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October Reflection

Jeremiah 32:6-7 "Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'"

Y'all I have to tell you I am excited for fall. I love the beginnings of fall, the leaves changing, the crisp weather, apple cider, and even occasionally having to put on a light jacket. It is a wonderful season, but I will say I never really allow myself to enjoy it not as much as I should at least. Because I know as soon as the air starts to get a little nippy, winter is on its way.

Winter I must admit is my least favorite season. It is a slow season of life. Don't get me wrong we get it started off with a bang, we are awfully busy with advent, but after the trees and the bright lights of Christmas have come down it seems often we are left in a bit of a lull. I do not like the lull, kids can't run outside so, so they run inside driving the parents crazy, it gets dark at 5, it's just not ideal. It is a slow season, and I know I will find myself longing for the hot and busy days of summer.

Well in Scripture, these down times often set the stage for God sized visions. That is what is happening in this Jeremiah passage. It is a down time in the life of Israel, the Babylonian invasion is about to begin, both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel are crumbling. Jeremiah has preached that this was going to happen, but no one would listen to him.

So it is in the sinking depression that grips the nation that God calls on Jeremiah to do something strange. God calls on Jeremiah to buy up some real estate. Now I do not know how the impending invasion of a hostile nation affects real estate prices, but I imagine no one is buying at that time. Not only does Jeremiah buy the field, but he pays well above what that field would have gone for. In the middle of a war zone, God calls on Jeremiah to buy a field, as a sign that God is going to deliver Israel. The purchase of this field would have seemed ludicrous to everyone around Jeremiah, but he knew it was a vision God had given him, and he was confident in the promise of God.

Now God hasn't stopped giving vision and guidance to his people over the past three thousand years, but there are times when we get too busy, too wrapped up in other things to really take stock of where it is that God is leading us. First United Methodist Church in Andrews North Carolina found themselves in quite a dilemma a few years ago.

If you don't know about Andrews it is a very small mountain community. It is the kind of place that you don't go to on accident. There are no major business in or around Andrews, and each year the population shrinks a little bit. The church like the town around it was shrinking, they were growing older and smaller each year. So they decided they needed to take some time to vision, to figure out where it was that God was leading them.

During their visioning process one of the older members of the church said, "Each day there is a group of young boys who play basketball at the park across from my house, but when it rains there is no where for

them to go. What if we built an indoor gymnasium?" The idea seemed ludicrous to just about everyone at the meeting. Why would a church with an average age of 78 build a brand spanking new gym?

Well they prayed about it, and prayed about it, and the strangest thing happened, the more they prayed the more they felt led to build a family life center. To the town it seemed absurd, that a church would spend the kind of money they were on something that it didn't really seem would benefit the church one bit. But after ten years would you believe it? that church has radically changed. The church now has over twenty families, their worshiping attendance has grown, their impact in their community has grown, and where most churches in our conference have grown older, Andrews UMC has actually grown younger with an average age of 50 now.

It took a God sized vision and a willingness to step out in faith, but if God gives us the vision we know God is going to see it through. As we approach what will be somewhat of a calmer season in the life of our church, I want you to do something for me. I want you to pray for where God is leading us. Pray that God will give us a vision for how we can grow in our relationship to God and in our relationship to our neighbors. For I will say it again, God still gives the vision just like he did to Jeremiah. The question is are we going to be willing to embrace it? With your prayers and with the grace of God I know we will. Have a blessed month.

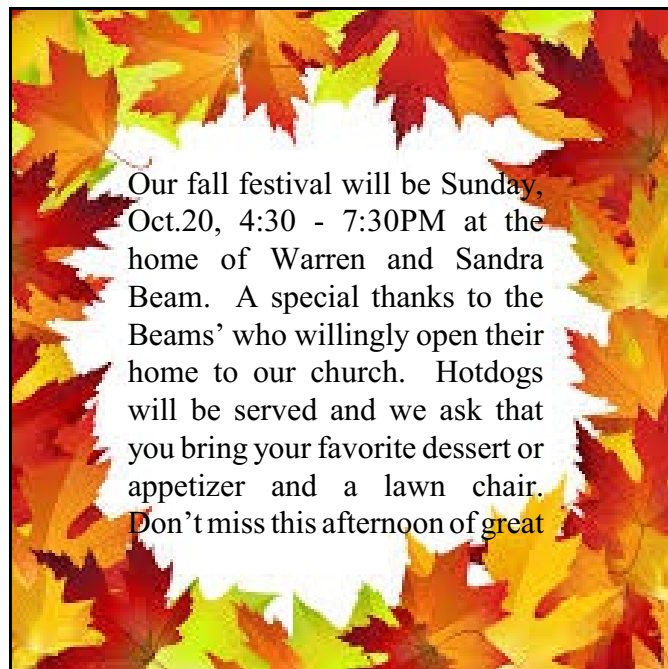
Pastor Zack



Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on Sunday, October 27 beginning at 5:30pm. Please join us by decorating your trunk and passing out candy to our children. We will have games for the children and hot dogs for the entire family. Come join in the fun with your church family as an outreach to our community.



Our UMK's meet weekly on Wednesday evenings at the church beginning at 5:30 for a meal followed by our weekly program of songs and lessons. Also, there is a schedule of special events on our website under the UMK tab at firstmethodistcherryville.com.



Our fall festival will be Sunday, Oct.20, 4:30 - 7:30PM 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

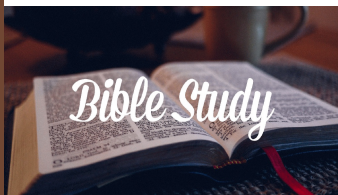
YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

At 7:00am on Thursday mornings the youth will meet for their weekly **Prayer Breakfast** at 7:00am at Homefolks Café. All youth are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Following prayer breakfast, the adults will meet in the Church Parlor and have prayer time for our youth and the youth in the community.

Attention all parents with children who are in grades

4 - 6, we will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00pm - 6:00pm with a meal, fellowship and a lesson.

4th-6th



Pastor Zack is leading a Wednesday evening Bible Study at 6:30pm on the *Gospel of Mark* in the June Medlin classroom. A fellowship meal will be served at 6:00pm prior to the Bible Study.



The Prayer Warriors meet bi-weekly at 5:30 in the church Parlor. October meetings will be held on Oct. 3,

Oct. 17, and Oct. 31. Contact Randy Baxter for more details.



**Sunday, October 20, 2019
at 12:15pm**

**This meeting is open to all
church members.**



After the first full month of school most of the adjustment problems have been resolved. Our 61 children are having fun while learning!

We are fortunate to have an excellent staff this year - with three teachers in each of our three classes. Working with the two year class are Kim Stout, Melody Bridges and Sandy Nytko. For the three year class we have Haley Craft, Jaclyn Sours and Lisa McBride. The four year class has Carol Cornwell, Trinity Smith and Emily Webb.

The children are enjoying chapel on Wednesdays; they can't wait to see what Pastor Zack is going to do next! We are so thankful to have him leading our children in his very special way.

It is such a blessing to hear the singing and the laughter; to see the smiles; and to receive so many hugs from these precious little ones!

We appreciate your support and prayers for our preschool program.

Ms. Millie



If you would like to be an **Usher** for Worship during the 11:00am service, please contact Steve Beam.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, SEPT. 22, 2019

Previous Total \$226,496.66
Total To Date \$251,080.66
Needs to Date \$271,053.02
Under. \$19,972.36

ATTENDANCE, SEPT. 22

Sunday School. 70
Early Worship 42
Worship. 97
TOTAL 139

PRAYER LIST (Members)

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

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Joie Arthus, Mike Avery family, E. L. Beam, Family of Maurice Jim Beam, Logan Beck, Grebb Biebault, Mike Dellinger, Dan Jonas, Danny Jonas, Cornelia Moss, Jeff Schrum, Marc Sigmon, and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

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

Church Member, *Stationed in the Middle East

OCTOBER NURSERY WORKERS

| | <u>8:45am</u> | <u>11:00am</u> |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Oct. 6 | Jessica Thornburg | Melanie Thornburg |
| Oct. 13 | Holly Thornburg | Melanie Thornburg |
| Oct. 20 | Kelly Brown | Teci Webb |
| Oct. 27 | Julie Wyatt | Susan Fraley |

OCTOBER USHERS

Steve Beam, Jody Fowler, Vee Thornburg
Ben Blackburn, Clay Thornburg.

IN HONOR

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

BRUCE BARRETT

Bill & Chris Sneed

E. L. & GAIL BEAM

Sandra Carpenter

REV. ZACK CHRISTY & FAMILY

Bill & Chris Sneed

ANNE DELLINGER

Sandra Carpenter

MIKE DELLINGER

Bill & Chris Sneed

VERA EAKER

Nancy Catena

LARRY GUNNELL & FAMILY

Bill & Chris Sneed

RITA LORREY

Sandra Carpenter

KARLEEN PRICE

Sandra Carpenter

BEULAH REYNOLDS

Sandra Carpenter

BOBBY & CAROL ROBERTS

Sandra Carpenter

MARY ETTA STEPHENSON

Mr. & Mrs. Vee Thornburg

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

DR. BILL ALLEN

Jack & Judy Bingham

CARL AVERY

T. L. & Miney Saine

W. CONE CARPENTER, JR.

Bob & Caryl Austell
Ben & Libby Ballard
Bruce & Chris Barrett
Steve & Susan Beam
Sandra Carpenter
Deanna Daggerhart (Bell Fund)
Vera Eaker
Debbie Gantt
Larry & Juanita Gunnell
Eloise Mauney
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Pat McGinnis
T. L. & Miney Saine
Jack & Mary Etta Stephenson
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg
Mr. & Mrs. Vee Thornburg
Wayne & Belinda Watts
Danny & Teci Webb
Margaret Webb

JOAN CHRISTY

Bob & Caryl Austell
Jack & Judy Bingham
Jack & Mary Etta Stephenson
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg
Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

HELEN EATON

Jim Eaton

STEVE FALLS

Jack & Judy Bingham (Bell Fund)

SCOTT "HAMBONE" HAMM

Bruce & Chris Barrett

BOB HARRELSON

E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam
Jack & Judy Bingham
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

BENJIE HOMESLEY

Jack & Judy Bingham
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

CARLOS MOTHS

Larry & Juanita Gunnell

BILL NAIL

Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

PEGGY PARKER

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
Gail V. Jenkins

C. V. THORNBURG


Archie Mitchell
Anita Stroupe

ALICE KILBY WACASTER

Jack & Judy Bingham

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 Our Christian Sympathy is extended to **Kevin Moths** and family following the death of his father, **Carlos Moths**, on September 13; and to the family of **W. Cone Carpenter, Jr.** following his death on September 18.



Thanks, FUMC for all the cards and kind words during the recent passing of my sister. I truly appreciate it.

Doyle Leonhardt

October Birthdays

1 Eddie Eaker
1 Tim Pruitt
2 Stan Allen
2 Sara Gardo
3 Baylor Gunnell
4 Patience Foster
4 Kevin Moths
4 Lory Paputseanos
5 Bo Baity
5 Brent Gardo
6 Betty Smith
7 Sarah Fowler
7 Ben Huffstetler
9 Emily Kirby
10 Marley Hudson
10 Shawn McQuaige
11 Will Skibo
12 Holly Bell
12 George Conner
12 Ron Hovis
13 Tracy Gardo
14 Chesley Walls
15 Donnie Bell
15 Garrett Collins
15 Ryan Davis
15 Curtis Harrelson
16 Mike Burgess
16 Bob Kirby
17 Bobbi Ballard
17 Taylor Costner
18 Tom Dellinger
19 Ava Thornburg
20 Gene Hubbard
20 Melinda Yount
21 Ray McSwain
23 Archie Mitchell
23 Kirk Thornburg
24 Bob Faires
24 Dave Owens
25 Erika King
27 Amy Dellinger
29 David Carpenter
30 Pat Eaker
30 Juanita Gunnell
30 Brody Thornburg
31 Jill Puett



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You can now “like us” on our new **Facebook** page (First United Methodist Church Cherryville). If you would like to follow us on Facebook, Pastor Zack will be posting updates weekly.

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



Peggy Gardo
Carolina Care
111 Harrilson Rd.
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, September 29

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - 4th - 6th grades meet
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, September 30

7:00pm - Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, October 2

12:00pm - Young At Heart (meet at church)
5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 3

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in Parlor
5:30pm - Prayer Warriors meeting

Sunday, October 6

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth with Pastor Zack

Monday, October 7

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle
6:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle
6:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle

Wednesday, October 9

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 10

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in Parlor

Sunday, October 13

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - 4th - 6th grades meet
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, October 16

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 17

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in Parlor
5:30pm - Prayer Warriors meeting

Sunday, October 20

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship

12:15pm - Charge Conference

4:30 - 7:30pm - Fall Festival at the home of Warren & Sandra Beam

Wednesday, October 23

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 24

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in Parlor

Sunday, October 27

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship

5:30pm - Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 30

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Fellowship Meal
6:30pm - Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 31

7:00am - Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in Parlor
5:30pm - Prayer Warriors meeting