



The Circuit Rider

August 2023



Grace and Peace, Friends,

Welcome to August. Soon it'll be time to say goodbye to our seasonal friends and begin a new season in the life of our Camp UMC families.

Parents wake up a few minutes earlier to get school lunches packed. Streets and highways become a bit less congested with less tourists but a bit slower in speed with farm equipment and school buses. Grass grows slower due the hot temperatures slow growth. And the weather becomes a bit more unsettled as hurricane season causes us to pay a bit more attention to the local weather reports.

Many years ago the Christmas season seemed closer because we knew the Sears Christmas Catalog was on the way, but that's another story for another time.

It's also a new season for the activities of Camp UMC to launch into full bloom after a slower summer season.

Later this month we'll kick things into full gear with the return of our **GIGANTIC YARD SALE**. This year the yard sale will have some auction items, home-baked goodies, and numerous household items that prove the proverbial, *"One person's trash is another person's treasure."* Having seen some of the items donated, there's some really nice stuff to be had.

Soon, Wonderful Wednesday's will kick back into gear, as will United Methodist Men, United Women of Faith, UMYF and Camp Kids. Knitters will be knitting, handbells will be ringing, and choir practices will consist of not only new anthems, but the familiar sound of carols as cantata practice will begin. Friday Night Meals will be taking care of our shut-ins and food-insecure neighbors and small groups (be on the lookout for more information), will gather.

As you start to refocus on your own routines and schedules, let me encourage you to make engagement in our small groups a priority for you and your family. We would like to suggest

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Sunday Services

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

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that everyone participate in at least two of the numerous activities beyond worship. Small group activities help us to know the people we worship with beyond the weekly greeting. You'd be surprised at the number of folk we know by sight but don't know their names, where they're from or and what interest they have outside the confines of Camp UMC.

In the weeks ahead, and as we approach September, you will hear of opportunities that will be offered in order for you to connect and grow in your life of faith. As you hear of these opportunities, read about them in our Circuit Rider, or see them on our website or Facebook, consider which group might be of most interest or fits your schedule best.

Moving into the fall season, invest your time in a short term, small group session or in one of our Sunday School Classes.

Think about joining one of our morning exploration groups or starting a monthly book club. Offer your time volunteering to write a teacher a note a month or helping our bereavement team if called upon in a time of grief for one of our families.

Camp United Methodist Church is blessed with a great staff and volunteer ministry team leaders. Much is underway, but there's much to accomplish if we're to *"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."*

There's a great deal of excitement in our church and it's a great time to be a United Methodist. Let's ride the wave together as we fish for people.

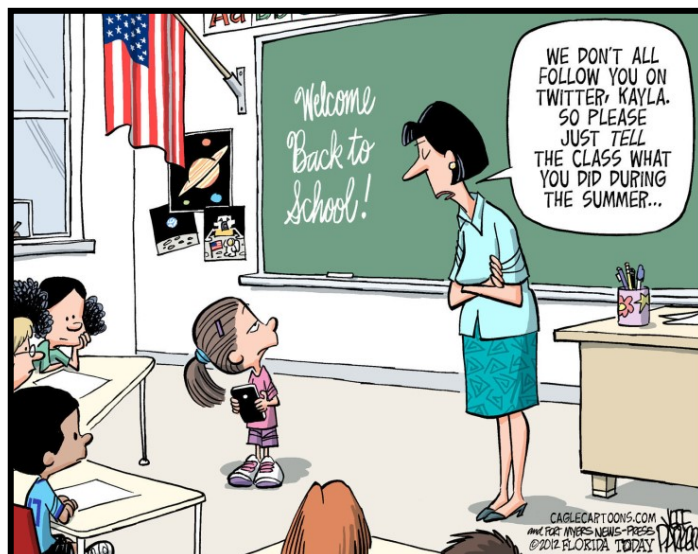
In blessed community....

Pastor Terry

Brunswick County Schools start on August 28th

A prayer for the children as they start the new school year:

Lord,
Give our children a thirst for knowledge,
wisdom and understanding. May their
hearts be ready to learn this year, at
home, school and church. Open their
ears, may they crave knowledge and
seek it out.
Amen



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Local Missions will be collecting supplies for needy children starting on August 13th. There will be a container for the supplies in the narthex. Please see the Local Mission page for a list of needed supplies

“I Have a Dream.”



On August 28th, it will be 60 years since Martin Luther King Jr., delivered this speech during the March on Washington, DC. This speech called for equality and freedom and became one of the defining moments of the civil rights movement and one of the most iconic speeches in American history.

Over 250,000 people gathered at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., for the March on Washington. The one-day event was to protest racial discrimination and to encourage the passage of civil rights legislation. (At the time, the Civil Rights Act was being discussed in Congress. Prior to Mr. King's speech, there were other speakers and musical performances.

Britannica.com

"The most important consequence of the march," says Michael Wenger at *The Huffington Post*: [was that] it inspired and focused people "at a moment when anger and frustration threatened both the sense of hope and the courageous non-violence that had characterized the civil rights movement."

<https://theweek>

EXCERPTS FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH

Washington, D.C. August 28, 1963

In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our Republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men—yes, black men as well as white men – would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...

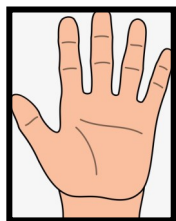
I say to you today, my friends, though, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream today...

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning. "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountain side, let freedom ring." And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

When we allow freedom to ring – when we let it ring from every city and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, Free at last, Great God a-mighty, We are free at last."

INTERNATIONAL LEFT-HANDERS DAY IS AUGUST 13th



Approximately 10% of the population are southpaws. Scientists don't know why a person develops left-handedness. Left Handers Day recognizes all those individuals who have mastered using their left hand in a right-handed world.

Problems for Left-Handers living in a Right-handed World

Ergonomic handle scissors: These scissors are amazing if you're right-handed, but for lefties, these are literally torture devices. But even for right-handed people, prolonged cutting sessions are equally torturous.

Measuring tapes tend to be upside down

Can openers are hard to use

Accidentally drinking someone's else's drink: Table placement of drinks is on the right. Left-handed people drink with their left hand. It's natural for them to reach for the drink on their left but it's actually someone else's drink.

Car Cup Holders: These are placed in the middle of the console. A left-hander has to reach across his/her body to reach the beverage.

Swiping credit cards: Swiping is difficult for southpaws. Chip and Pin is better for Lefties.

Zippers: The flap of material over the zipper creates a problem for Left-handers.

<https://interestingengineering.com>

Advantages in Being Left-Handed

Smarter: A possible theory is that the use of both sides of the brain helps in processing a large amount of information. The left hemisphere processes analytic and verbal style of thinking and the right one is associated with a holistic, creative style.

Better at Multitasking: The conversations between the left and right hemispheres seem to be processed faster in people who are left-handed and this ability has been found to increase with the increased dominance of the left hand. Lefties can easily deal with a large, unorganized stream of information.

Lefties have Better Memories: Most of the left-handed people have better memories and can remember the exact dates of events, and sometimes, even the exact words that were spoken.

Lefties have an Advantage in Interactive Sports: Most of the right-handed players practice against right-handed counterparts and when they face the lefties, they are not ready. This is advantageous for left-handed players who can overcome right-handed and left-handed players easily.

Lefties are Good at Art: Since left-handed people are inclined towards visual information than language-based, they tend to be more artistic and creative. *<https://www.medindia.net>*

Famous Left-handers

Leonardo da Vinci
Barack Obama
Albert Einstein
Helen Keller

George H.W. Bush
Babe Ruth
Buzz Aldrin
Neil Armstrong

Bill Gates
Prince William
Charlie Chaplin
Winston Churchill.

Bill Clinton
Nikola Tesla
Fred Astaire

<https://leftyfretz.com>

AdMinistry Team's Decisions on July 17th, 2023

Item 1: Two members of the AdMinistry Team, Hart Merriam and Tom Evans, and one church staff member, Allison Hunter, will attend The Ignite Leadership Institute Conference being presented by The Church of the Resurrection in Overland Park, Kansas on September 27th-29th, 2023. Camp will cover the costs, estimated to be about \$1,200 for Allison Hunter. Hart and Tom will pay their own way. The purpose of the conference is to reignite the spark in churches to fuel ministries. Pastor Terry and Tammy Munns will watch part of the conference online for \$99. Camp will also cover these costs.

Item 2: A budget presentation will be offered to those in the Congregation who are interested, following an upcoming church service. We are currently running a budget deficit, with higher spending than income each month. However, we have a rather healthy reserve for this type of situation. Additionally, there are initiatives in process, including an application for a covid related financial relief program and a possible property sale, which might offset some of that -deficit. It was decided that now would be a good time to provide an overview of where we stand with regard to the budget, and give some context to the numbers being presented in the bulletin each week. It was decided to do that after a church service rather than during worship.

Item 3: We have filed a claim with our insurance company for the recent water and sewer damage which has forced us to close the church kitchen and fellowship hall. An appraiser has completed an analysis of the impact of the flooding, and we await their decision. For now the kitchen is closed due to mold, mildew and rotted cabinets. We hope the planned yard sale, bake sale and silent auction scheduled for August 19th will help fund the kitchen renovation.

Item 4: Since Easter we have been conducting a single worship service each Sunday with Sunday School Classes being offered at 9:00 AM and Worship at 10:00 AM. The question was raised about how we would proceed in that regard in September and later. The consensus of the team was that the single service has been a success, building unity and enthusiasm in the congregation. Therefore, it was decided to continue with a single service in the foreseeable future. Sunday School Classes will be given the option of continuing to use the 9:00 AM hour or moving to 11:00 AM if they prefer.

Item 5: We have decided to establish an advisory board to support the Mothers Morning Out preschool that uses our facility during the school year. Pastor Terry and the MMO director named church members Kelly Barefoot, Ana Anderson and Ramona Parker and MMO parents Derek Treffinger and Miriah Melvin to serve as members of the new board.

Tom Evans,
AdMin Team Chair

The August AdMinistry Team will meet on August 10th @6:30 PM in the Youth and Family Center. It is open to anyone who would like to attend. Please consider attending this meeting.

A RECIPE FOR YOU TO TRY

Here is the perfect coleslaw recipe to make and keep in the refrigerator for these long hot and humid summer days. A terrific side dish to go with your hamburgers, hotdogs or barbecue!

Vinegar Coleslaw

Courtesy of Jane Williams

1 large cabbage, finely shredded (or 2 bags Fresh Express finely shredded coleslaw mix)
1 small onion, minced
1 green bell pepper, chopped fine
Mix these three together and place in large bowl.

In a saucepan, bring to a boil:

1 cup sugar
3/4 cup vegetable or canola oil
1/2 tsp. dry mustard
1 cup apple cider vinegar
1 Tbsp. salt
1 tsp. celery seed

When mixture reaches a boil, pour over cabbage mixture and stir to blend. Cover container and place it in the refrigerator overnight before serving. It will store in the refrigerator 1 week in a covered container or mason jar.



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

THE SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE

will be going to Lake Waccamaw on Tuesday, August 8. We will be taking the church bus, leaving from the church parking lot at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be enjoyed at Dale's Seafood. We invite any women of the church to join us; if we have more than a busload, we will take cars. Contact Lynda Eagle at 910-620-4589 if you have questions.

NOTE: NO FOOD IS PERMITTED ON THE BUS, ONLY WATER!

BOOKCASE NEEDED



Does anyone have a small bookcase they would be willing to donate to the United Women in Faith? We need one to display the books for our Reading Program (the one we had was destroyed in the FH flood). Contact Lynda Eagle (910-620-4589) if you have one.

 **We serve.**
We advocate.
We make a difference.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wow! It's hard to believe that August is already among us! August is an exciting month for our young families as they are preparing to send their children back into another year of school. We are excited to have 5 children participate in our Acolyte training program this month! Be on the lookout for their new faces and make sure to give them a shout, high five, etc.

Upcoming Events:

Soccer Camp



August 3rd-4th from 5:30-7:30 PM @ OIB Park on Old Georgetown Rd. The kids will run through a series of drills that are set to expose them to the sport and will play a soccer match on day two. I am in need of 1-2 volunteers to support me with instructing this camp.

Ripley's Aquarium Adventure:



August 9th from 2:00-8:00 PM. We will gather at the church and take the bus down to Myrtle Beach for a time at the Aquarium and dinner.

Blessing of the Backpacks & Short stack Sunday, August 27th



Short stack Sunday will be served from 8:00-9:00 AM in the Library of the YFC.

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during the 10:00 AM service! Place your backpack on the altar, prior to the start of service. Reach out to Becky Hewett about Blessing of the Backpacks.

The children's ministry is looking for volunteer support during Children's Church and Sunday School! We are looking for individuals to make a monthly or once every three month commitment. Lesson materials are premade and a staff member will be with you! Please prayerfully consider joining our wonderful team!

Have a wonderful August, Camp family!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Our youth group gathered on July 22th for a time of fellowship and fun in the pool at the home of Anna and Dean Anderson. We were delighted to have 2 new faces present. Our youth group will gather in August to visit an Escape Room in Myrtle Beach. More details to come from Dean and Anna.

We ask that you keep our youth ministry in your prayers as we search for a leader and volunteers to support this ministry!

FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

“All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they (disciples) said. Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven prayed, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed. Matthew 14:17-21

Neither the heat of summer nor a condemned kitchen could dissuade or discourage Mary Lee Nance, Franz and Jill Bryant and their team from feeding and ministering to a community of God’s hungry people. To see Camp’s Friday Night Meal Team in action is to be reminded of how Jesus fed the multitudes on very little and without prejudice or discrimination. Camp’s Friday night meals are open unconditionally to all without question or explanation.

Jill Bryant is on the frontlines as cars pull up and place their orders for meals. Her natural Jesus calling comes through as she greets each vehicle with a smile and encouragement, resulting in giving them not only a Styrofoam box of nourishment, but sending them on their way with a lasting air of love. Jill says the church has seen the ministry grow from a soup kitchen serving less than a dozen in feeding 400+.

While it may be considered a band aid to the poverty landscape as a whole, it has given many in our community with food insecurities a glimpse of love in action, as well as a tangible expression of that love with each meal.

While Jill is on the outside, her husband, Franz is on the inside organizing, arranging, directing and encouraging several volunteers who are there to help. Before arriving at the church, Mary Lee, Franz and Jill put in hours of meal preparation, taking calls for meal donations, etc. While there may be occasional challenges, Franz says there are frequent rewards. From the most unexpected strangers have come the most unexpected stories. Franz experienced this recently when a repairman refused payment for a job he had done.

The repairman explained to Franz how much the Friday Night Meals had meant to him and his family when times were tough. Jill still insisted on writing the repairman a check for his service. The check was finally accepted, but was endorsed to Camp UMC for the Friday Night Meal Ministry.

Even in the midst of Covid and church transition, Mary Lee Nance never lost faith or wanted to give up on feeding the hungry. It was her determination that kept the ministry going. Mary Lee’s organized demeanor is contagious to everyone around her. While the climate can be chaotic, Mary Lee puts everything in peaceful order and perspective. With each delivery station clearly marked with drivers and recipient lists, there is no question as to who gets what and where. Mary Lee has her running shoes active as she makes several trips from serving station to sidewalk to give Jill the number of curbside meals needed. Filling in wherever needed, Mary Lee still finds time to encourage others whether they are servants or those being served.

Mary Lee, Franz and Jill are an “A Team” of sorts, but they agree that they could not do all they do without all the faithful volunteers who show up each week to help in various ways. Even with the recipient numbers increasing each week, the food has never run out. In fact, there is often food left over and given to organizations who serve the community. Stop by Camp UMC some Friday afternoon and observe love in action and multitudes being fed. You might just feel led to bake a cake, serve up some food or deliver meals to the homebound or homeless.

Call Franz (919-274-4480), Jill (919-274-4483), or Mary Lee (910-713-8886) for information on how you can be a part of this exciting ministry. **NOTE: Friday Night Meals will not be serving during the month of August. Meals will start back in September.**

Donna Varnam,



Join us as we
GLORIFY GOD THRU SONG
September 16
from 3-5 pm
OIB Town Center Park
11 E. Second St. OIB, NC

Bring a lawn chair and join us for an afternoon of music with Allen Pote and a 100+ vocal choir from participating local churches.



Let's all "GLORIFY GOD THROUGH SONG" on September 16th from 3:00-5:00 PM at the OIB Town Center Park. Music composer, Allen Pote, will be here to lead the combined choir of 100+ voices. Then music groups from local churches will add even more praises to God! All are invited to participate in this special event! Just bring yourself and a lawn chair to be filled with the Holy Spirit. In case of rain, the event will be held at Camp United Methodist Church. This event is sponsored by the Agape and Music Ministries of Camp UMC.

NEXT AGAPE MEETING
Sunday August 20th @ 11:15 AM in the Salmon Room



On July 19th, the ladies gathered at Sunset Beach where they shared the snacks they brought. Though it was a hot night, an ocean breeze kept them somewhat cool. The performance by the Chocolate Chip Band was greatly enjoyed.

Next Ladies night out will be a movie night on August 17th at 5:30. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and we will watch the movie "Where the Crawdads Sing".



You must go through the Church office prior to setting dates for any meetings or activities that require use of the church rooms or grounds.

Also, if you need to change the date, location or time of an already scheduled event or activity, please go through the church office.

NEW MEMBERS



Patricia Hollowell joined Camp UMC on 7/16/23. She transferred from Divine St. UMC in Dunn, NC. Patricia is an artist (graphic artist, clothing designer, etc.) She was the outreach director at Divine Camp Street UMC.



“Scott” and Janet Stevenson joined Camp UMC on 4/9/23. They transferred from Williamson Chapel UMC in Mooresville, NC They both worked for Fortune 500 Banks. Scott likes riding and Janet loves gardening.



Susan Usher, a former Camp UMC member has returned to us. She is a Certified Lay Leader and is also involved in a number of projects at Camp.



**Saturday
August 19th
8:00 AM-Noon.**

This event won't just be a “yard sale”. There will also be a bake sale and a silent auction.

If you have something to donate (no clothing please), contact Ron Markum (910-880-9030). He or an associate is available to receive donations on Saturday mornings. Call first to schedule a delivery. Large items such as furniture will only be accepted on August 16th, 17th and 18th.

Please consider donating items of significant value for the silent auction. Each item will have a minimum bid. Items will be returned to donors if the minimum bid is not reached.

Volunteers are needed to price items. Pricing is being done in the former Food Panty Other volunteers are needed as well. Anyone who would like to volunteer with this event should contact Tom Evans (910-755-710

Bags will be needed for the sale. Please consider bringing in grocery bags and other bags that will hold purchased items. There will be a box in the narthex to collect the bags.

People willing to bake something should contact Margaret Harden (910-617-0003). The baked items should be delivered to the Youth and Family Center on the 18th.

Proceeds from this event will be used to help with the costs of the badly needed renovation of the church kitchen and the Fellowship Hall, which is currently unavailable due to substantial water damage.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Building Hope Angel Tree Camp

Angel Tree Camp is summer camp for children of incarcerated parents. For years Camp has supported this program by donating fifty dollars per child, to spend a week experiencing fun and spiritual guidance. Activities include: archery, arts and crafts, campfires, canoeing, faith formation, fishing, hiking, music, worship and more. Your donations this year helped 72 children experience a time of a lifetime. Thank you Camp UMC members.



Dear Camp UMC Members,
Thank you so much for your generous gifts to Streetreach and Angel Tree Camps! It's partners like you that make our work possible. Your contributions enable us to accomplish sharing the Gospel and helping to restore lives, as well as being a witness of God's unconditional love to "the least of these".

Garry & Donna Phelps

STREETREACH

Camp UMC collected items for Brunswick County Streetreach during the months of June and July. Our VBS children brought an item every day for this cause. Thank you Camp members and Bible School students for donating to this project.



Our Camp UMC quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive on July 20th was a success. We netted 27 units. Thanks to all who came out to support us, even those few who came out to give but could not for various reasons. A special thanks to our very own Pastor Terry who was a hero for donating a "double"!



Ray Matthews is happy to donate.



Harold Beaty is getting prepped.



Sue Wall is waiting for her turn.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Marble Composition notebooks (wide ruled)
Regular Pencils and Colored Pencils
Erasers (pink pearl)
Dry Erase Expo markers
Crayons 24 pack
3 Ring Binder
Dividers for binders
Markers
Headphones (WalMart/Dollar General)
Pocket Folders with 3 hole punch
Quart and Gallon Ziploc Freezer Bag
Notebook paper wide-ruled
Glue Sticks
Highlighters
Backpacks
Clorox wipes
Tissue



Camp UMC will continue our prayer partnership with Union Elementary, Mother's Morning Out, and teachers who are members of our church. Packets will be ready for distribution on Sunday August 27th. Please consider selecting an educator/staff

member to pray for during the upcoming school year. For more information, contact Bonnie Stanley-Verzella at:

(910) 617-4193 or verzellagal@gmail.com



The Blessing of the Backpacks will be on Sunday, August 27th during the Children's Moment. Children and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to church and place them at the altar

Ladies On The Bus

The Ladies On The Bus distributed 25 vases of flowers in the last month from members giving us flowers that were used in the church. This puts a smile on their face when we visit them. Thank you for kindness. Our last time out we visited 5 people, and as you can see they really appreciate our visits.

Shay Godwin, Chair

Nurture Committee

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Visiting with Dan Jones



Visiting with Polly Milligan



Visiting with Mae Milligan

"God calls us to be servants. Visiting the sick and [homebound] reminds us that we have been called by God to be servants to those in need."

<https://www.placefortruth.org>

LEXOPHILIA

Lexophilia is a love for words and a fascination or obsession with playing with language, such as puns, wordplay and wit. It involves a deep appreciation for the intricacies of language, its various meanings and the creative possibilities it offers. (<https://www.definitions.net>). An annual competition is held by the New York Times to see who can create the best original lexophile. Some recent submissions were:

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool .

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

<https://members.kypress.com/articles/new-york-times-contest>



They've done it again!

In July, Pastor Terry received a call from a family in Calabash who needed help to install a screen door. Terry contacted Howard Varnam about the issue. Howard asked Ronnie Markum and Jack Rector to assist him and they all went out to address the problem.

As it turned out, installing the door was a bit more involved than expected. A storm door was necessary and had to be ordered. (Funds from Camp's local outreach budget were used to purchase the door.)

The mission was accomplished and the family was happy.

Perhaps we should change the name of the group to WMM - Wonderful Methodist Men.



Camp UMC will host an End of Summer Bash on August 20th from 12:00-4:00 PM at the OIB Community Center. All children, youth and adults of all ages are welcome to attend! We look forward to sharing side dishes, desserts, burgers, dogs and some time on the beach! Contact Tamy Munns or Allison Hunter for more information.



YOU NEVER KNOW

Luke, the grandson of one of my Pittsburgh friends, recently graduated from high school. He and a group of friends travelled from Pittsburgh to Kure Beach, NC on a "graduation trip". On the way, they were stopped at a gas station when a man approached them and asked if he could pray for them. The man started praying and then other people walked over and joined him in prayer. When the prayer ended the Pittsburgh group thanked them for the prayer and continued on their way.

Luke and his friends had rented a house on Kure Beach, NC. One night, two of his friends were out on the deck. All of a sudden, the deck collapsed. It slanted down and the young men just slid down. They were basically uninjured. Had the deck not slanted down or if someone had been below the deck, serious injuries may have occurred.

Did the man who asked to pray for them receive a "God Prompt?" What could have been a horrible disaster was avoided. Did the prayer in some way protect the group? Seems like it may have.

Bottom Line?

Perhaps, when we feel the need to pray for someone, it is a prompt from God and we should pray for that person.

Jeanne Frederick



AGAPE Christmas Boxes

Project AGAPE (American Greater Armenia Partnership Efforts) is ministry to Armenia. It is a joint-ministry venture of the Western and North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church along with the Armenian Apostolic Church. Project AGAPE was launched in 1993. Project AGAPE is committed to the following goals:

Share the love and hope of Christ with the people of Armenia

Contribute to the Christian education of the Armenian people

Develop humanitarian and benevolent activities

Our Outreach goal is to fill 100 AGAPE Christmas Boxes for the children of Armenia. This effort will help provide Christian families in war torn areas with needed items during the holidays. The Christmas Boxes will be available to pick-up during communion on August 6th. The Outreach team will collect the Christmas Boxes and they will be blessed during the special October 1st World Communion Sunday. The Christmas Boxes will be labeled with a checklist of items needed separated by gender and child's age. There is also a nominal \$5.00 fee per box for shipping charges.

It has been said, "small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." This is what Camp United Methodist Church is all about!

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Ray McKinnon at vrmckinnon1956@gmail.com.

For more information about Project AGAPE, please see Project AGAPE Armenia | Outreach Ministry (nccumc.org)

COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PROJECT AGAPE TO VISIT



Nara Melkonyan was born in Yerevan, Armenia. Her education includes: graduation from a secondary school at one of the English Secondary Schools in Yerevan; BA from Yerevan State University in Persian language and literature; Masters in Political Science and International Affairs; graduation from Yerevan State University in the department of Oriental Studies at the American University of Armenia, an affiliate of the University of California.

Nara Project has been the Country Director of Project AGAPE in Armenia since July 4 of 1997.

Nara will be in our area on October 8th. She will give a presentation about her involvement with the Project Agape. This will take place on Sunday October 8th at 4:00PM at an Ice cream hosted by Seaside and Camp. The social will be held at Seaside UMC. Don't miss this amazing story of what the shoeboxes mean to these children

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Summary of Financial Results Year to Date - through June 2023

Revenue & Expenses (6 months)

Offerings =	\$239,225.00
+Other Revenue	\$ 1,810.20
-Expenses	(\$295,707.79)
 =Net	 (\$ 54,672.51)

*Includes sale of property, interest, capital credits, other miscellaneous revenue

*All MMO Payroll are excluded and are recorded with the Restricted Fund items.

Thank you all for your commitment and faithfulness to Camp church.

Harold Beaty, Finance Chair

THANK YOU

Jay and Derrice Combs are deeply grateful for all the cards, messages, prayers, and support that has been shown by our friends at Camp Church on the passing of our beloved son, Jay Combs, Jr. Thank you all for your many kindnesses.

Thank you for all of the beautiful cards, thoughtful texts and the many donations to CUMC Kitchen Renovation in memory of our wife, mom, mother-in-law, Grandpa and Great-Grandma, Kathleen Parker. We appreciate all your thoughts and prayers.

The Parker Family

We appreciate all of your cards, texts, prayers and expressions of sympathy in response to the death of our beloved grandson, Christopher James Draeger (CJ). It is wonderful being a part of such a loving Camp Family.

Roy and Thelma Herring



If you have an idea for the newsletter or would like to contribute something (e.g., devotional, cartoon, article, etc.), please reach out to a member of the newsletter team.

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AUGUST MILESTONES



1	Jane Evans	9	Ronald Austin	18	Ray McKinnon
1	Susan Usher	10	Doug Burrows	19	Jeff Maynard
2	Gary Matthews	10	Alan Inions	20	Dick Erickson
3	Charlotte Pringle	11	Adrianna Sidelinger	20	Hart Merriam
4	Lou Byrd	11	Declan Thompson	21	Doris Pigott
4	Linda Callender	12	Mathew Steve	22	Rebecca Colan
4	Wanda Stanley	14	Henry Holland	23	Albert Parker
4	Frank Williamson	15	Wes Ward	24	Ricky Byrd
6	Wiley Ballard	16	Jean Miller	24	Martha Lee
7	Kim Galloway	17	Mary Berry	25	Tamy Munns-Crecelius
8	Angela Adams	17	Jacob Lolley	29	Don Eagle
8	Thomas Coda	17	Hugh McCullough	30	Franz Bryant
9	Kate Alderson				



4 (55)	Keith & Barbara Compton	20 (46)	Dennis & Cheryl Hetzel
6 (51)	Howard & Barbara Varnam	21 (52)	Rich & Debbie Vaughan
10 (33)	Laura & Harold Beaty	29 (53)	Bob & Laura Winship
11 (44)	Alan & Tammie Lewis	30 (71)	W.J. & Sibyl McLamb
11 (44)	Kenneth & Ginny Harrell	31 (49)	Cray & Wendy Milligan
13 (40)	Tal & Julie Madison	31 (27)	Keith & Kim Fillman
18 (56)	Wes & Betsy Ward		



DATES TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST

August 3rd-4th	Soccer Camp	5:30-7:30 PM @ OIB Park
August 5th	Camp's Food Pantry Day	
August 9th	Ripley's Aquarium Adventure	2:00-8:00 PM.
August 10th	AdMin Meeting	6:30 PM
August 17th	Ladies Night Out	5:30 PM
August 19th	Camp's Yard Sale	8:00 AM-Noon
August 20th	End of Summer Bash	12:00-4:00 PM
August 27th	Short Stack Breakfast	8:00-9:00 AM
	Blessing of Back Packs	
August 28th	Brunswick County Schools Start	



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 Sun. Sch. 1 0:00 Worship 10:00 Children's Church & Nursery	6:30 Prayer & Communion	Bulletin Deadline 9:30 Prayer Shaw			No Friday Night Meals this month	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
				Soccer Camp 5:30-7:30 PM OIB Park		CAMP'S FOOD PANTRY DAY
6 Communion	7 Lay Leadership Meeting 6:30	8 Susanna Wesley UMC	9 2:00-8:00 Ripley's Trip	10 6:30 Admin Meeting	11	12 Yard Sale Set Up
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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	Staff Meeting 4:00			5:30 Ladies Night Out		
20 11:15 Agape Group Mtg 12:00 End of Summer Bash	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Short Stack Breakfast Blessing of the Books	28 Schools Start	29	30	31		