webb
July 14 Kelly Brown
July 21 Susan Fraley
July 28 Julie Wyatt

PRAYER LIST (Members)

Billy Alexander, Mike Burgess, Cone Carpenter,
Joanne Carpenter, Janet Carter, Billy Crews, Deborah
DeVenny, Peggy Gardo, Ruth Gaston, Aura Ann
McGinnis, Larry McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Karleen Price,
Joe & Frances Putnam, Jack Stephenson, Gary
Thornburg, Jerry Thornburg & Family, Earlene
Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home
members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Maurice "Jim" Beam, Sam & Martha Beam, Cornelia
Moss, Jeff Schrum, and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Jessica Lovell, *Travis
Kiser, Cody Spiker.

Church Member; *Stationed in the Middle East

Sunday, June 30

9:35am - Sunday School
10:00am - Reception for Joe & Lynne
10:30am - Worship

Sunday, July 7

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Tuesday, July 9

7:00pm - Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, July 10

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, July 14

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
4:00pm - Vacation Bible School kick off celebration
5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 15

5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 16

5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 17

5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 18

5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Sunday July 21

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, July 24

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, July 28

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, July 31

12:00 noon - Young At Heart (meet at church)

Sunday, August 4

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship