

**THE MESSENGER**  
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Linda Barger  
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Andrew Harmon  
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FUMC Weekday Preschool Dir.

Kayla Keller  
Summer Associate Minister



Our Summer at FUMC has been a busy one. Vacation Bible School averaged nearly 60 children each evening who learned about the early Christian church according to the book of Acts. Over 100 children, youth, and adults participated together. Our children have also participated in programs each Monday during the summer, such as a creek stomp, bowling, and a trip to Lazy 5 Ranch.

This past Sunday our youth group returned from a three day hike in Pisgah National Forest which included part of the Appalachian Trail. A month ago 12 of our youth (and 4 adults) participated in a Carolina Cross Connection week long mission trip where they assisted in helping the elderly and those in need. This week our youth visited our church members at the nursing homes in Cherryville and Lincolnton, and last month the youth spent a day helping at "Christian Ministries" in Lincolnton and also picked vegetables at the community garden in Cherryville (and delivered the produce to those in need). The youth group has another retreat August 18 - 20.

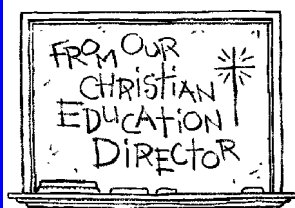
We have been fortunate to receive another Duke Summer Intern, Kayla Keller. Kayla has taught Sunday School classes, assisted in Worship, and helped with visitation to the hospital, nursing homes, and elderly members. She has been teaching a class each Sunday evening in July, and has accompanied our children and youth on some of their outings (such as picking vegetables at the community garden).

We have come together for a combined Worship service each Sunday during the summer. We have been blessed by the music from both the chancel choir and the praise band. This summer our sanctuary has been the location of three funeral services, and the fellowship hall has been used for families to receive friends following these services.

Summer has been busy at FUMC and also for the pastor's family. My son Garrett graduated from Duke Divinity School in May, got married on Memorial weekend then began work as the Pastor at two United Methodist churches in the WNC Conference. On top of this my daughter, Elizabeth, has a "due date" in mid August which will be our first grandchild.

It has been a summer to remember in many ways. Next month 70 children will begin in our Preschool program and we will start back our 8:45am 11:00am worship services following Labor Day.

**There will be a farewell covered dish luncheon** to recognize and say thank you to Kayla for her service as our Summer Associate Minister on **Sunday, August 13**. The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and the church will be providing the meat. Please bring your favorite covered dish and/or dessert and stay for this time of fellowship.



Wow! This past July has been a very busy one. We started off with vacation Bible school. The children traveled to Rome, visited Paul in his house as he was guarded by a Roman soldier, and visited the underground church. They learned about God's love and how his love is always with us, how his love saves us, how his love is worth sharing, and how his love is a gift. The children were able to raise over \$800 in offering to help buy Bibles for the Sudanese refugees. Pastor Joe, Paul, and Ms. Jeanna, all three got a cherry pie in the face. We had 111 participants for Bible school this year with over 60 children coming to hear about God's love.

Thank you to all those youth and adults that helped to make this Vacation Bible School a success.



**United  
Methodist  
Kids**

### UM Kids

The children have been enjoying Marvelous Mondays with the church this summer. We've bowled at Pin Station, rode the carousel and played video arcade games. We visited the Lazy 5 Ranch, and topped it off with a trip to the ice cream store. We've gone creek stomping at Julian Price Park, had a cookout, and learned about God's mighty power.



The children still have plenty of things to do on Marvelous Mondays in the month of August. We will be chilling at the church learning about God, and making crafts. We will also be going to visit some of our elderly members. We will be celebrating with a pool party at the home of Angela and Scott Jones on August 14 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Drop off and pick up your child from their home. Lunch will be provided.

## YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

They youth have had a busy July being the hands and feet of Jesus. They were instrumental in helping at Bible school this year. Many of them had rolls like playing a Roman soldier, the senator, shopkeeper, games keeper, and even a thief and a slave. Our youth love to be involved.

We have gone to the community garden called "God's Planned Harvest" to pick vegetables. We picked 30 boxes full of vegetables and delivered them to the community. We prayed with people and invited them to church.

Thirteen youth and adults hiked on the Appalachian Trail to raise money to help the Sudanese refugees. With the money we raise we will be buying Bibles for the refugees of Sudan written in their own language and solar-powered MP4 players loaded with the New Testament in 4 Sudanese languages. With each player, 75-100 people can hear the life giving Word of God.



The youth visited our shut-ins in the nursing homes and several of our elderly members. We enjoyed talking with them, singing with them, and praying with them. We appreciate our elderly members and do not want them to think that they have been forgotten.

## Summer Retreat

All youth interested in attending the Whitewater Summer Retreat need to contact Jeanna immediately. We will be leaving on Friday, Aug. 18 at 2 pm and returning the evening of Sunday, Aug. 20. We will be white water rafting, horseback riding, and scenic hiking, among other fun activities. This is a time when we will grow in our faith through Bible study and reflecting. The cost is \$25 for youth group members and \$50 for non-youth group members.

If you want to go, but leaving on Friday is a problem because of sports, **THAT IS REALLY NO PROBLEM AT ALL.** We can have a parent transport you all to our location on Saturday morning. Jeanna just needs to know now in order to make plans.



It is time to begin planning the **Community School Supply drive** which will be held this year at Second Baptist Church on Saturday, August 19. If you are interested in assisting with this mission project, please contact Bess Thornburg or the church office. There is a list of school supplies needed on the table outside of the church office. Please come to Second Baptist Church if you can assist with packing the book bags on August 8 and 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Attention Secret Pal Adults / Volunteers:** If you would like to become a college student Secret Pal volunteer for the 2017-2018 school year, please let Ilene Dellinger know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## August Birthdays

2	Devan Beam
2	Sharon Sigmon
2	Jack Stephenson
3	Chris Ballard
3	Steve Panton
4	Greg Kirby
4	Emilie Pope
5	Lauren Bell
5	Bella Thornburg
6	Betty Jane Robinson
8	Bowen Beam
8	Sandra Carpenter
8	Sylvia C. Norton
8	Bill Moss
9	Linda Alexander
13	Kristyn Stroupe
14	Dusty Pope
14	Raelyn Thornburg
18	Billy Crews
19	Jodi Beam
19	Ben Payseur
19	Loren Stroupe
20	Steve Bowen
20	Janice Hovis
21	Jerry Thornburg
22	Gavin Burleson
22	Vera Eaker
23	Maxton Hartman
23	Danny Webb
24	Zane McGinnis
24	Landry Pruitt
25	Jeff Hoyle
25	Jenny Emerson
25	Braden Jones
25	Frances Putnam
26	Libby Ballard
26	Bob Dellinger
26	Scott Jones
27	Harlee Austin
28	Nicole Canipe
28	Mickey Payseur
28	Doug Whitworth
29	Alex Blackburn
29	Harris Hetrick
29	Leon Roseboro
30	Kathy Burleson
31	Ron Walls



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





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Mr. & Mrs. Ken Mayhew

**MARY SPAKE**

Linda Barger

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**DANNY & TECI WEBB**

Eloise Mauney

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**Our Christian Sympathy** is extended to Bob Faires and family following the death of his wife, Mary Sue, on July 7.



Rita Black Lorrey  
Lincolnton Rehab  
1410 East Gaston St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092

### **Sunday, July 30**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth  
7:00pm - Spiritual Art Journaling class with Kayla

### **Monday, July 31**

9:00am - UMK's  
7:00pm - Finance Committee meeting

### **Tuesday, August 1**

8:30am - Youth to Julian Price Park

### **Wednesday, August 2**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, August 3**

6:30pm - Staff Parish Committee meeting

### **Sunday, August 6**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth  
7:00pm - Spiritual Art Journaling class with Kayla

### **Monday, August 7**

9:00am - UMK's  
6:00pm - UMW Salad Supper

### **Tuesday, August 8**

8:00am - Youth to Lazy 5 Ranch

### **Wednesday, August 9**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, August 10**

9:00am - Church trip to Grove Park Inn

### **Sunday, August 13**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
11:45am - Covered dish luncheon honoring Kayla  
6:00pm - Youth

### **Monday, August 14**

9:00am - UMK's - swim party at the home of  
Scott & Angela

### **Tuesday, August 15**

TBA - Youth to movie

### **Wednesday, August 16**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Friday - Sunday, August 18 - 20**

Youth summer retreat in Smoky Mountains

### **Sunday, August 20**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
4:00pm - Preschool Orientation

### **Monday, August 21**

9:00am - UMK's

### **Wednesday, August 23**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Saturday, August 26**

7:00am - Community-wide breakfast buffet

### **Sunday, August 27**

9:30am - Sunday School  
10:30am - Worship  
Youth back to school party

### **Wednesday, August 30**

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Sunday, September 3**

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

### **PRAYER LIST (Members)**

Ronnie Anthony, Joanne Carpenter, Cheryl Dobson, Buzz Eaker, Bob Faires, Steve Falls, Ruth Gaston, Nora Heavner, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Karleen Price, Frances Putnam, Margaret Smith, C.V. Thornburg, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

### **PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)**

Allie Beam, Shaunda Camp, Morgan Drum Morrow, Mary Wheatley and our loved ones in the military.

### **LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:**

#Ethan Beck, #Jake Dellinger, Aron Dickerson, Heath Flynn, Kenny Greene, Jessica Lovell, \*Travis Kiser, Cody Spiker.

# Church Member; \*Stationed in the Middle East

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Total To Date .....	\$192,407.69
Needs To Date .....	\$206,616.90
Under .....	\$14,209.21

### **ATTENDANCE – July 23**

Sunday School .....	101
Worship .....	151