



The Circuit Rider



May 2023



The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

During the month of May we'll be moving through Luke's memories found in the Book of Acts when the Holy Spirit rested upon the gathered worshippers and celebrated what we've come to know as Pentecost, a day of celebration and excitement that marks the official beginning or birthday of the Christian Church.

Worshippers often wear red to celebrate the day and decorate worship spaces with flames and wind and doves to accentuate the memories told of Pentecost, the day when the Advocate—or the Holy Spirit—came to inspire the followers of Jesus.

In reading ahead the Acts passages, it sounds a bit overwhelming to think that the Holy Spirit came into the midst of the people with the phenomena of rushing winds, tongues of fire resting on people, and everyone speaking in languages other than their own, and yet they can all understand each other.



But from what I gather, the Holy Spirit brought more than confusion. The Spirit of God brought hope and inspiration. The early disciples were filled with passion and excitement to go out into the world to spread the Good News.

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Sunday Services

10:00 AM Praise & Worship
9:00 AM Sunday School

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Have you ever thought about what that must have felt like? To be so full of a love for Jesus that you can't wait to go and share that Good News?

We've been given the awesome responsibility given to the early followers of Jesus – to share the Good News and build the Christian community. Just as. The disciples went out and told of their own experiences, we're called to do the same.

As followers of Jesus, we sometimes forget that the church is about our responsibility to tell the stories of Jesus, share our own stories of faithful witness, and lead others to Jesus by our examples. It's helping others find hope in the midst of chaos, as we follow God's plan.

Do we do it the same way as others? Are our experiences the same? Of course not. But then, on the original Pentecost many languages were spoken, yet everyone understood one another. The love for Jesus was clear despite their differences.

As we prepare to hear the stories from the original Christian community, let's be open to a new season for Camp United Methodist Church as we pray for God's Holy Spirit to lead our ministries and understandings of the Word, and in doing what's best in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Pastor Terry

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

May 4th at 7:00 PM



Camp is hosting a special community worship service for the National Day of Prayer. We will be gathering with the congregations of Embracing Christ Fellowship Church and Concord United Methodist Church for a special time of prayer and sharing of communion. EVERYONE is welcome.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

We would like to thank Beth Hunter for stepping up and taking on the responsibilities of our church treasurer job for the past several months. She has been wonderful to help out during our transition! At her request, this was a temporary situation.

Beginning in May, Camp will be out-sourcing our treasurer job to a local accounting firm, Cade & Associates of Ocean Isle Beach. This will be a cost savings move for the church. Cade & Associates currently handles this role for other local churches as well. Thanks to Hart Merriam for finding this solution for our church. If you have any questions, please contact either of us at the emails below.

Thank you,

Harold Beaty, Finance Chair (hbeaty@pinehallbrick.com.)

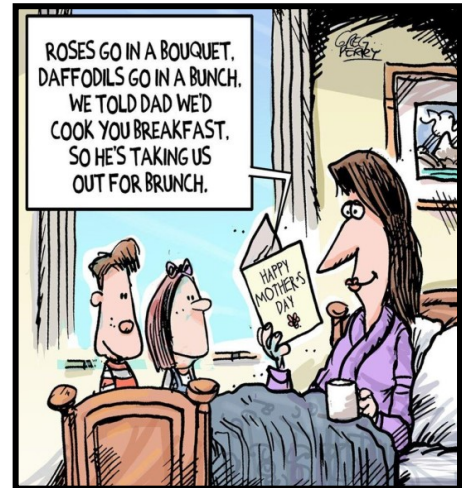
Hart Merriman, SPRC Chair (chartmerriam@gmail.com)

Mothers Day - Monday, May 14th



Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. We pray you give each mom strength. We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. May each mother find rest in you. Amen.



"It's not easy being a mom. If it were easy, fathers would do it." - Betty White

"Bedtime is the leading cause of dehydration in children."

"If at first, you don't succeed, try doing it the way your mom told you to do it from the start."



United Methodist Retirement Homes Communities

Camp UMC will have the opportunity to support The United Methodist Retirement Homes communities by a special offering given on Mother's Day, May 14th.

There are three United Methodist Homes across North Carolina, Cypress Glen in Greenville, Wesley Pines in Lumberton, and Croasdaile Village in Durham serving over 1,100 residents. The cost to subsidize care for these residents is \$115 per day.

This offering will assist residents of the United Methodist Retirement Homes in North Carolina who have outlived their funds and will provide monetary resources for residents who can no longer fully pay for their care, have no family, or have no other means of monetary support.

For example:

"Mary Jane has a medical condition that has made her disabled and unable to care for herself. She lived in one of the UMRH healthcare centers for more than three years. Although Mary Jane has no biological family, she has a very close family who love her dearly. That family is the staff at the healthcare center. Her small income and UMRH benevolence support cover the cost of her care".

Please consider offering a loving gift in support of these Homes and their residents.

Whoever is kind to the needy honors God" Proverbs 14.31i

Memorial Day - Monday, May 29th



Memorial Day (*as Decoration Day gradually came to be known*) originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during WW I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day was observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday. [history.com](https://www.history.com)

"We don't know them all, but we owe them all." – Unknown

LADIES ON THE BUS

The Ladies on The Bus would like to thank you for the donations in memory of Mrs. Virginia Williams. These donations helped us to bless many people.

If you would like to donate either the altar or narthex flowers you provide to church, we can give them to the people we visit. They enjoy receiving fresh flowers. It lifts their spirits.

If you know of anyone who would like a visit from LOTB, email Shay Godwin at shaygodwin19@yahoo.com or call her at 336-978-8930.

Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Shay Godwin
Nurture Ministry

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Twenty six (26) pints were donated at the blood drive on 4/14/23. Thanks to all who participated.

We would like collect more blood at these drives. So, please consider donating blood at the next drive in July.



News from the AdMinistry Team

What used to be called the Church Council has been rebuilt at Camp, into a new team that works on a wide range of issues, all focused on our mission to make disciples for Christ. That spiritual goal requires lots of people doing lots of Ministry, which is why we changed the name, to the Camp AdMinistry Team. The Team meets once a month—going forward that will happen on the second Thursday of every month (next meeting will be May 11, at 6:30 in the Youth and Family Center) and all are welcome to attend.

To date, There have been two meetings of this new Team and among the things of interest that have been decided are:

- 1 - the decision to move to a single service from the Sunday after Easter until Labor Day using blended music from the Adult Choir and the New Life Band,
- 2 - reinstituting the Pew Pads as a way of identifying visitors for follow-up contacts and other attendance issues, like a need to check on a regular member who has been absent.
- 3 - the decision to contract with the accounting firm Cade and Associates to provide payroll and financial reports, replacing the treasurer position.
- 4 - moving forward with a two stage plan to renovate the kitchen, phase one to be completed this August with the removal of the cabinets against the outside wall, the sealing of water leaks from that wall, and the purchase of a new commercial oven and refrigerator, and phase two to be completed a year later with the addition of new cabinets and countertops (assuming that funding will be available).

This team also provides planning and oversight for programs of nurture, outreach, evangelism and worship that are at the heart of our purpose as a Church. We look forward to enriching the spiritual life of all who come in contact with our Church and our Congregation.

Tom Evans,
Lay Leader

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The Women In Faith will be selling flower bouquets for Mother's Day before and after the 10:00 AM service on April 30th, and May 7th. Flowers will be available for pick up on Mother's Day, May 14th before and after the service. Bouquets are \$20 and pro proceeds will benefit Children's and Women's mission projects locally, nationally and globally. Any questions please contact Laura Beatty at laurazbeaty@gmail.com or 336-403-5311.

The next meeting of the **Joy Circle** will be on Monday, May 8th at 6 :00 PM at the home of Laura Beatty at 301 E 2nd St, OIB Please bring a sandwich or salad. We will have sides/drinks and dessert. We will be making desserts for the Friday night dinners. Bring some cookie dough or brownie mix with you!

All women are welcome.

Have you been thinking about joining a circle? **Well, now is the time!**

The **Susanna Wesley Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a time of worship and fellowship. Our program will focus on United Women in Faith for Racial Justice. For more information, contact Lynda Eagle at 910-620-4589.

All women are welcome.



Goodness, where did April go? What a wonderful Easter season we shared together! I look forward to our time in Pentecost! Our children's ministry will be busy and in full VBS preparation mode over the next couple of months!

MAY EVENTS

May 3th Join our children's ministry for our "**Spring Dinner & a Show**" event which will be from 5:00-7:00 PM in the YFC. We will serve nachos, rice, beans, drinks, and desserts. The cost is \$5 a person and all baked goods are \$1. This is a fundraiser for our children's ministry, but also a time for you to get to know a bit more about our Camp Kids. They will share their musical talents and some of their interests with you!

May 7th: OIB Park Gathering on Old Georgetown Road from 1:00-3:00 PM! We will have a time of fellowship through playing tennis and hanging out on the playground. All children ages birth- fifth grade are welcome!

May 21st: We will celebrate our **Kindergarten students** as they have completed their first year of school.

May 24th: We will host our **End of Year Celebration Party** and this will be the final time that Camp Kids meet this school year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 18th-22nd from 5:00-7:30 PM. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Allison. We need all of the help we can get!

This year, we are excited to have a registry for our VBS supplies! We welcome any and all donations. If you click on the link below

<https://www.myregistry.com/organization/vbs-2023-shallotte-nc/3729489>.

You will see specific items that we need to purchase for the kiddos, decorations and overall teaching supplies for our 5 day event! Thank you for your support!

Parents, the summer events survey is live and ready for you to fill out. Please complete the survey by May 10th.

Our summer schedule will begin on June 1st. We will gather every other Wednesday and take multiple field trips! Stay tuned for details.

Have a wonderful May, Camp Family!

Love,

Allison Hunter,
Director of Children's Ministry



We just cannot believe how quickly the school year has gone by, but the Youth are packing in as much fun as we can before it ends! Now that the weather is warmer, and we can be outside for games we are having a wicked blast! Notice the photos where we are playing 3-Legged Dodge ball. It is a lot harder than you would think. Our Youth Car Wash Fund-raiser was scheduled for the 22nd of April, but God had other plans since He sent so much rain. We are excited that we were able to reschedule it for Saturday, April 29th. For those of you that came out to work, we thank you. To those who supported us financially by letting us wash your car, an extra big thank you, and for all of you that pray for these youth daily, our deepest gratitude.



Some of the things we are looking forward to including a Lock-In at church on Friday, May 12th at 5:00PM to Saturday, May 13th at 10:30AM. We will watch the movie "The Case For Christ", discuss it, play games, eat and maybe even sleep some! On Sunday, May 14th we will honor our graduates and their families with a breakfast at 9:00am and recognize them during the church service. We are still waiting for more information to share about our graduates, so look for that soon. We will cancel Youth Group that night so all our youth can celebrate Mother's Day with their family. We will wrap up the school year with our End of Year Party on Sunday, May 21st at 5:00PM taking the bus to 810 Billiards & Bowling in North Myrtle Beach, indulge in Crazy Mason ice cream desserts, and return to church at 10:00PM.

In June, our first summer event is planned, and we will travel to Kevin and Kelly's home in Oak Ridge, NC for a weekend retreat June 9-11th. While there enjoy a day at Carowinds!

Many thanks are extended to our diligent meal providers Sunday after Sunday! Happy Mother's Day to all of you!

Kelly Littlejohn, Youth Director



Seasoned Adults Learning together

SALT ministry met on April 17th. We enjoyed a delicious a ham dinner and then played a music trivia game. There were six winners of the music trivia and 6 winners of the door prizes. In the pictures below, you'll see that people had a good time. The folks with bags were trivia winners.



Try your luck with these music trivia questions.

Question #1: In *The Big Lebowski*, what is the band the Dude can't stand?

Question #2: Who was the first woman ever inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

Question #3: Who is the only country artist to have a Top 20 hit on the *Billboard* Hot Country Songs chart for six straight decades?

Question #4: What singer has had a *Billboard* No.1 hit in each of the last four decades?

For the answers, go to page 12

ONE LINERS FOR SEASONED ADULTS

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.



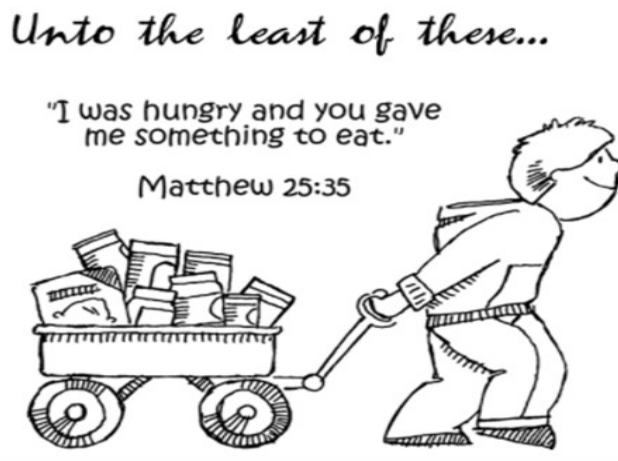
Gary Concelmo has been chairing Camp's The Lord's Food Pantry and he needs help. Below is a list of the help that he needs.

1. A dedicated and committed co-chair to work alongside Gary.
2. 3-4 people to pack the bags to be distributed the week before the 1st Saturday.
3. Someone(s) to travel to the food bank in Wilmington on the Thursday or Friday before the 1st Saturday of the month. The food bank will load the truck and then the volunteer(s) will deliver the goods to the Sound House.
4. Several volunteers will be needed to receive and unpack the truck that day.
5. A volunteer to help Gary purchase eggs and put them in cartons.
6. A volunteer to purchase 80-100 rolls of toilet paper at Walmart.
7. One volunteer to go to Shallotte Bagel Dock to pick-up left-over bagels on Thursday night and then deliver them to the Sound House.
8. A volunteer to go to Panera Bread in North Myrtle Beach on Friday night to pick up its left-overs and deliver them to the Sound House.

Volunteers needed for the Saturday Distribution Day 8:15 AM– 12:00 PM

1. **FILL OUT CLIENT INTAKE SHEETS** 2 volunteers (**Must be trained**)
2. **ASSIGNING #'S TO CLIENT CARS + HELP WITH PARKING CONTROL** 2 volunteers
3. **DISTRIBUTE INTAKE FORMS TO SHOPPERS** 1 volunteer
4. **SHOPPERS** (help fill carts and load cars) at least 3 volunteers
5. **HELP DISTRIBUTE MEAT & EGGS to SHOPPERS** at least 1-2 volunteers
6. **HELP DISTRIBUTE BREADS & PASTRIES to SHOPPERS** at least 1-2 volunteers
7. **HELP DISTRIBUTE TOILETRIES to SHOPPERS** at least 1-2 volunteers

As you look at the volunteer needs, notice that many tasks only take a little bit of time. Please consider how you might help with the ministry that serves so many people in need of food. Call or email Gary (919) 417-2700 or garyconcelmo@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information.



NOTE: Camp is responsible for distribution on the 1st Saturday of the month.

UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Union Elementary School recently hosted a luncheon for area volunteers that give of their time in helping to mentor and lead students and staff on their campus.

Pictured below is Pastor Terry with Camp UMC member and Union staff member Becky Hewitt and Union Elementary's principal, Sam Jennings.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Margie Steve who received one of the 10 scholarships given out by FOCUS Broad band. Margie will be going to UNC- Chapel Hill in the fall.



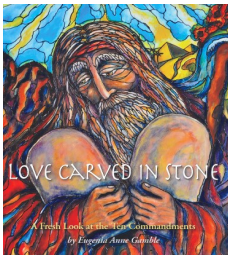
Agape

The Agape Group will meet on May 21st at 11:00 AM in the Salmon Classroom. Join us for our monthly meeting as we finalize plans for our June 11th Community Event.

COMING IN JUNE

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES BEGINNING JUNE 4th

Love Carved in Stone



Based on a recent study written by Rev. Eugenia Gamble, Pastor Terry will take us through the summer offering a sermon series that will give us a fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments, considering them not as a harsh list of what NOT to do, but seeing the laws passed down by Moses as Ten Love Letters from God to us.



Mark Your Calendars.

Adopt a Highway Trash Pickup
Saturday, June 10. 8:30 AM

Meet at Big Oak Mobile Home Supply
on Hale Swamp Road.

CHILDREN'S FUND RAISER



Our Next **Shortstack Sunday** will be on June 4th! We will serve pancakes, bacon, sausage and fruit from 8:30-9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall!

Bring an appetite!

New Life Band

The New Life Band was pleased to perform two songs for the first 10:00 AM blended worship service on April 16th. The name "New Life" is taken from Paul's letter to the Romans 6:4. 4 "We are therefore buried with him through baptism and to death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may have a new life."

New Life Band members are:

Katie Mae Garner, Vocals
Jill Greene, Vocals
Dennis Hetzel, Guitar and Vocals
Kevin Holland, Guitar
Ralph Kendall Bass Guitar 1st Chair and Vocals
Ray McKinnon, Drums
Steve Sowder, Bass Guitar

They are assisted each Sunday in the sound booth by Calvin Chandler and Tamy Munns.



New Life looks forward to singing familiar praise music that the congregation can sing along to as well as new songs that will soon become old favorites. If you have musical talent and would be interested in joining the group, please contact Ray McKinnon at 240-344-0111 or vrmmckinnon1956@gmail.com





Not sure where to start...

Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers and the many acts of kindness as we prepared for and experienced the death and resurrection of my mother. The love and care you gave her this past year comforted my entire family as you brought her such happiness.

Thank you!

Thank you for the cards, calls and expressions of kindness as I celebrated a birthday. I'm starting to feel as if they are coming around much faster than I remember them from my past.

Thank you!

Thank you for the extravagant love shown with the anniversary party as Jane and I celebrated our 50th anniversary. We've been looking at dates and places to book our dream honeymoon that you made possible.

Thank you!

Thank you Camp United Methodist Church for journeying with us, praying for us, walking alongside us and believing that through Christ, all things are possible.

We love each of you!!

Terry & Jane

“And a good time was had by all!”

The United Methodist Men's meeting was held on April 24th with 32 individuals present. President Howard Varnam presided. A program covering many church-related and personal topics was presented by Lt. Darby Lykins and Major Robert Gravino of the Shallotte Police Department. Topics included church and home safety issues and working with the Brunswick County homeless. The Police Department will be assisting Camp UMC with a pedestrian crossing on Main Street after Sunday worship services. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. A short business session was conducted before adjournment.



The next meeting is scheduled for May 22nd.

MUSIC TRIVIA ANSWERS
Answer #1: The Eagles Answer #2: Aretha Franklin
Answer #3: Dolly Parton Answer #4: Mariah Carey



MAY MILESTONES

Gary & Martha Pope	1 (42)	Hart & Susan Merriam	20 (34)
W.A. & Calley Myatt	2 (3)	Corki & Steven Jarvis	20 (45)
Jeff & Lisa Mintz	10 (37)	James & Irene Bryant	28 (63)
Beverley & Bill Hooks	12 (39)	Sondra & Gary McDaniel	31 (42)
Stephen & Diane Sowder	17 (43)	Dean & Anna Anderson	31 (9)



1	Thelma Herring	14	Terron Yoder
2	Birdie Frink	18	Martin Callender
3	Teresa Walker	18	Larry Harrelson
4	Fran Hecht	18	Kathy Kyzer
4	James Volosin	18	Summer Powell
5	Thomas Frederick	19	MaryHampton Dowdy
5	Olivia Miller	21	Julie Chandler
5	Daniel Page	23	Susan Forrester
5	Peggy Truesdale	23	Elijah Page
6	Jane Morris	28	Scott Stevenson
8	Charlotte Evans	29	Jackson McGougan
8	Betsy Fatzinger	29	Zebediah McGougan
8	Ramona Parker	31	Bonnie Verzella
11	Sally Robinson		



DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY

May 3	Spring Dinner & A Show	5:00 PM
May 4	National Day of Prayer Service	7:00 PM
May 6	Camp's Food Pantry Day	8:30 AM
May 11	AdMinistry Team Meeting	6:30 PM
May 14	Mother's Day	
May 29	Memorial Day	



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5:30 Youth	6:30 Prayer & Communion	9:30-11:30 Prayer Shawl 2:00 Baskets & Bible Study	5:30 Camp Kids 5:45 Adult Choir 5:45 Adult Study		4:30 Friday Night Meals	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:00 SALT Planning mtg	2 6:00 AdMinistry Training	3 5:00 Dinner and a Show	4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 PM	5	6 CAMP'S FOOD BANK DAY
7 Communion 1:00 OIB Park Gathering	8 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Joy Circle	9 10:00 Susanna Wesley Circle	10	11 6:30 AdMinistry Team Meeting	12 5:00- Youth Lock-in	13 -10:30 Youth Lock-in
14 Graduation Breakfast 9 & Service 10 	15 5:00 SALT Activity	16	17	18	19	20 8:00 Barn Quilt Class
21 11:00 Agape Group Meeting 5:00 Youth End of Year Party	22 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 UMM Meeting	23	24 5:30 Camp Kids End of Year Celebration	25 11:00 MMOM Graduation	26	27
28	29 Office Closed 	30	31			