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August Reflection

Luke 10:1-3 "After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.""

When I was a Duke intern at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, I had the honor of getting to meet John. John was an older member of the church, and was a distinguished veteran of World War II. He had served in the army and in the invasion of Normandy and D Day. When we were talking about his war experiences, he mentioned the suffering, the deprivation, the horror of war. But then he said, "Still, I look back on those eight years as the very best of my life. For once in my life I was a part of something bigger than myself. I was on the move. We had a mission. Maybe it's sad to say, but I look on those years as the best of my life."

"I was a part of something bigger than myself." It is sad that we must wait for a war to have that feeling. The sending of the seventy claims to us that it was just this sort of mission to which Jesus called his disciples.

I saw the other day that the average-size Protestant Christian church in North America has less than sixty folks gathered in attendance on a Sunday morning. That may not be a huge number of people, but if you have ever been in the church, you know that this is no select gathering. Jesus made enough mistakes in selecting those first twelve disciples, what with their misunderstanding, their eventual betrayal, and their denial. So it is rather surprising to see Jesus enlarge that number and now call as many as seventy to work with him. But that's the way Jesus works.

His first twelve had already demonstrated by their lack of comprehension and their half-hearted discipleship that they are not going to be all that great as his assistants. Even with that sorry experience behind him Jesus launches out again and calls even a larger crowd of assistants. Each and every one of us who is a part of the Body of Christ are proof of Jesus' propensity to keep reaching out and naming others to share in his work.

And aside from all the fact that Jesus, despite his past unfortunate experiences with us, he continues to call more of us. What impresses me about chapter 10 of Luke is the job description that Jesus gives the seventy. He sends these ordinary folks out into the world to do the very same things that he is doing.

First he tells the seventy that they are to do miraculous and divine acts. Jesus tells them that when they show up to a town, they are to demonstrate that the "kingdom has come near." Secondly Jesus tells the

seventy not to worry about where they will get the means to accomplish the work to which he has called them. Finally Jesus warns the seventy up front that they will encounter rejection and resistance. The seventy are told up front that they are being sent into the world, into the real world. The seventy are sent on a perilous, adventuresome mission.

Which leave us asking, will we go? Will we take up the risk to step out, move out with the seventy and go where Jesus is about to go? There's risk, yes, but also great joy, the joy of doing what God means for us to do. Jesus is looking for about seventy good men and women to take what he has into the world, to do the very same ministry that he does. Will you go?

Grace and Peace,

Zack Christy



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS

Thanks to all of our young people who have served as acolyte and crucifer this year! You guys have done a great job in preparing us for worship. Thanks for your willingness to serve during our worship services. Below is the schedule for August. If you cannot serve on your Sunday please let Bess know or switch with someone on the list.

Aug. 7	Grayce Pruitt	Landry Pruitt
Aug. 14	Alayna Ross	Zach Harmon
Aug. 21	Mallie Emerson	Amber Grace Brittain
Aug. 28	Kenan Fowler	Will Fowler



CHILDREN'S CHURCH is offered during our 10:30 Worship Service for all children **3yrs thru 3rd grade**. The children will leave from the Sanctuary following the children's sermon and go to a classroom on the educational hall for lessons and crafts. Parents can pick-up their children at the end of Worship. A packet will be available outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex for children 4th-5th grades with pencils crayons and coloring pages and a Children's Worship bulletin. Again... **volunteers are needed for Children's Church teachers and helpers.** Please let Bess know if you are willing to help with Children's Church.



FLOWERS ADORN OUR ALTAR:

We still have many open dates on our Sunday worship calendar for 2022 to allow anyone who wishes to place flowers in our sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one to do so. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you would like to offer a gift of flowers to our church altar area.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



ONE BODY ONE MISSION SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

will be on August 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at First United Methodist Church this year. We are now gathering school supplies and much needed materials for back to school backpack distribution for our community. **August 7 will be the last day for collecting of school supplies.** We appreciate all of the supplies that have already been donated. Volunteers are needed for this project as we will be packing backpacks on Tuesday & Wednesday nights, August 9 & 10, beginning at 5:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 31 THRU AUGUST 4

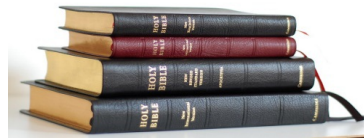
This year's VBS will be in the evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 pm beginning Sunday July 31st through Thursday August 4th. Our theme is the **CASTLE OF COURAGE: Be Strong and Courageous**, based on Joshua 1:9.

On Sunday evening July 31, our Vacation Bible School will kick off with a hot dog supper and a **CASTLE BOUNCE HOUSE** at 4:30 p.m. for everyone to enjoy. Then our night of Courage will move into the church Sanctuary for opening assembly singing, and devotions and move to classes for crafts, games and evening prayer.

Then Monday, August 1, thru Thursday, August 4, our regular VBS meeting times will be 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each night. We will continue our "knights" of courage with *supper*, assembly, class time, crafts, games and vespers!

All Children ages 3 years up to rising 6th graders are invited to attend. There will be pre-registration available on Sunday morning. Look for the sign up table.

Thanks to all of those who have very graciously volunteered to help. All leaders and helpers will meet July 30 at 10 a.m. to decorate and prepare our rooms. VBS helpers, leaders and teachers are still needed for all age groups as well as kitchen helpers. **PLEASE** contact Bess Thornburg ASAP if you are willing to help with this year's VBS. (or you will be contacted!!☺)! **Also if you have any "castle like/princess/prince items around your house please let Bess know. We can use them for props and decorations!**



Our Sunday School classes continue to meet! We offer classes for everyone! We have:

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

- ◆ Nursery, 0-2yr olds
- ◆ Toddler Class, 2-4 yr. olds
- ◆ Younger Elementary, K-2nd grade
- ◆ Older Elementary, 3-5th grades
- ◆ Youth class, 6-12th grades

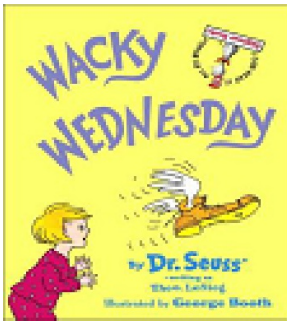
ADULT CLASSES UPSTAIRS:

- ◆ Romans 12 class, Young adults
- ◆ Etheleen Dover Class, young to middle age adults
- ◆ June Medlin Class, middle age and senior adults
- ◆ Men's Bible Class, any age men of the church;
- ◆ Discovery Class meets downstairs, any age adults.

You are invited to be a part of any one of these assemblies. **THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!** Thanks to all of you who have so graciously volunteered to teach and lead our classes, but volunteers are still needed. Some adjustments may be made, especially in the children's age groups, as class size and location is determined, but how wonderful to be able to celebrate our classes of Bible study, Christian fellowship, small group bonding and prayer time!



The Cherryville Area Ministries and the Second Harvest Food Bank will sponsor a Mobile Food Pantry on **Monday, August 8**, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. John's Lutheran Church Dixie Street parking lot. Volunteers are needed to distribute the food and to unpack the trucks and food boxes. Please let Bess know if you can help for this mission project. Any helpers will need to be there by 9:00 a.m. Thanks to all those that have volunteered. This has been a very successful ministry for our community in the past and we look forward to helping those in need again.



“WILD & WACKY WEDNESDAYS”

W.W.W. We will continue to have our “Wild Wacky Wednesday’s during the month of August. All rising 1st graders thru rising 6th graders are invited to join in the action. If your child is a rising Kindergartener or under school age and wants to participate they are welcome to come along BUT a parent or adult must accompany them (this is mainly due to car seat restrains and the young age of the child). We will meet at the church parking lot to embark on our adventures! Below is our upcoming schedule:

- ◆ **August 3: “Castle of Courage” VBS**
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Church.
Supper 5:30 p.m. and lessons, crafts and activities 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ **August 10: “Back to School Party”**
Mystery party day, meet here at the church at 10:00 a.m. for fun and activities. Our party will be over at 1:00 p.m.

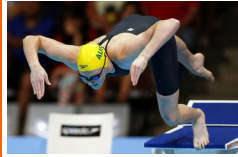
We have had another great summer of great fun filled days together. If there are any changes or additional information you will be contacted.

If you have any questions don’t hesitate to call Bess at the church 704-435-6732 or h: 704-435-5185 or c: 704-836-6803

Love and fun in the SON to all!!!
Miss Bess



UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship (all 6th thru 12th graders).



We had to postpone our summer fun night meeting on Sunday, July 24th to Sunday, August 14th. We will have a **“DIVE IN POOL PARTY NIGHT”** on Sunday night August 14th... **YES DIVE IN!** We will meet at Chrystal and Andrew Harmon’s pool area 1232 Pearl Drive at 5:00 p.m. for supper, pool fun and a DIVE IN to our new year for UMYF. We will be ready to go home by 8:30 p.m. You will need your bathing suit, beach towel and a float! You may bring a friend and our new rising UMYFers are invited to attend and join in and get to know everyone in our group.

Our church is the meeting place for this years One Body One Mission School Supply drive and all youth members are invited to help sort and pack back packs on August 9 and August 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall as well as be here on August 13 at 9:00 a.m. to help with the event and give out of school supplies. This will be our **MISSION POSSIBLE** for August!!

Regular UMYF meetings will begin Sunday night August 21st here at the church at 6:00 p.m. down stairs in our youth room. We will have games, supper, planning for the year and get a new start on this years excitement with our UMYF -“FUMCY” characters!

Looking ahead, we are still planning to attend Summitt Youth retreat in Asheville NC the weekend of October 21 thru 23. This will be a youth weekend with other youth groups sponsored by the WNCC United Methodist Church.

UMYF is for all middle and high school youths ages 6th thru 12th graders. Please read and follow your FUMCY text for more details.

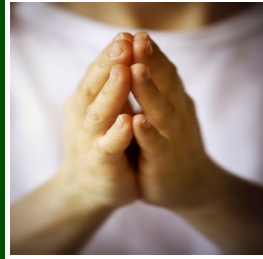


United
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Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, August 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Salad Supper and to address cards for our shut-ins.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ned Heavner
- 2 Devan Beam
- 2 Sharon Sigmon
- 3 Chris Ballard
- 3 Steve Panton
- 4 Greg Kirby
- 4 Emilie Pope
- 5 Lauren Bell
- 5 Bella Thornburg
- 6 Betty Jane Robinson
- 6 Miney Saine
- 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 Danny Webb
- 24 Zane McGinnis
- 24 Landry Pruitt
- 25 Jeff Hoyle
- 25 Jenny Emerson
- 25 Braden Jones
- 26 Libby Ballard
- 26 Scott Jones
- 27 Harlee Austin
- 27 Eli Christy
- 28 Nicole Canipe
- 28 Mickey Payseur
- 28 Doug Whitworth
- 29 Alex Blackburn
- 29 Harris Hetrick
- 29 Leon Roseboro
- 30 Kathy Burleson
- 31 Mike Avery
- 31 Ron Walls



Thursday Morning Prayer Breakfast

The Thursday morning prayer breakfast will begin again Thursday August 18th and continuing each Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. at Homefolks Café. Everyone is welcome! Especially students and parents and grandparents are invited to share a good healthy breakfast before school and food for the soul as you go about your day. A devotion and prayer time is offered for all those that wish to begin their day in fellowship and prayer with other Christians in the community. Please NOTE: Miss Bess will drive our church van and will take any middle school students that need a ride to school.



BUT watch out for the BUMPS!!! LOL ☺



THE **FIT FAB FUN BUNCH** IS OUR CHURCH'S NEWEST EXCITING GROUP. Anyone 60 years or older is invited to join! Anyone 60 years or older is invited to join! We now have a Facebook page called Fit Fab Fun Bunch so you can keep up with happenings and scenes from our latest adventures? Join the group if you are not already on FB. Stay tuned for further information and future plans...

This group will keep you spiritually FIT with devotions and planning for FAB future outings and activities of the group, and we are always FUN!! Join us for fellowship and just plain fun together. You do not want to miss out on being a part of this bunch of mature adults as we experience life, love and friendships together. **You must be 60 or older to enter!**

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



Mr. Larry McGinnis
907 Vista Drive
Cherryville, NC 28021

Saturday, July 30

10:00am - Set up for VBS

Sunday, July 31

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

4:30pm - VBS Kickoff Celebration

5:30pm - VBS begins

Monday, August 1

5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, August 2

5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, August 3

5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Thursday, August 4

5:30pm - Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 7

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

Monday, August 8

6:00pm - UMW Salad Supper & addressing cards
for shut-ins

Tuesday, August 9

5:30pm - School Supply packing

5:30pm - Youth help with school supply packing

Wednesday, August 10

10:00am - "WWW" Back to School party

5:30pm - School Supply packing

5:30pm - Youth help with school supply packing

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, August 13

8:00am - Noon - School Supply Drive @ FUMC

9:00am - Youth assist with school supply drive

Sunday, August 14

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

4:00pm - Preschool Orientation

5:00pm - UMYF Dive in pool party at the home of
Andrew & Chrystal Harmon

Thursday, August 18

7:0am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's Café

Sunday, August 21

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

6:00pm - UMYF

Wednesday, August 24

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, August 25

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's Café

Sunday, August 28

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, JULY 24, 2022

Total Giving To Date \$218,377.50

Needs to Date \$239,112.60

AUGUST USHERS

Keith DeVenny, Danny Webb, Ben Blackburn, Darin Webb, Wayne Watts

PRAYER LIST (Members)

Billy Alexander, Bob & Caryl Austell, Betsy Baity, Mike Burgess, Janet Carter, Deanna Daggerhart, Sandy Dismukes, Vera Eaker, Jim Eaton, Ruth Gaston, Ron Hovis, Ken Mayhew, Larry McGinnis, Ray McSwain, Becky Phillips, Rev. Harry Queen, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Courtney Bradley, Shirley Fisher, Vicky Clawson Porter, Larry & Carolyn Summer, Shayne Turner, Greg Yount and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Jessica Lovell, Cody Spiker.

Church Member