



The Circuit Rider

June 2023

SOUL PURPOSE

It's that wonderful time of year when fresh fruit and vegetables are beginning to land at the local produce stands and farm markets.

Last week Jane and I made our way to Heritage Market where we loaded up on our first May peas of this season. And yes, they were delicious, as was the fresh yellow squash, "almost" local tomatoes we dug into. Soon it'll be tomatoes, cucumbers, cantaloupe, watermelon, green beans, and corn.

You get the picture.

Soon, the farmers' markets will be going full speed and we'll have the opportunity to shop with local farmers making available the fresh produce items they actually raise themselves. The Farmers' Market is not just a plot of land or a tent pitched as a temporary structure. The Farmer's Market is this dynamic activity of all of the people involved in growing, harvesting, buying, selling and socializing. Jane and I go as much to enjoy the social aspects of our visit as we do the farmers market experience.

Of course, we go in search of fresh summer fruits and vegetables of all kinds, but we also go to meet all kinds of people. Young, old, black, white, rich, poor, even K-9's and the occasional hermit crabs.

While it's true that thanks to modern transportation we can get a lot of these fruits and vegetables throughout the year at most local supermarkets, there's something special about buying locally grown fruits and vegetables when they come into season. They simply taste better.

The Bible speaks on many occasions about summer fruits and vegetables, typically metaphorically:

Proverbs 15:17 ***"Better a meal of greens with love than a plump calf with hate."***

Numbers 11:5 ***"We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for free, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions and the garlic."***

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Sunday Services

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Blended Worship

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And with apologies to my vegan friends, this one comes from Romans 14:2:

"One person believes in eating everything, while the weak person eats only vegetables."

There are also passages that discuss various losses in the life of the people and is compared to the passing of the season of summer fruit and vegetables. There's the Proverbial verse that says: ***"Life is transient. Like summer fruit, it is not to be squandered."***

And the passage from the prophet, Amos, who laments the situation of God's people by comparing it to when one goes into a field to look for summer fruit and vegetables, only to find that there are none left. ***"All the good fruit has been harvested and the faithful have disappeared from the land."***

Would you have ever guessed that there is something to be learned from a weekly visit to The Farmer's Market and gleaning across tables filled with summer fruit and vegetables?

Friends, the lives we celebrate, and share are as precious as summer fruit and vegetables; they're not to be wasted. Let us be God's fruitful, faithful people, in every season and may this summer season yield much in our harvest!

Oh, btw, I always order grilled tomatoes with my turkey sausage and scrambled eggs. LOL...

Pastor Terry

HAPPY *Father's Day*



QUOTES ABOUT FATHERS

"The power of a dad in a child's life is unmatched." - Justin Ricklefs

"When my father didn't have my hand, he had my back." - Linda Poindexter

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do—be there." - Max Lucado

"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong." -Charles Wadworth

"A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child." -Knights of Pythagoras

CAMP'S 2023 AdMinistry TEAM

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Church Council Chairperson: Tom Evans
Lay Leader: Dr. Jill Greene
Pastor: Rev. Terry Williams
Pastoral Advisor: Tal Madison
Secretary to Church Council: Eileen Markum
Financial Secretary: Rae Matthews
President of UMM: Howard Varnam

Parliamentarian: Gwen Simmons
Young Adult Representative: Dr. Anna Anderson
Youth Representative: Jax McGougan
Women of Faith: Laura Beaty, President & Lynda Eagle
Lay Member of Annual Conference: Linda Callender

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Finance

Harold Beaty

Pastor Parish Staff Relations

Hart Merriam

Trustees

Ronnie Markum

MINISTRY AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Welcome & Worship

Ramona Parker

Nurture Shay Godwin

International Missions

Ray McKinnon

Local Missions

Barbara & Howard
Varnam

Evangelism

Katie Mae Garner

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Laura Winship 2023

Dean Anderson 2023

Joyce Baughman 2023

Glenn Wall 2024

Susan Ballard 2024

Julie Madison 2024

Keith Fillman 2025

Susan Forester 2025

Kasey McGougan 2025

NOTE: AdMinistry Team meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of every month. ALL are invited to attend. There is an agenda item for comments from the church members.

AdMinistry Team's Actions Items in April



Camp United Methodist Church's AdMinistry recently discussed a and elected to become one of the NCCUMC's Lighthouse Congregations.

What is a Lighthouse Congregation?

- 1- Worship:** provide worship opportunities either in person or online. Services should be intentional in engaging and welcoming new people into the fold.
- 2- Discipleship:** create space to learn and grow through small group gatherings, Bible studies and prayer opportunities.
- 3- Mission:** provide opportunities for people to serve through hands-on ministries (e.g. community meals, prison ministry, tutoring, Adopt-a-Highway, homelessness, etc.)
- 4- Sacrament:** offer communion at least one Sunday a month and maybe at other times as well.
- 5- Pastoral Care:** offering hospital visits, meeting at coffee shops, finding other ways to be available to those in need of pastoral care. This is not just the responsibility of the pastor, others can serve as well.

SPRC

Treasurer: It was decided to outsource the work to Cade & Associates.

TRUSTEES

Property Insurance: It was decided to remain with Brotherhood Mutual.

Initial Kitchen Renovation: It was decided to proceed with the initial steps of the renovation. This includes the purchase of commercial refrigerator and larger ovens. In August 2023 the United Methodist Men will remove the old cabinets and replace and seal the water damaged wall.

Deadbolt Locks: It was decided to comply with lockdown procedures in Brunswick County Schools in the classrooms used for Mother's Morning Out. For compliance, deadbolt locks are needed. MMO has agreed to pay for half of the \$500 cost. Five keys will be made: 1 for the church office, 1 for the MMO office, 1 for the Shallotte Police, 1 for Allison Hunter (Director of Children's Ministry) and 1 for Hart Merriman (SPRC).

Lawn Care: The church has a new mowing contractor. Cost: \$150 every two weeks.

FINANCE

Apportionment Payment: It was decided to make a \$10,000 payment to the conference. Money to come from Reserve Funds.

AdMinistry Team's Actions Items in May

Approved Jill Bryant as acting secretary during Eileen Markum's absence for May 11, 2023 AdMinistry Team Meeting.

Approved a location in the Narthex for donations of "canned" food staple items to be collected for the Friday Community Meals.

Initiated a restricted Bereavement Fund item in the budget.

Adopted during New Business a *Special Order* to use a Minutes Approval Committee by the AdMinistry Team for its future meetings.

Added a category to the meeting agenda entitled: *For the General Good and Welfare of the Church.*

**"Anything is possible
when you work as a team."**

FLAG DAY - JUNE 14th



Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14th in 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. *Wikipedia*

Flag Day is not just a weird American thing; it's a weird country thing! Not every country has their own Flag Day, but many do, and often they're tied to their national days, like Independence Days or Constitution Days. Countries that have Flag Days

Include Portugal (December 1st), Greece (October 27th) and Turkmenistan (February 19th), among many others. *Babbel.com*



The Agape Group, previously known as the "Anti Racism Group", will host a **Community Church Picnic in the Park** on June 11th from 2:00-5:00 PM at the park on Old Georgetown Road. Camp UMC, Concord UMC, Embracing Christ Fellowship Church, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and MCM Nuevo Pacto Inc. will gather to break bread and come together for a time of fellowship. We will serve burgers, dogs, and various sides. Join us for a fun afternoon of games, music and fellowship with other local churches!

The Agape Group's Mission Statement

"Our mission is to be like Jesus; love God and love our neighbors. We will build relationships with all people through joint activities, including worship, fellowship, community service, education and conversations."



I always find May to be such a busy month. The warmer weather brings lots of sports, dance competitions, graduations, spring fever and the inability of the youth to sit still! We've experienced all of that! The warmer weather gave us time to move our games outside and a chance to expend some energy. Our attendance has varied due to the youth's extracurricular activities, but the Lock-In on May 12-13th was very well attended with 14 youth plus adults. It was a great night, and the focus was to watch and discuss the movie *The Case For Christ*. Afterwards, we ate, played flag football outside and Hide and Seek inside. At midnight we loaded up in the bus and went to Cook-out for milkshakes and such, and back to church for more fun and games. We had to force them to bed at 3:00 AM and all were up by 8:00 AM for breakfast and more flag football until it ended at 10:30 AM.



On Sunday, May 14th we honored our graduates and their families with a Graduation Breakfast Celebration, and then they were recognized during the worship service. We are so proud of them!

We closed the school year with an offsite End of Year Party at 810 Billiards and Bowling in Myrtle Beach on Sunday, May 21, 2023. We gathered for pizza at 5:00 PM at church and took the bus AND a second vehicle to accommodate the 21 youth and adults that are attending! We had time to bowl, play pool, arcade games and finish with dessert at the Crazy Mason. It was wicked awesome!

Now we will go into summer mode. We stop our weekly meetings for people to travel, work and more, and switch to having two fun outings each month to stay connected in the summer. In June, we have a weekend retreat planned for June 11-13th where the youth will travel on the bus to our home in Oak Ridge, NC. We will enjoy food, fun and games at our home and spend the day at Carowinds on Saturday. On Sunday we will stream worship service, have some fun, and get packed and loaded to return to Camp UMC. We are in the process of planning a second outing for June. More details to come.

Sadly, after 4 years of serving as the Youth Director at Camp UMC, and 28 years prior doing volunteer work with youth and children, I will be stepping down from my position at the end of June. We will be spending more of our time in our Oak Ridge home, but with my parents living in Coastal Pointe Assisted Living and still owning The UPS Store in Shallotte, we will be spending some time here as well. I am so grateful that Camp gave me the opportunity to serve in this position and for

YOUTH MINISTRY CONTINUED

Kevin supporting me in all the crazy things we have done with the youth! I am grateful for Dean Anderson and TJ Yoder that came on board and poured into these youth this year. I greatly appreciate my Youth Advisory Council that got our year off to a great start, and continued to support me and the youth program, they are Susan Ballard, Louanne Caudell, and Art Jacques, and our youth rep was Lexi Anderson! I am ever so grateful for the way the congregation has provided meals for our weekly meetings, supported our fundraisers and prayed for us most of all! It has been an amazingly fun ride and you get back so much more than you could ever give. That describes all our years working with children and youth! Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart! I will continue to keep Camp in my prayers as you unite, grow, and serve our Lord and Savior.

Kelly Littlejohn, Youth Director

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Phew, May has flown by! I want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer! Our children were very active in May. From delivering meals to field days in the park, we spent a lot of time in fellowship and service. Our summer schedule is in full swing, which means we will no longer meet on Wednesday nights, but will have various camps/ activities throughout each month.

Here's a list of our June activities:

Tennis Camp: June 7th & 8th from 5:30-7:30 PM at the OIB Park on Old Georgetown Road. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. We will run through a series of drills and sets to expose the children to the sport.

Vacation Bible School: June 18th-22th from 5:00-7:30 PM at Camp UMC. (All children ages 3-11 (5th grade) are welcome to participate! You can register your children at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSfQM9IazFgiieUDoFpP2WA_FnDuF80hINX3uKhavf6fFFhA/

We are looking forward to a STELLAR week as we learn how to shine Jesus' light!

If you are interested in supporting this wonderful event, please check out our registry, contact Allison.

Movie on the Lawn: June 23th from 7:00-9:30 PM in the grassy knoll at Camp UMC Popcorn, drinks and more will be provided. All are welcome to participate.

OIB Putt Putt: June 28th at 6:00 PM in Ocean Isle Beach. We will play a round of putt putt and then head over to the ice cream shop for a sweet treat. Drop off and pickup is at the OIB Park on the island. All children are welcome to participate!

Thank you Camp family for all of your continued support! I pray that you have a wonderful summer!

Allison Hunter,
Director of Children's Ministry



Seasoned Adults Learning together

The SALT ministry had it's cook out on May 15th. We had burgers and hotdogs which were cooked by Don, Thom, Ray, Tom, Jim and Wiley. After the meal we had a time of fellowship where we shared things we have learned from our fellow Campers. Next meeting will be in September.



The second Ladies Night event was held on May 18th. The ladies gathered at Captain Nance's restaurant in Calabash. There was a fun, fellowship accompanied with delicious food.



LOCAL MISSIONS

Camp has supported Building Hope Ministry's "**Angel Tree Camp**" every summer for many years. This is a week-long camp for children of prisoners. Fifty dollars will help support a child for a week at the camp. If you feel led to help, make out a check to Building Hope Ministry and **note "Angel Tree Camp" on the memo line**, place in the offering plate or give to Barbara Varnam. Building Hope is the prison side of "Streetreach", both ministries of Donna and Garry Phelps.

The Local Mission Team will be collecting paper products, bottled water, snack food, restaurant cards, etc. for **Streetreach** for the months of May and June. A container will be in the narthex for collecting these items. Please consider supporting this worthy cause to help our homeless neighbors.

Barbara and Howard Varnam, Chairs of Local Missions

THE LORD'S FOOD PANTRY

On May 6th, Camp UMC, with some help from a few outside volunteers, served 94 families (3 new), 292 individuals (82 children, 100 adults and 10 seniors). We also distributed 1 Hispanic bag and 2 Arabic bags.

Camp's next distribution is on June 3rd. If you can help with this much-needed outreach mission contact Gary Concelmo @garyconcelmo@gmail.com. or (919) 417-2700

<i>I was hungry</i>	you fed me,
<i>I was thirsty</i>	you gave me a drink,
<i>I was homeless</i>	you gave me a room,
<i>I was shivering</i>	you gave me clothes,
<i>I was sick</i>	you stopped to visit,
<i>I was in prison</i>	you came to me



The next pick up will be on Saturday, June 10th from 8:00-10:30 AM. Plan to meet at Big Oak Mobile Home Supply 1309 Hale Swamp Road. If you have questions, contact Hart Merriman at (540) 797-4388 or hartandsusan@gmail.com

To leave the world better than
you found it, sometimes you have
to pick up other people's trash.



SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE



The Susanna Wesley Circle met on May 9th. The topic of discussion was about how Camp UMC might engage more fully with our schools to touch the lives of children in Brunswick County. We also welcomed six new members to the circle.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13th at 11:30 AM for lunch at Sea Breeze Restaurant at Brick Landing. All women are invited to join us as we enjoy good food and fellowship together. Please contact Lynda Eagle at 910-620-4589 to make your reservation.

JOY CIRCLE



Yummy desserts.

The Joy Circle would like to thank everyone who purchased flowers for the Mother's Day sale. We made lots of money to support Mission Projects for women and children locally, nationally and globally.

The Joy Circle made 222 desserts for a recent Friday Night Community Dinners.

We will be taking the summer off, and will resume meeting in September and welcome anyone to join us on Monday, September 11th time TBD.

If you have any questions, give me a call at: (336) 403-5311

Laura Beaty

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Work Project

Some time ago, the rose bushes in the Rose Garden became diseased and had to be removed. On Friday, May 12th, two pallets of sod were put down to cover the area of the old rose garden near the church's fellowship hall and areas bordering the new handicap ramp sidewalk. Seven United Methodist Men worked approximately 2 hours to complete the work. Howard Varnam directed the project. The sod was donated by Cray Milligan Farm.



Meeting 5/22/23

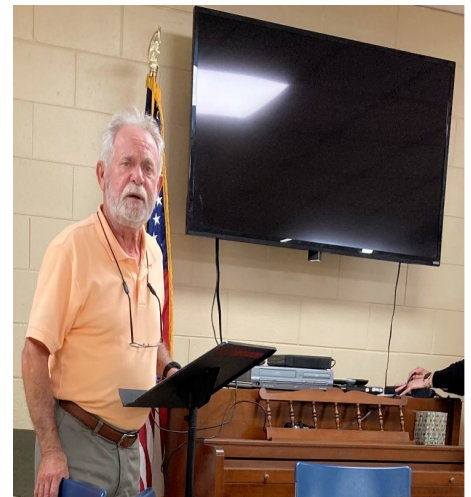
A delicious hot dog and hamburger meal with all the trimmings was enjoyed by the 23 men and 9 women who attended the meeting.

After an inspirational invocation by Pastor Tal Madison, President Howard Varnam introduced the program - a 25-minute video entitled "Varnamtown", which was produced by his son while a senior at Pembroke State University.

Business items included:

1. Training of volunteers for traffic control after worship on Sun days
2. Workday projects at the parsonage;
3. Trimming of trees in front of church;
4. Donation by Roy and Thelma Herring of concrete table and benches for new sodded area;
5. Persons needed to assist handicapped members entering and leaving church
6. Donation of \$100 by UMM to Streetreach Building Hope Ministry;
7. No UMM meetings during the three summer months;
8. Recognition of Milligan Farm for sod donation;
9. UMM luncheon after worship in July to assist church ministries;
10. Items for church wide yard sale in September—for renovation of fellowship hall kitchen—to be accepted on Saturdays from 9:00–12:00 PM.

Glenn Wall



Let the show begin!



The Atlantic hurricane season starts on June 1st . The Brunswick County Government Hurricane Preparedness website provides useful information to assist county residents in being prepared before, during and after a storm. Please see the following link for helpful information.

Hurricane Caution - Brunswick County (brunswickcountync.gov)

Ray McKinnon

Make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord!

If you have any musical talents, please consider joining our New Life Band. For more information contact Ray McKinnon at—
(240-344-0111).

SEEKERS CLASS

Seekers Sunday school class is starting a new study on Sunday, May 28th. The six-week study will be on Philip Yancey's updated edition of 'What's So Amazing About Grace'. All are welcome. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

DID YOU KNOW?



June has its own beetle named after it. Though you may not have made the connection, the June bug (or June beetle) is named for the month itself. These bugs are only found between May and June in the USA and survive on a mixed diet of plants and shrubbery. While they're completely harmless to humans, they can prove to be a bit of a pest if you keep plants as they eat anything!

funfactsabout.com

Looking Ahead...



The next blood drive will be on Thursday **July 20th** from 1:30-6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

YARD SALE!

Mark your calendars!! Camp will have a church-wide yard sale on **Saturday, September 16th**. Proceeds will be used to help fund the renovation of the kitchen. The sale will include baked goods and an auction of some very special items.

GOOD NEWS! You don't have to wait until September to donate items. So, when you're doing your spring cleaning you can pack up what you no longer need or want and bring it to the church on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM We will store your contributions where the food pantry used to be. If you bring it, we will store it!!!
(NOTE: We already have things for the sale stored there.)

Please do NOT donate clothing.

JUNE MILESTONES

Mike & Kate Alderson	1 (4)	Joey & Kim Galloway	17 (45)
Don & Chris Ballou	5 (52)	Frank & Gayle Williamson	19 (47)
Ken & Jill Greene	9 (11)	Bert & Ana Williams	23 (32)
Scott & Janet Stevenson	11 (1)	Jack & Kathy Kyzer	24 (44)
Tom & Jane Evans	14 (54)	Gary & Denise Concelmo	26 (52)
Robert & Jane Morris	14 (59)	Al & Ramona Parker	28 (42)
Beth & Bruce Baker	16 (44)	Doug & Beth Hunter	30 (33)



1 Penny Radziewski	9 Jack Revell	17 Ana Parker
4 Calley Myatt	9 Thom Arnold	17 Derrick Thompson
4 John Radziewski	11 Katie Steve	21 Hal Mills
6 Martha Pope	12 Harold Beaty	23 Lou Ann Keisler
7 Aiden McBride	12 Mel O'Daniels	26 Evelyn Madison
8 Sue Wall	13 Hadley McGougan	28 Mat Mellis
8 Tal Madison	14 Evelyn Callahan-Cates	30 Shirley Williams
9 Ajia Steve	16 Mary Lee Nance	



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JUNE

June 4th	Short Stack Breakfast	8:30 AM
June 9th	Youth Retreat	
June 11th	Adopt-a-Highway Pick Up	8:00 AM
June 11th	Agape Community Church Picnic	2:00-5:00 PM
		Park on Old Georgetown Road
June 18th	Father's Day	
June 18th	Vacation Bible School Starts	5:00-7:30 PM



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	6:30 Prayer & Communion	Bulletin Deadline 9:30 Prayer Shaw 2:00 Basket Weavers 6:00 New Life Band Practice			4:30 Community Meal	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 CAMP'S FOOD BANK DAY
4 Communion 8:30 Short Stack Breakfast	5 8am Teachers Breakfast	6	7 5:30 Tennis Camp 7 & 9	8 6:30 AdMinistry Team Meeting	9	10
					3:00 YOUTH RETREAT AT	
11 2-5pm Community Church Picnic in the Park LITTLEJOHNS	12 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Joy Circle	13 10:00 SW Circle 5:30 VBS Planning	14 Flag Day 	15	16	17
18 	19	20	21	22	23 7:00 Movie on the Lawn	24
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
25	26 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 UMM	27	28 6:00 Children to OIB Putt Putt & Ice Cream	29	30	