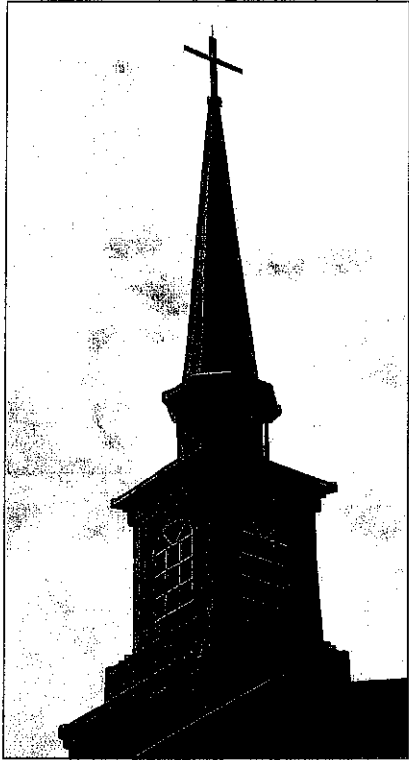




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## RICH'S RITINGS

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In the opening of Charles Dickens book, "A Tale of Two Cities", there is a famous and often quoted line, "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times". Those words certainly sum up the events in our church in the month of July. The death of Derrick Williamson on July 5<sup>th</sup> and Roger Cox on July 17<sup>th</sup> deeply impacted our community and church. Both men were young (55 years of age), well known in the church and community, and loved by many. Their deaths were certainly a difficult time for all of us. But what followed became the "best" part. In the days that followed each of these deaths the outpouring of love and support was amazing. The church prayed, prepared meals, visited, and sought anyway they could to wrap their arms around each family. As we gathered as a community of faith we lifted our hearts and eyes beyond the shadow of death to remember and claim Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die yet shall they live". (John 11:25) We remember God's grace and that "nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39b) We stood on our faith believing that out of our sadness God will bring something good. That peace will not just be a word but a reality, that God's love will strengthen us, and the Holy Spirit will comfort and guide us. Derrick and Roger have called us to remember who we are, we are Christians. To remember what we believe – that death does not have the final word!!! And to remember that in the end love is all that matters, God's love for us and our love of Him. Jesus told us that when he said we are only required to do two things. To love God with all our heart and our neighbors as ourselves. When we do that even the worst of times can be turned into the best of times. Amen? Amen.

Agape,

Rev. Rich

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# AUGUST

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Evans, Jane	13	Engle, Cliff		
2	Deans, Scott	14	Groff, Shirley	4	Compton, Keith & Cherie 48
2	McCullough, Mackenzie	14	Nelson, Mary Britt	6	Howard, Jimmy & Lottie 67
3	Bergere, Mary	15	Ward, Wes	6	Norfleet, Dereck & Katherine 22
3	Johnson, Tiffany	16	Miller, Jean	6	Varnam, Howard & Barbara 44
3	Pringle, Charlotte	17	Berry, Mary Ellen	8	Groff, Hollen & Shirley 64
4	Williamson, Frank	17	Hurst, Odell	8	Parker, William & Pat 9
6	Donoghue, Jack	17	McCullough, Hugh	8	Williamson, Bobby & Donna 40
7	Dull, Dean	17	Steve, Jake	9	Johnson, Greg & Monnie 30
7	Galloway, Kim	17	Yoder, Madison	11	Lewis, Alan & Tammie 37
7	Pennington, Bob	19	Dycus, Keith	19	Jones, John & Carolyn 60
8	Adams, Angela	20	Erickson, Dick	21	Bland, Harold & Gloria 48
9	Williamson, Kate	21	Pigott, Doris	21	Vaughan, Rev. Rich & Debbie 45
10	Burrows, Doug	22	Carson, Paul	24	Frazier, Cam & Chris 42
10	Elsaesser, Oscar	22	Johnson, Kaitlyn	26	Spencer, Matt & Kim 16
10	Inions, Alan	22	Wheatley, Hunter	29	Winship, Bob & Laura 46
11	Isenhour, Chris	23	Parker, Albert	30	Engle, Cliff & Cyndi 30
11	Isenhour, Hannah	25	Munns-Crecelius, Tamy	30	McLamb, W.J. & Sibyl 64
12	Steve, Matthew	25	Tusai, Mike	31	Fillman, Keith & Kim 20
		29	Eagle, Don	31	Milligan, Cray & Wendy 42

## Summary of Financial Results

### YEAR-TO-DATE through June 2016

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Contributions</u>	\$294,485	\$290,000	\$ 4,485
<u>Expense</u>	\$291,440	\$290,000	\$(1,440)
<u>Gain (Loss)</u>	\$ 3,045	0	\$ 3,045

It's hard to believe but we are officially in the last half of 2016. Thank you for your continued support of CUMC and its ministries. While we are still in a positive cash flow position, our "gain" is rapidly disappearing. In order to present a balanced budget for 2016, as required by our mortgage holder, only one half of our apportionments were included. At the end of the year will need a gain of \$34,133 in order to fully satisfy our apportionments. Apportionments are the church "tithes" to the United Methodist Conference. Please prayerfully consider this when making your contributions.



# M *usic Notes*

## **WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!**

We are so excited to welcome FOUR new choir members who have joined us this summer: Debbie Donoghue, Doris Pigott, Laura Winship and Bill Oliver-- We thank God for bringing you to sing with our Adult Choir, and we thank you for giving your time and talent to lead others in worship! GIVE AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE! SO SIMPLE—BUT SO TRUE!

MANY THANKS to the members of our Adult Choir for singing an anthem each Sunday during our summer schedule. We are SO BLESSED to have so many talented and dedicated choristers at Camp UMC! What a blessing you are to our Camp congregation and to our visitors! While so many churches in our nation are not able to have a summer choir, our Camp Choir has done a tremendous job! And to each of you in the choir who gives your time and talent to God, we are most grateful! GIVE AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE!

## **JOIN CHOIR AND GIVE YOUR TALENTS TO GOD!**

PLEASE pray and think about JOINING our music team this summer or fall. We need YOU to come and see what a fun time that we have in choir, AND we know that you will enjoy the fellowship of this great group! Don't YOU need to start doing something new this fall? YOU will benefit from belonging to one of our choirs in so many ways: you will learn new musical skills and sharpen older ones; you will discover TALENTS that you haven't used in a while; you will even laugh a little; and most importantly, you will SERVE GOD and His church through the media of music. HOW CAN YOU SAY NO TO THIS PLAN?!!

## **ADULT CHOIR ANTHEMS FOR AUGUST 2016**

August 7	Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God	Carl F. Mueller
August 14	It Is Well with My Soul	Arr. John Ness Beck
August 21	Assurance	Arr. John Ness Beck
August 28	What a Morning	Arr. Robert L. Lau

*THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF CHURCH GOERS: Christians and Churchians---  
WHICH ONE ARE YOU? (From an Episcopal Priest)*

## **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

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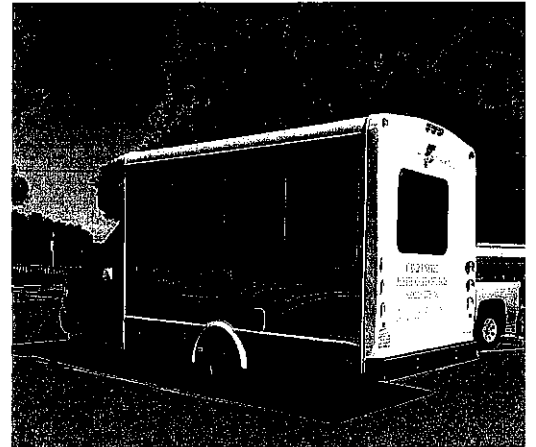




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Thank you to all who helped get the church a van. It was so nice to be able to all ride together.



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8 of our youth made the trek to Lake J this summer. We carried school supplies to pack shoe boxes for Project Agape. WE helped to pack 150 boxes.





Bus Lettering.....\$700+tax

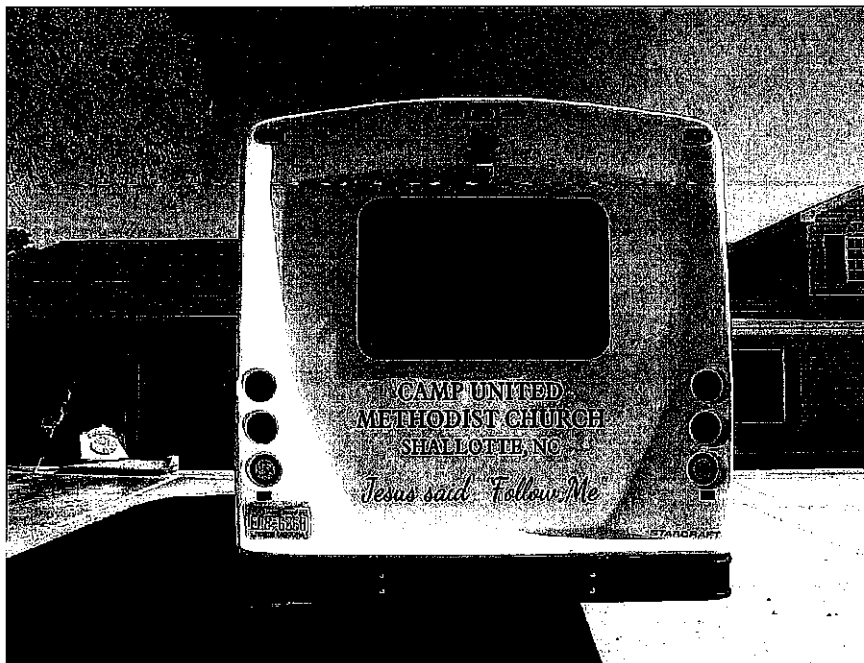
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**Our new bus/van...it now has our logo on the front, Camp United Methodist Church on the sides and best of all..."Jesus said Follow Me" on the back. The Trustees want to thank Vergie Poulos for suggesting these wonderful words.**



### MOPS VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to all the church women who have already signed up to assist with Mops childcare. We have nine women thus far and would like to have a pool of 12 to 15 volunteers.

When you sign up that does not mean that you are committed to every date..We need women who are willing to fill in if emergencies arise. We need women who want to assist with crafts.

We need women who love to work with nursery children. Lift up in your prayers this opportunity to serve God while nurturing those He loves so much....the children. It will be a blessing beyond what you envision. Phone or text Mary Jo Craft at 540-797-1098 or Martha Worsley at 919-819-7018. Mops meets on 1st and 3rd Thursdays, September thru May from 9-11am.



I almost did not do this internship. I wanted to take a summer off, because I felt like I had earned it. Having graduated from UNCW in 3 and a half years and then immediately working full time as an Admissions Counselor, I never really got any down time. I was finally talked into applying to this Pre-Enrollment Field Education Program that Duke Divinity offers to their incoming students. Out of the 130 first-year students who will be in my cohort, I was one of 14 who was chosen to take part in this program. A couple weeks later Duke placed me at Camp UMC in Shallotte, North Carolina. I did my research and came down to visit and meet the staff; however, I

had my reservations. This church has a beautiful sanctuary, but it is on a small patch of land, in a small town, that I have passed many a time when driving down 17. I reluctantly made my way down Memorial Day Weekend to begin my internship. From the moment I stepped into worship on that first Sunday morning, I noticed that this church had "something." I do not know exactly what to call it but this church was different from anything I have ever seen before. Y'all have a drive for life that is unprecedented. The way you jump into projects and mission work in this community is infectious. You worship better than most churches I have been in. You all have let me teach you and learn from you. Through the visits I have made, the conversations that I have had and the food that I have eaten I will keep this place and the people of Camp in my heart forever. You all have taught me that God uses even the most reluctant of hearts to help build His kingdom. Thank you for letting me be a part of your lives this summer. I look forward to preaching one more time for y'all on August 7<sup>th</sup>, where we will discuss a topic that needs to be talked about "in such a time as this."

--- Lucas B. Nelson, Duke Intern

### CAMP UMC needs volunteers for Brunswick Co Detention Center ministry

*Matt: 25-36 !.. I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

Visiting and sharing the good news with inmates at the Brunswick Co Detention facility is so rewarding. Will you prayerfully consider joining in this ministry? It is an unique ministry which encourages and uplifts those who are in need of prayer, support and encouragement.

You can also donate devotional material and Bibles (must be paperback), leave them in the Narthex basket. For more information contact Kristen Hooks (910-209-5858), or Cheryl Mills

## Cookbook Update

Step one is complete. Our goal was to gather 700 recipes and thanks to your overwhelming response we have 876! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

Step two is underway. We are searching for individuals and/or families who would like to help sponsor the printing of our cookbook. If you are interested and would like more information, please let us know. Thommi's email is [lightbulb\\_34@yahoo.com](mailto:lightbulb_34@yahoo.com) and Eileen's is [themarkums@gmail.com](mailto:themarkums@gmail.com).

Our third step is pre-orders. We will be set up in the narthex after services for the next few weeks. Checks should be made payable to Camp UMC and on the memo line please enter "cookbook".

Watch this space for more information about our upcoming cookbook tasting party. Again, thank you for your continued support.

**PANTRY UPDATE:** The "most wanted" items for our next Food Pantry date are spaghetti noodles (use 155 pounds each week) and Mac 'n Cheese (use 176 boxes each week). You may leave these items on any Sunday in the narthex. Thank you!

Do you ever shop on Amazon? Your purchases can result in a donation to the Pantry. Just go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and enter your account number. Then enter South Brunswick Interchurch Council in the Search Box. When that option comes up, hit the Select Button. It is that that easy, and will not cost you anything but a little of your time!!



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