



The Circuit Rider

April 2020

You are cordially invited to join us in all of our events and activities each and every week. Activities are open to all, not just members. Come on in, be with us, there's God's work to be done with your help.



Cadence of a Deep Call: a Call to Rise Above the Fear of Coronavirus

I thought I'd share what a friend of mine emailed me:

- 2000:** Y2K is going to destroy Everything.
- 2001:** Anthrax is going to kill us all
- 2003:** SARS is going to kill us all.
- 2005:** Bird Flu is going to kill us all.
- 2006:** E.coli bacteria is going to kill us all.
- 2008:** Financial Collapse is going to kill us all.
- 2009:** Swine Flu is going to kill us all.
- 2014:** Ebola Virus is going to kill us all.
- 2016:** Zika Virus is going to kill us all.
- 2020:** Coronavirus is going to kill us all?

Throughout the history of human beings, many things have frozen our lives. Now many people are fearful of the Coronavirus. However, the truth is that what is worse than the Coronavirus is our own fear, or fear itself. When we are terrified with fear we react. Then, we make wrong decisions. The consequences of our wrong decisions can be devastating to all of us.

God has spoken to his people: "Don't be afraid." This command, "Don't be afraid." appears almost 360 times in the Bible. Jesus says to his disciples who were fearful at the waves in the Sea of Galilee, "Don't be afraid." After the resurrection Jesus said to his disciples whose house was locked down for fear of the Jewish leaders, "Peace be with you."

Easter is the season to reclaim the resurrection power! Jesus speaks to everyone: Don't be afraid. Rise above the fear of the Coronavirus.

In His Name, Preacher Won



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Sunday Services

8:30 AM Praise & Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Camp United Methodist Church is a community of faith whose mission is to seek and to serve God by praying, preaching and teaching the Gospel, making disciples and serving others.

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Pastor Alex on Prayer Article #2

A.C.T.S. is a model of prayer that was taught to me at a young age, and it is one that I keep in the back of my mind when I pray. As I said in my previous article, I do not want prayer to become formulaic so this is simply an option to consider. The **ACTS** model of prayer is not the only way to pray, nor is it the "right" way to pray, but it can be a helpful tool. **Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving,** and **Supplication** make up this acronym. We **adore** God for who God is as we are in awe of His love for us. We **confess** that we are sinners before God who receive His forgiveness constantly, thanks be to God. Remember the words of Confession & Pardon each time we have a communion Sunday "...we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart...forgive us, we pray..." We **give thanks** to God because God has first loved us. A pastor once asked me, "what if tomorrow, you only had the things you were thankful for today?" – we have so much to be thankful for when we frame it like that. Lastly, **supplication** (asking for something) before God. There is nothing wrong with supplication, in fact, God wants us to ask for things in His name (*cf. Philippians 4:6-7*). However, supplication is not the primary purpose of prayer. God is much more than a cosmic Santa Claus who gives us what is on our list. Perhaps our supplications might even change once we have taken the journey through adoration, confession, and thanksgiving first.

What is Palm Sunday?



The name comes from a story in the Bible in which Jesus triumphantly entered the city of Jerusalem. Prior to this event, Jesus and his friends roamed the countryside teaching and performing miracles, gaining much of recognition. The people of Jerusalem were very excited that Jesus was coming to their city to celebrate Passover. In their excitement, the people waved palm branches and threw their cloaks before Jesus on the road.

We still commemorate Palm Sunday. It starts a week of remembrance for Christians, often referred to as Holy Week. The week ends with the celebration of Easter. Throughout this week we mark the different events that led to Jesus' Resurrection and Easter. Palm Sunday has a festive atmosphere. In some churches children wave palm branches and parade around

the sanctuary shouting "Hosanna!" The paradox is that we celebrate knowing full well what came next in the story. After Jesus' triumphal entry: He was rejected, betrayed and crucified.

The events of Holy Week remind us that the week turns from celebration on Palm Sunday to rejection and death the following Friday. The story ends with the Resurrection, which we'll celebrate on Easter Sunday.

from "What is Palm Sunday by Rev. Ryan Dunn



A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Teller Committee is looking for members. We are trying to keep at least six (6) teams in rotation. If you like counting money, adding numbers, filling out data tables and deposit slips contact Doug Hunter **(217)855-7966**.



MUSIC NOTES



Stay well, stay safe and stay at home! These are the words that we are hearing constantly on the news, so let's abide by them! We all need to be extra cautious in dealing with this deadly coronavirus. We have missed not seeing Camp's choir members and bell ringers - in fact, we think that Sunday, March 15th, was probably the first Sunday since we arrived at Camp UMC in 2011, that the Adult Choir has not sung an anthem on Sunday morning! John 10:10 says that Satan comes to kill, steal, and destroy, but Jesus has come to give us life to the full. Evil corrupts, but God saves. That's our basis for HOPE! Keep praying and trying to help those that might need our help.



Wes with Sandy Eithun

Wes was invited to attend a handbell workshop at Lutheridge by his college friend, David Hines, who is director of music at The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Gastonia, N. C. What a great conference the Lutherans had! Sandy Eithun and Tammy Waldrop were the clinicians for the event, and both of these ladies were excellent teachers and leaders. The Gastonia Bell Choir and ten other bell choirs rang under the direction of Sandy Eithun. Sandy was one of the best handbell clinicians that any event could have had! Her complete music packet was full of anthems that all bell choirs will want to use! We hope that our Camp Bell Choir will be able to attend this event next year!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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NEWS FROM THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that we have hired Allison Hunter as the Director of Children's Ministries. Allison will be working with the children from birth to the fifth grade. She will work with Camp Kids on Wednesday night as well as children's church, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

We have also hired Kelly Littlejohn as the Director of Youth Ministries. Kelly and her husband Kevin have been working with the youth since October. Kelly will coordinate events for our youth (6-12 grades) including Wednesday night and Sunday activities, as well as overnight camps and activities.



Hey everyone! My name is Allison Hunter, and I am excited to serve as CAMP's Director of Children's Ministry. I graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor's degree in Special Education. Go Bulldogs! I have been in the education field for the past 4 years as a special education teacher at Union Elementary School. I have taught kindergarten thru fifth grade, and am excited to use this knowledge to work with our Young Disciples.

I have been an active member of Camp United Methodist Church for the past 6 years. I am a prayer partner for two teachers in Brunswick County Schools. Along with Tamy Munns, I created and organized the Children's Church Ministry on Sunday mornings. I continue to serve in this ministry once a month. In the past, I have volunteered with

Camp Kids on Wednesday nights, leading both the K-2 and 3-5 groups.

I look forward to serving God's church in my new role. My ministry will include the nursery, CAMP Kids, Children's Sunday School, and Children's Church. I encourage you to listen to God's will and purpose for your life, because you never know what will be on the other side of the door that he opens for you.

Jeremiah 29:11



My name is Kelly Littlejohn, and I am excited to continue serving the Youth but as Camp's Youth Director. My husband Kevin and I have been at Camp for almost a year now. We came on board to help Pastor Sheena with the youth in the fall and have been working with them since.

I grew up in Gloucester, Massachusetts. I moved to Orlando, FL with my family and finished high school and attended college there. I went on to work in banking and that is where I met Kevin. After we were married in 1987, we were relocated to Georgia and for most of our married life we have been repeatedly relocated. We have three daughters and one granddaughter.

In 1991 while in Chapel Hill we decided to start working with the Youth Group at Orange UMC and to be honest we have never stopped! In addition, we have taught Sunday school for children, started several programs while in High Point at Covenant Church UM, and led confirmation classes at First UMC in Springfield, IL.

We moved to this area 5 years ago and purchased The UPS Store in Shallotte. In June we opened a 2nd store in Ocean Isle Beach. I came out of "retirement" to work full time at the stores until a year ago. We moved my parents here to be close by due to my mom's dementia. I now chauffeur them to doctors' appointments and more.

It doesn't seem to matter that I am now 57, God still gives me a love and passion to spend time with the youth. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve Camp in this way!

YOUTH MINISTRY

In March we were blessed to have Glenn Humbert and Calvin Chandler lead the youth in a mission project. The group assembled bags of hygiene kits for the homeless ministry. It was wonderful to see the youth giving of their time to serve those in need in our community.

I ask that you be in prayer for our youth as the coronavirus has disrupted their lives through their education, socialization, sports participation and, possibly, graduation. Thank you!

- Kelly Littlejohn



CAMP'S CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Our **CAMP Kids** are excited with the time change, so that they can go explore outside! They have been learning about the meaning of Lent and why we celebrate Easter. **CAMP Kids** meet every Wednesday night. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. **Kid Singers** start promptly at 5:30 PM in the Toddler Room. **CAMP Kids** have a devotional time from 6:00-7:00 PM. Please join us!

Children's Church has been exploring a new curriculum during this Lent season. We are averaging at least 10 young disciples each Sunday! Come join in on the fun at either or both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services. A snack is provided, along with music, and a devotion. Thank you to all of our volunteers who support this ministry!

The **Nursery** is growing! We are beyond grateful to have 3 paid staff that work in the Nursery at both services on Sundays and during Wednesday night activities.

Thank you to all of our nursery workers and volunteers who support these ministries!

- Allison Hunter



HE'S BACK!

Hello Everyone,

It's March, and honestly, I've been scanning the sky, and all his favorite trees, because it was time for Bravo to return to his summer home. For the past two years he's arrived on the equinox. Today was THE day. I'd been looking extra hard, as if that would make him show up. I'd even been calling him...."Bravo, come on, boy.." like he was a pet! Morning had passed, and it was early afternoon. Walking to the back of the store, I couldn't believe my eyes! There he was....gliding over the backyard, to one of his favorite trees!!!!. He landed in the very tip-top, and I grabbed my camera! I didn't know he had a fish until I downloaded and enlarged the photo! God is good. All the time.

- Bobby Williamson



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Harbor District's UMW Social Action Day was held on March 7th at Lake Waccamaw UMC. The mission activities of several UMW groups were highlighted.

Kenansville UMW has a Senior Ministry Program that is held on the second Wednesday of the month. Any man or woman in the area is welcome to attend. The programs start with a devotion and prayer after which a healthy meal is served followed by an activity such as a craft project or a Bingo game.

Ocean View UMW started a Creation Care Team to make the church more eco-friendly. Things the church is now doing include: using organic cleaning and gardening products, using real plates, glasses, cups and utensils, using cloth tablecloths, using recyclable take-out containers and hot beverage cups. and providing recycling containers for garbage.

Harbor UMW supports 2 organizations in Wilmington that work to help victims of human trafficking: **Safe Place** and **514 Revolution**. Safe Place helped 141 victims last year. 514 Revolution located and rescued a girl who had gone off with an older man. Disturbing statistics on human trafficking were given: it is a \$32,000,000,000 industry; 50% of the victims are under 18; 200,000 American children were taken or sold by their parents last year.

Pine Valley UMW has been involved with Common Thread Ministry since 2009. This ministry began by reaching out to AIDS patients. Pillowcases were made and given to the patients. The ministry has expanded and now provides pillowcases to patients at Lower Cape Fear Hospice.

Camp UMW is involved in a sewing ministry for Days for Girls International. In third world countries, sanitary supplies for menstruation are not available and girls and women must resort to using rags, mattress stuffing, banana leaves, feathers and even cow dung. Sometimes the women sit on cardboard boxes until their cycles are over. Days for Girls provides patterns for volunteers to sew washable panty liners and waterproof shields. The finished liners and shields are put in kits with underpants, soap and educational materials. These supplies allow the women to lead their lives to the fullest.

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

Concerned about the coronavirus and can't find hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes? Here are some recipes for environmentally friendly substitutes. Be safe and be well.

Disinfecting Wipes

2 cups warm water
1 Tbs. liquid soap
1 cup rubbing alcohol (at least 70%,
90% is better)

Mix together. Cut roll of paper towels in half. Place in a container that just fits them. *(Don't leave much space around the paper towels, so the liquid is absorbed.)* Pour liquid over paper towels. Pull out the cardboard tube.

Disinfecting Spray Cleaner

1 1/4 cups water.
1/4 cup white vinegar.
1/4 cup rubbing alcohol
15 drops essential oil (peppermint + lemon
OR lavender + lemon) OPTIONAL

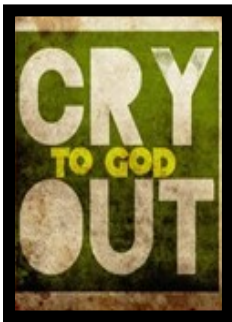
Mix together. Put in glass spray bottle.

WELCOME CENTER

The Communications and Evangelism Committees were excited to present the new Welcome Center to the church. Howard Varnam and Odell Hurst built a beautiful table. Fantasy Kitchens finished the table as a gift to the church. Beth Hunter made the cross. The center will welcome people to Camp UMC. On March 8th, Preacher Won blessed the center at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services.

Over the next couple of months, the Welcome Center will be filled with various brochures that explain what Camp UMC is all about. People will be able to find information about staff members, Sunday School Classes, children and youth ministries, and so much more.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to participate in this ministry. If you are interested in being a light in our church, contact Kim Fillman at: kandkfillman@atmc.net or 910-443-1074



The book Lamentations presents an image of despair: Judah at the beginning of the destruction of Jerusalem. Before Nebuchadnezzar's army took the city and destroyed it, the people had been starved by a siege. (2 Kings 24: 10-11). Even though the turmoil was the result of years of disobedience to God, the writer cried out to God for his people. (Lamentations 2: 11-12)

The author of Psalm 107 also describes a desperate time in the history of Israel, but the focus is on a step that they had to take in difficult times: "Then they cried out to the Lord in their anguish," which had a wonderful result: "delivered them from their afflictions " (v. 6)

Are you desperate? Don't be silent. Cry out to God. He listens and will give you hope.
from St. Luke's UMC's Daily Devotion

Dear Lord,

This strange season has introduced a level of fear we haven't seen since 9/11. Fear of what might come. Fear of touching. Fear of exposure. Fear of what we can't see. We are anxious, Father. And so we come to you. We don't ask you for help; we beg you for it. We don't request; we implore. We know what you can do. We've read the accounts. We've pondered the stories and now we plead, "Do it again, Lord. Do it again." Amen

prayer by Max Lucado

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1 Ryan Hewett	11 Sue Wells	22 Parker Guy Garner
7 Brody Edwards	12 Chris Bryan	22 John Steve
7 Tina Ulatowski	14 Susie Green	23 Jimmy Howard
8 Iris Dull	14 Micah Rupp	24 Joan Henderson
8 Luke Steve	16 Mary Grace Chandler	24 Henry Warner Owens
8 Tracey Hibbard	16 Debbie Kirby	25 Gretchen Lutzy
9 Kollin Fillman	18 Martha Worsley	26 April Owens
10 Cyndi Engle	20 Ginny Harrell	28 Currie Batchelor
10 Maggie Gray Garner	20 Kim Holmes	28 Jay hamer
10 Barbara Votik	21 Peggy Russ	29 Linda Schueller
11 Kim Isenhour	22 Kim Fillman	30 Rod Femrite
11 Sharon Sloane	22 Brandon Garner	



Kevin and Rebecca Smith	1 (41)	Jerry and Debbie Campbell	22
Jim and Dawn Long-Miller	6 (24)	Michael and Adrianna Sidelinger	23 (32)
Dean and Iris Dull	10 (66)	Andy and Bonnie Verzella	23 (15)
Eddy and Karen Jones	12 (23)	Terry and Tammy Hooks	24 (38)
Phillip and Ashley Hooks	13 (18)	Wiley and Susan Ballard	25 (23)
Edward and Diana Jones	19 (39)	Randy and Patricia Pate	25 (44)
John and Peggy Truesdale	19 (45)	Currie and Pam Batchelor	26 (12)
Andrew and Terry Bland	19 (31)	Jack and Lora White	26 (24)
Doug and Karen Barr	20 (46)	Ronald and Karen Austin	29 (42)
Alan and Deanna Inions	20 (32)		



DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL

April 9	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 p.m.	Live Streaming Service
April 10	Good Friday Service	7:00 p.m.	Live Streaming Service
April 12	Easter Service	10:00 a.m.	Live Streaming Service