

**THE MESSENGER**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Hey everyone! I'd just like to give a big thank you to the family of First United Methodist Church for such an amazing summer! I've learned so much and have grown in so many ways. When I came here in June, I knew that I was meant to be a pastor— that God was calling me down this path— but through my time with you all, I have come to the full realization that I am truly capable of His calling and have the skills (albeit unrefined) needed to fulfill the many demands of being a pastor. Thank you to everyone who provided me with food throughout the summer. I've had such a great time with each and every one of you, and I can now say that I have a palate for southern cuisine! Thank you to Billy and Barbara Crews for not only providing me with a space to live for the summer, but also for welcoming me into your family. You are both so sweet. It did not matter how many people warned me of Billy's mischievous ways, there was not a single moment when I did not feel at home. Thank you to Pastor Joe and the rest of the staff for teaching me so many valuable lessons and pushing me to do my best in ministry. Thank you all so much for such a wonderful, wonderful summer. I'll do my best to stay in touch and promise to come back and visit.

With lots of love and gratitude, Kayla

The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to give thanks to the following:

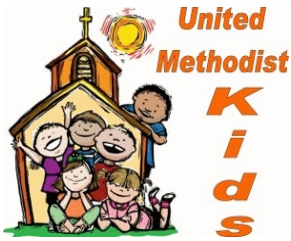
- The Adult Sunday School classes for their contributions for the farewell luncheon for Kayla
- Phyllis Thornburg, the kitchen committee and all those who assisted her in the kitchen
- To everyone who brought a dish and stayed for the luncheon
- The congregation for their hospitality to Kayla while she was here
- And a big thank you to Barbara, Billy & "Tillie" Crews for hosting Kayla at their home during her summer stay



Staff Parish Committee



The United Methodist Church is responding in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. On Sunday, September 3 and September 10 we will take up a special offering for this cause. If you would like to contribute to this, please mark in the memo section of your check "Texas Disaster Response" and we will send one check to UMCOR.



The children have enjoyed many fun times this summer. I think the most important one was the time we visited some of our elderly in their homes.

The children sang to and talked with our members and gave them a flower. The highlight of the visit for most of the elderly was when one of our children would pray for them. We can learn a lot from the children. They are not inhibited by fear when it comes to prayer. They just talk to God like he is their friend. Many adults are scared to pray out loud in front of people. Jesus did tell us in Matthew 18:3, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Let us all become like the little children in our faith.

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY AND UMKIDS

We will resume our youth Bible Study and UMKids on Wednesday, September 6, from 5:30-7:30. Supper will be served in the fellowship hall at 5:30. Classes will be downstairs in the education wing from 6 – 7:30. You can drop your child off and pick them up on the playground.

UMKids AGES: 3 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
YOUTH AGES: 6<sup>th</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup> grade

## OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING

If you would like to be involved with our children and youth ministries, we have a place for you. Please contact Jeanna for details.

## YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

The youth finished out this summer with a retreat to the mountains of North Carolina.

The theme of our retreat this year was "The Hunger and Thirst Games." The students were divided into two teams of tribute and competed against each other to win the games associated with each Bible lesson. They learned about Jesus being the Bread of Life and the Living Water, and how this life-giving source does us no good until we take it in. While on our retreat, we also went white water rafting and horseback riding through the Smoky Mountains. We only lost one student while rafting. She was picked up by our other raft downstream. While we were on horseback we had to cross two rivers and go through a tunnel. Most of the horses were well mannered, but some were stubborn and reluctant to cross the water until they felt good and ready. My horse was one that did not want to cross until she was ready. Horses do not like to go where they do not feel comfortable. I was uneasy crossing the river myself, on horseback. But I just had to trust my horse. She has navigated this river crossing many times. So, I let her go the way she wanted and we made it across. This reminds me that sometimes we just need to trust God to take us in the way we should go. He knows the right way. He will not let us fall.

## PRAYER BREAKFAST STARTS SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Everyone is invited to join us at Home Folks Café on Thursday mornings for our youth prayer breakfast. Each week a different student is asked to prepare the devotion. We have many students and adults from our church and the community attending. Everyone pays for their own breakfast. However, each week one boy and one girl receives theirs for free, thanks to Home Folks. Invite your friends and join us for our first of the school year on **Sept. 7, 2017**. Students needing a ride on the church van to the middle or high school must have a blue authorization form on file.

## September Birthdays

2	Leland Gaskins
2	John Hines
3	Crystal Essary
3	Amber Sneed
4	Ann Harmon
5	Anice Lawing
5	Teesie Smith
5	Billy Warlick
6	Hadley Webb
7	Steve Falls
7	Jeff Jenkins
7	Belinda Watts
8	Carol Falls
8	Ada Smith
10	Camille Freeman Harden
10	Seth Freeman
10	Evelyn Southards
10	Jimmy Wilent
11	Trent Gardo
11	Roy Norwood
12	Kevin Gardo
12	Danny Smith
14	Andrea Leffingwell
15	Peggy Gardo
15	Gary Husen
15	Jack Rupard
15	Kent Shaw
15	Gary Thornburg
15	Robin Wilent
16	Jessica Lovell
16	Gabrielle Shedd
17	Amy Kilby
17	Dick Ledford
20	Pam Owens
20	Chelsi Jenkins Thomas
21	Earlene Williams
21	Julie Wyatt
22	Lynn Bowen
22	Shane Stroupe
25	Brent Walls
26	Cooper Sain
27	Annie Beam
27	Ken Mayhew
28	Randy Baxter
28	Ryan Sorenson
29	Michael Beam
30	Trent Thornburg



Our fall festival will be Sunday, Oct. 8, 4:00PM at the home of Warren and Sandra Beam. A special thanks to the Beams' who willingly open their home to our church. Hotdogs will be served and we ask that you bring your favorite dessert or appetizer and a lawn chair. Don't miss this afternoon of great fellowship!

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



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

**WILL ALEXANDER**

Jack & Judy Bingham  
Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)  
Ruth Gaston  
Ron & Janice Hovis  
Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg  
Margaret Webb (Backpack Ministry)

**RONNIE ANTHONY**

Billy & Linda Alexander  
Thurman Anthony family  
Bob & Caryl Austell  
Ben & Libby Ballard  
Linda K. Barger  
E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam (Backpack Ministry)  
Steve & Susan Beam  
Jack & Judy Bingham  
Mike & Renee Burgess  
Ed & Beverly Campbell  
Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)  
Janet Carter (Backpack Ministry)  
Jeff & Cynthia Cash  
Nancy Catena  
Richard & Martha Cornwell  
Arnold & Ann Davis  
Carl & Linda Dellinger  
Chuck & Julie Dellinger  
Jake & Mary Dellinger  
Patsy Dellinger (Backpack Ministry)  
Sonny & Dianne Dellinger  
Keith & Deborah DeVenny  
Joe & Sandy Dismukes  
Vera Eaker  
David & Linda Edwards  
Bob Faires  
John Fraley, Jr.,  
Debbie Gantt  
Peggy Gardo  
Ruth Gaston  
Matt & Lori Gibson  
Larry & Juanita Gunnell  
Clarice Harrelson  
Curtis & Sherie Harrelson  
Ned & Willie Heavner  
Barbara Herman  
Ronnie & Janice Hovis  
Palmer & Mary Ann Huffstetler  
Gail Jenkins (Backpack Ministry)

**RONNIE ANTHONY**

**-Continued-**

Scott & Angela Jones  
Wayne & Sara Lynn Little  
Linda Mauney  
Larry & Barbara McGinnis (Youth Missions)  
Pat McGinnis & Mike Dellinger  
Ray P. McSwain  
Bill & Quita Moss  
Hazeline Moss  
Sue Nolen (Backpack Ministry)  
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)  
Ernie & Betty Parker, (HVAC fund)  
Mickey & Debbie Payseur  
Bayne & Becky Phillips  
Randy & Kathy Pilkington  
Tommy & Vickie Porter  
Ruth Randall  
Betty Jane Robinson  
Shirley Smith  
Vernon & Betty Smith  
Bill & Chris Sneed  
Jack & Mary Etta Stephenson  
Amy Tallent  
Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg  
C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)  
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg  
Vee & Melanie Thornburg  
Bob & Maureen Tull  
Wayne & Belinda Watts  
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Webb  
Margaret Webb (Backpack Ministry)  
Barry, Barbara & Brian Williams  
Dennis & Judy Willis  
Michael & Christy Wright

**BETTY BARRETT**

John Fraley, Jr.,

**MARY FRANCES CARROLL**

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)  
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

**REBA CEASE**

E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam (Backpack Ministry)  
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown  
Amy Tallent

**NED DELLINGER**

Jack & Judy Bingham  
Ruth Gaston  
Ron & Janice Hovis (Backpack Ministry)  
Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg  
Melinda Yount

**ALONZA EAKER**

*(Birthday)*

Vera Eaker

**HELEN EATON**

Jim Eaton

**MARY SUE FAIRES**

Billy & Linda Alexander  
Pam Anthony  
Steve & Susan Beam  
Callie Beam Circle  
Jack & Judy Bingham  
Ben & Robin Blackburn  
Louis & Rosanne Eberbach  
Faires Family  
Frank & Sloan Fortenberry  
Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)  
Peggy Gardo  
Frank & Danna Henley  
Ron & Janice Hovis (Backpack Ministry)  
Gail Jenkins & family  
Morris & Jacque McGinnis  
Sue Nolen  
Ernie & Betty Parker (HVAC fund)  
Betty Jane Robinson  
City of Seneca Light & Water Plant  
Shirley Smith  
Bill & Chris Sneed  
C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)  
Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg  
Vee & Melanie Thornburg  
Margaret Webb (Backpack Ministry)

**J. D. GASTON**

Billy & Linda Alexander  
Jack & Judy Bingham  
Frank & Danna Henley  
Ron & Janice Hovis  
Morris & Jacque McGinnis  
Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg  
Margaret Webb (Backpack Ministry)

**ROGER GRIGGS**

Nancy Catena

**JERRY HAYES**

Bob & Caryl Austell  
Jack & Judy Bingham  
Gail Jenkins & family

**FRANCES HEAVNER**

Ron & Janice Hovis

**KENNETH HESTER**

Jack & Judy Bingham  
Larry & Barbara McGinnis (Youth Missions)

**BOYD HOMESLEY**

Jack & Judy Bingham

**MOBY HOMESLEY**

Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)

**C. D. LEDFORD**

John Fraley, Jr.

**BELINDA MARTIN**

Larry & Juanita Gunnell  
Mickey & Debbie Payseur

**CAROL PORTER**

Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)  
Ron & Janice Hovis

**RODNEY PROPST**

Larry & Juanita Gunnell

**DARRIL SIGMON**

Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)

**EDWIN VANHOY**

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)  
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

**LOIS VERNON**

Lori, Cooper & Matt Gibson

**NORMAN WARLICK**

C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)  
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

**WONNIE WEBB**

Margaret Webb (Backpack Ministry)

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## IN HONOR

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

**PAM ANTHONY**

The Chancel Choir

**MASTER THEO MADDOX DELLINGER**

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)

Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

**NELL GRIGGS**

Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

**HARRIS HETRICK**

*(3rd birthday)*

Larry & Barbara McGinnis (Youth Missions)

**DICK METZGER**

Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

**JACK STEPHENSON**

Linda K. Barger

**DWIGHT STROUPE**

Cone Carpenter (Youth Missions)

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are in the process of making plans to pack shoe boxes at the Boone Processing Center. If you would like to join us on this trip and volunteer for three hours please let Jeanna know ASAP. Spaces are limited.

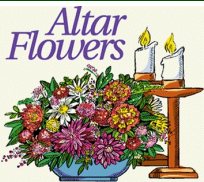
## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR YOU, Too.

Have you been to Sunday School lately? We have many classes to choose from. Come and join us with your families this Sunday. We have a women's class, a men's class, and three more adult classes (two upstairs and one downstairs). We have classes for students too: Nursery: 0 – 2 years old, and Pre-K: 3 – 5 years old (upstairs), Primary: 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Middle: 4<sup>th</sup> grade - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Youth: 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up (down stairs).

We will be recognizing our Sunday School Teachers and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders on Promotion Sunday, September 10.



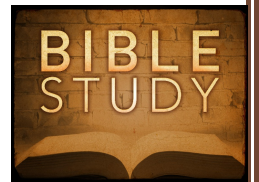
Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Pam Anthony and family following the death of her husband, Ronnie, on August 3.



If you are willing to place flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one on **November 26**, please contact Janet Carter or the church office.



**Wednesday Fellowship meals** followed by a Pastor's Bible Study begin September 13. Meal at 5:30 pm for UMK's and their parents; 6 pm for adults. Cost is by donation. *Any organization within the church interested in preparing and serving a Wednesday night meal (September 13 - October 25), please contact the church office.*





Nora Heavner  
Peak Resources  
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Cherryville, NC 28021

### **Sunday, September 3**

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

### **Monday, September 4**

Church Office closed

### **Tuesday, September 5**

7:00pm - Kitchen & Homecoming Committees meet

### **Wednesday, September 6**

5:30pm - UMK's

6:00pm - Youth Bible Study

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 7**

7:00am - Youth prayer breakfast at Homefolk's

7:00pm - Education Committee meeting

### **Sunday, September 10**

8:45am - Early Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

### **Monday, September 11**

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle

7:00pm - Callie Beam Circle

7:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle

7:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle

### **Wednesday, September 13**

5:30pm - UMK's

6:00pm - Youth Bible Study

6:00pm - Fellowship Meal

6:30pm - Adult Bible Study

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 14**

7:00am - Youth prayer breakfast at Homefolk's

### **Sunday, September 17**

8:45am - Early Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

### **Wednesday, September 20**

5:30pm - UMK's

6:00pm - Youth Bible Study

6:00pm - Fellowship Meal

6:30pm - Adult Bible Study

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Sunday, September 24**

8:45am - Early Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

### **Tuesday, September 26**

2018 Budget requests due by Committee chairs

### **Wednesday, September 27**

12:00pm - Young At Heart - meet at Roma's

5:30pm - UMK's

6:00pm - Youth Bible Study

6:00pm - Fellowship Meal

6:30pm - Adult Bible Study

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Sunday, October 1**

8:45am - Early Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

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

Pam Anthony, Bo Baity, Joanne Carpenter, Anne Dellinger, Cheryl Dobson, Buzz Eaker, Nell Griggs, Nora Heavner, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Debbie Payseur, Becky Phillips, Karleen Price, Frances Putnam, Margaret Smith, C.V. Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

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

Kristen, Seth Austin & unborn baby, Allie Beam, Shaunda Camp, Morgan Drum Morrow, Mary Wheatley, Linda Whitworth and our loved ones in the military.

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

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

# Church Member; \*Stationed in the Middle East

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT - AUGUST 27, 2017**

Total To Date..... \$222,456.95

Needs To Date..... \$241,053.05

Under..... \$18,596.10

### **ATTENDANCE – AUGUST 27**

Sunday School..... 75

Worship..... 134