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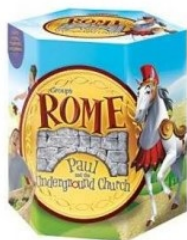
As a native Ohioan participating in a pre-enrollment Field Education placement through Duke Divinity School, Cherryville has been my first true taste of the South. And let me tell you. It. Is. Delicious. And I'm not just speaking of the liver mush, Sundrop, and okra—while that's all very tasty as well—I'm talking about the sweet, sweet, flavor of Southern, small-town hospitality. Never before have I been surrounded by so many friendly smiles, welcoming gestures, or prayerful people. While I've only been at First UMC, Cherryville for a few short weeks, I already feel at home. And what's even more exciting? I'm feeling the Spirit starting to stir in new ways in my life through the ministry of FUMC.

While I have felt the call towards pastoral ministry since I was in the 7th grade, I have felt a passion for creative artmaking since I was old enough to hold a crayon. The process of transferring one's hidden thoughts and emotions, known only to the Creator, into an aesthetic and self-made form is truly a spiritually rejuvenating experience. It provides an opportunity to leave the distractions of life and empty one's mind to fully experience and appreciate one's relationship with the Lord.

I invite you all to join me in this wonderful experience that only the creative arts can provide as two passions and a calling collide with my weekly Spiritual Journaling class. It will take place at the church on Sunday's from July 16th through August 6th, beginning at 7pm. No art experience is needed beyond the basic skills to handle a glue stick! Sign ups will be posted on the window of the church office. I hope to see you there!

With love and gratitude,

Kayla



Mark your calendars for VBS this year: **JULY 9-13**

Experience the Thrill of Visiting an Underground Church!

Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tip-toe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love. We will have a **Kickoff Celebration** beginning at 4:00pm on Sunday, July 9 to include hotdogs for the family, pony rides and a jumpy house.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

Summer is here and we are busy! June has been filled with many events. We started the month by celebrating our recent graduates with a breakfast and special recognition during worship on June 4. Congratulations to our Graduates: High School: Nick Brown, Macie Beam, Anna Bursleson, Emily Grace Nytko, Loren Stroupe, and Preston Elliott; College: Karely Powell, Wil Collins, Shayne Turner, Emily Whitworth, Natalie Allen, and Madison Moss.

Twelve of our youth, along with four adults, went on a week long mission trip with Carolina Cross Connection. In addition to being the hands and feet of Jesus to the residents of mountain counties of North Carolina, the youth grew in their own relationships with the Lord. Spending time in God's word each morning helped them start their day in the right direction. Finishing off each day with a worship service, helped them to draw closer to the Lord and to each other.



This summer, Tuesdays are the youth's days for activities. They have gone hiking at South Mountain, enjoying God's beautiful creation and spending time with each other. They have also spent a day at Lincoln Christian Ministries sorting food bank items and stocking shelves.

The youth will be picking vegetables at the community garden on MONDAY, July 10. We will meet at the garden at 6:30 am. After picking we will distribute fresh veggies to residents in need, offering them a word of prayer and encouragement. Anyone is welcome to join us.



On July 20-23, the Youth will be hiking a portion of the Appalachian Trail to raise money for a mission initiative started by David Crane. The money raised will go to buy Bibles in the language of the Sudanese refugees and solar powered mp3 players loaded with God's Word. These people have been forced from their homes, to live in meager accommodations. They just want to go home. They are hungry for the Word of God, and we want to help fill this need. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a youth as they hike on the Appalachian Trail.



We have a lot of activities planned for the children this summer. Marvelous Mondays is under way. Our first activity was a movie/splash day at the church. The children watched a Christ centered cartoon and played in the water and sun.



We took a trip to the Lazy 5 Ranch where we got to pet and hand feed many types of animals. As we traveled on our wagon ride through the pasture, we saw giraffes, many kinds of deer, goats, pigs and cows. The kids had a ball as they watched the ostriches and played on the play ground. We learned how God takes care of the tiny sparrow and the flowers of the fields, and that we do not need to worry because he will take care of us. We wrapped up our trip with a stop at the ice cream shop.



Our next Monday adventure will be creek stomping at Julian Price Park in Boone, on July 17. Everyone should either wear their swimsuits and water shoes (shoes that can get wet) or bring them along with a change of dry clothes and shoes, and a towel. Children should arrive at the church by 8:15. We will provide lunch and maybe even stop at the doughnut shop on the way home. All children ages three through 5th grade are welcome to attend. Every child must have a blue Medical Authorization Sheet filled out by a parent or guardian.



July Birthdays

1	Brian Emerson
2	Sheri Sneed
3	Ronnie Anthony
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	Sandra Howard
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
21	Margaret Smith
22	Lydia Bradley
22	Kathy Kiser
23	Keith DeVenny
25	Kennedy Dellinger
27	Kelvin Brittain
27	Kristi Buff
27	Nell Griggs
28	Amanda Sorenson
29	Michael Baity
29	Chris Owens
31	Shayne Turner



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



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

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE
FAMILY OF MICHAEL BEAM**

Michael Beam (Bell Tower fund)

In Loving Memory in the Month of their Birthdays:

KENNETH B. BEAM

A. BLAKE BEAM

Cathey Beam Casalini

Kenni B. Beam

BETTY BARRETT

Bill & Chris Sneed

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Rhyne White

J. L. BEAM

Jim, Becky, Lindsay & Paige (Youth fund)

CASEY BLACKWELDER

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown

NED DELLINGER

Ben & Libby Ballard

Steve & Lynn Bowen

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown

Nancy Catena

Ronnie & Jill Puett

C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thornburg

Mr. & Mrs. Vee Thornburg

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Webb

SANDRA GARCIA

Bill & Chris Sneed

J. D. GASTON

Ben & Libby Ballard

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown

Nancy Catena

Joe & Sandy Dismukes

Florene Styles Sunday School Class

C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thornburg

JOHN W. HEAFNER

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thornburg

FRANCES HEAVNER

Jack & Judy Bingham

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thornburg

MOBY HOMESLEY

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thornburg

TOMMY HOUSER

Jack & Judy Bingham

EVON MCKINNEY

Jack & Judy Bingham

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thornburg

JIM MCQUAIGE

Bill & Chris Sneed

JACK NOLEN

Sue Nolen (Bell Tower fund)

ANGELITA PAYSEUR

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Rhyne White

CAROL PORTER

Jack & Judy Bingham

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown

Keith & Kathy Kiser

MISTY LANKFORD SEWARD

Bill & Chris Sneed

DARRIL SIGMON

Jack & Judy Bingham

MARY SPAKE

Gail Jenkins & Family

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IN HONOR

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

ALLIE BEAM

Sandra Carpenter
Sylvia Norton

MICHAEL BEAM FAMILY

Michael Beam (Bell Tower fund)

NICK BROWN

E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam (Backpack Ministry)

MR. & MRS. GARRETT COLLINS

Bob & Caryl Austell

DUSTIN MAUNEY (Birthday)

Chad & Michelle Bingham

ELOISE MAUNEY (Birthday)

Chad & Michelle Bingham

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Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Ruth Gaston and family following the death of her husband, J.D., on June 22.

PRAYER LIST (Members)

Joanne Carpenter, Deborah DeVenny, Cheryl Dobson, Buzz Eaker, Mary Sue Faires, Steve Falls, Ruth Gaston, Nora Heavner, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Pat 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, Larry Davis, Melissa Gantt, Kenneth Hester, Ben Johnson, Katlyn Kale, Morgan Drum Morrow, Greyson Stephens 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	\$167,593.28
Needs To Date.	\$179,067.98
Under.	\$11,474.70

ATTENDANCE – JUNE 25

Sunday School.	85
Worship.	160



Margaret Smith
Carolina Care Center
111 Harrilson Rd.
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, July 2

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
12:05pm - depart for Flatrock

Wednesday, July 5

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, July 9

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
4:00pm - VBS Kickoff Celebration

Monday, July 10

6:30am - Youth to work Community Garden
6:00pm - VBS

Tuesday, July 11

6:00pm - VBS

Wednesday, July 12

6:00pm - VBS

Thursday, July 13

6:00pm - VBS

Sunday, July 16

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

Monday, July 17

8:15am - UMK's creek stomping

Tuesday, July 18

9:00am - Youth

Wednesday, July 19

6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday-Sunday, July 20 - 23

Youth Appalachian Trail Fund raiser

Sunday, July 23

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

Monday, July 24

9:00am - UMK's to Pin Station

Tuesday, July 25

9:00am - Youth

Saturday, July 29

7:00am - Community-wide breakfast buffet

Sunday, July 30

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

Monday, July 31

9:00am - UMK's

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

Monday, August 7

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