



The Circuit Rider

October 2023

2 Corinthians 7:16 KJV
*I rejoice therefore that I have
confidence in you in all things.*

It is a special feeling to be a happy pastor, especially in times of chaos and confusion!

As we officially come to the close of summer and enter the autumn season, and after having celebrated my first year serving in ministry together, let me assure you, I am one HAPPY pastor!!! What a joy it is to be appointed by Bishop Shelton to continue serving as the pastor of Camp United Methodist Church.

To be called by God to serve as the spiritual leader of any congregation is no small thing. I am both thankful and blessed by that of all the pastor's in our conference, God chose to plant me in this luscious garden for these seasons we celebrate together.

As I considered the blessings I've discovered among you, I came across the verse from 2 Corinthians, where the Apostle Paul said: *"I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you."*

How often do we hear the pastoral appointees speak of their laity in this manner?

The recent worship service led by our United Women of Faith reminded me of just how fortunate I am. (Gotta confess, in some places it's easier to whisper that scripture than shout it out). Isn't it encouraging that the laity and staff of Camp UMC trust each other with "complete confidence?"

Paul was enamored by the Corinthian people; he had a true heart of love for them. Now keep in mind, these were the same sinful people that he had been working with for quite some time. However, despite their flaws, the people of Corinth were a church. They were working together, even if not always in complete agreement, but always in harmony. Their ministry was successfully electrifying because their church was quickly growing and their love for each other genuine. The Corinthians were unified, loved, and strengthened, all because their mission was much the same as ours: *"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."*

Isn't that a tremendous statement of purpose for United Methodist everywhere?

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Sunday Services

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

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As we move through Fall 23' and toward the end of another year, I want you to ask yourselves how you view what's happening at Camp UMC? Do you feel an excitement? A new attitude? A renewal? A new purpose and vision?

Realistically, we will never get everything right or agree on every single issue, still I believe we can, together, find consensus as we minister together in building up the Body of Christ. Why? Because our goal of making disciples is of a singular purpose.

Consider how you view your relationship toward me, toward our staff, and toward our church leadership? Do you have reason to, as Paul said, "*REJOICE?*" Do you give us reason to rejoice? Is your love for God growing each day? Are you living into your baptismal covenant to "*faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness*" each and every day?

And so, friends...church family...my siblings in Christ, let me say once again, "I AM SO HAPPY TO BE in Shallotte WITH YOU!" I am confident that God is working in us and through us (and perhaps at times, despite us).

The fruit from all God is doing in us and around us is transformational. Let's grow stronger. Let's live our lives in such a way that we cause each other to rejoice. Let's live our mission and continue to drive our journey in discipleship forward. Let's live so others have confidence in our faithfulness.

In God's Grip...
Pastor Terry

JOIN US FOR A MONTH OF SUNDAYS 4:00 PM EACH SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

1st



Large or small - fur or fins- bring your beloved animals out for a special time of blessing and fellowship. All animals must be leashed or in an appropriate container.

8th



We welcome
Nara Melkonyan,
Director of Project
Agape in Armenia to our
community at Seaside
UMC Ocean Isle, for an
Ice Cream Social.

15th



Advent is coming fast
and we have lots of
songs to learn! Come
join the fun as we
explore our way through
the hymnal and find
new songs to sing!

22nd



Bring some candy and
decorate your trunk as
we celebrate with the
children from Camp and
our community!
Feel free to costume or
come as you are.
Fellowship is the most
important part!

29th



Do you know everyone
that sits in the pews on
Sunday? This is your
chance to learn names
and a bit about your
Camp UMC neighbors.
We'll play quick games
to get to know a little
about each other.
Wear your nametag!

GLORIFY GOD THRU SONG

On September 16th, our Agape and Music Ministries held their first "**Glorify God Thru Song**" event at OIB Town Center. It was an afternoon full of love and worship! If you missed out on this event, be sure to check out the Camp Facebook page for the Livestreams. A special thank you goes out to all of the churches who participated in the event: the choir directed by Alan Pote, our New Life Band, the Coastal Harmonizers and the Embracing Christ Praise Band for all of their hard work and dedication to this event.



Look at the size of the choir!



Coastal Harmonizers



Embracing Christ Praise Band



Some of the many people who enjoyed the amazing music

A PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Good and gracious God,

You know what each of us is going through. You know our hardships, you know what we're waiting for, you know what we are asking and you know the good we do in our best efforts to be obedient and righteous. Help us lead lives that are pure and holy and pleasing in your sight. We thank you for strength and wisdom each day to keep moving forward in hope and trust. This time of year teaches us that we will reap the harvest of our good efforts because you fulfill all your promises. Thank you, Lord, for being just and faithful. Amen.



Camp Church has been blessed all year with beautiful flowers on our Altar table, and in the narthex. I can't thank you enough for making sure this happens every Sunday. December is almost full, but we have an empty chart for October and November. If you can fill one of those Sunday spots, I would be so "happy".

Thank you all for what you have already done, and for all that you continue to do.
Sue Wells



NEW LIFE PRAISE BAND

Getting to Know the New Life Praise Band Members

Kevin Holland is one of the guitarists with the New Life Praise Band. See below to learn a little more about him.

Where were you born and raised? I was born in Clinton and grew up in Warsaw, NC.

What are three things you would like the congregation to know about you? I teach history and coach women's basketball at West Brunswick (3rd year at West, 27th year overall). My favorite foods are any meat and cheese...nachos, tacos, lasagna, cheeseburgers...the healthy stuff. My favorite movies are Top Gun, Forrest Gump, and The Shawshank Redemption.

How long have you attended Camp UMC? We started attending Camp in August 2021.

What musical instruments do you play? I mainly just play guitar. I can play a little on the ukulele and the mandolin. I played trombone from 7th-10th grade, and I took piano lessons when I was a kid, but I wouldn't say I can play those now. I would like to learn to play the banjo.

What is your favorite genre of music? My favorite music is classic rock, 80s and 90s country, and contemporary Christian.

What is your favorite musical group? Probably Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Eagles.

What is your favorite Praise music song? My current favorite is Goodness of God. My favorite older song is You Bless Me by Darrell Evans.

Anything else you would like the congregation to know about you? I am married to Susan and dad to Annabel and Henry.



Happy October Camp Family!

Fall is my favorite time of year and one of the things I love about fall is our yearly **Trunk or Treat Event!** This will take place on **October 22** from 4-6 pm in the grassy knoll. We will have games, face painting, lots of trunks, and a dinner! I am looking for **volunteers** to decorate their trunks and sit at their car during this event to hand out candy/ prizes! Please email me (ahunter.cumc@gmail.com.) if you are interested in participating

Our children's ministry programs are back in action!

Camp Kids: every Wednesday night from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Educational Wing

Sunday School: every Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45 AM in the Educational Wing

Children's Church: during the 10:00 AM worship service in the Nursery/Toddler Wing

We have five children joining our **acolyte team!** We welcome: Reid Chambly, Hattie Greene, Parker Garner, Hadley McGougan, and Declan Thompson to our team! Please give them a warm welcome as you see them carrying the light of Christ!

Thank you Camp family for all of your generous support! Every meal for the fall semester has been donated, thanks to you! This allows our children's ministry to allocate funds to our outreach events and for various activities for the children.



On Wednesday, September 20th, the children went shopping for Agape gifts and then prayed over the boxes.

May God bless you and your families this fall season!

Love,

Allison Hunter
Director of Children's Ministry



Our youth group has started back with our weekly Sunday night meetings from 5:30-7:00 PM. We have had lessons on love and gratitude so far, delicious meals and fellowship with some football and 9 square thrown in too!

We are so excited to have James Morse joining our leadership team this year, he is an amazing addition who is eager to lead this wonderful group of youth.

We shopped and packed AGAPE boxes and will be helping with the church Trunk-or-Treat and getting ready for Pilgrimage which is in November. Stay tuned for more information on Pilgrimage, it is an amazing weekend worship experience!



The youth group on a Sunday night



The guys go shopping for Agape box items.

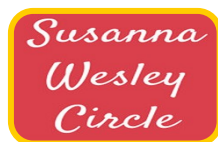
Anna Anderson



Ladies of Camp please save the date for an Advent Program being sponsored by the Women in Faith: Prepare Him Room Virtual Event with Kristi McLelland. Refreshments 2:30-3:00 PM and program 3:00-5:00 PM. Stay tuned for more details.



The Joy Circle October meeting will be on Monday, 10/9 at 7:00 PM (**note time change**) for dessert and devotion at Laura Beaty's house at 301 E 2nd St, Ocean Isle Beach.



The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 10, at 10:00 AM in the Salmon Classroom (across from the nursery). Gina Britton will present the program on "Biblical Foods". Do you know what choroset, roasted kishu and lechem are? If not, you definitely want to attend! Members will be bringing better-known items such as dried fruit, goat cheese, honey., black olives, etc. Please join us for this informative (and tasty) program!



SALT Ministry met on September 18th. We discussed plans for the upcoming year.

Our next meeting will be on October 17th at 11:30 AM at Wings & Fish.

On October 24th Renee T. will speak to us about Medicare at 5:00 PM in the Salmon Classroom.



On September 21st the ladies gathered at Roberto's and enjoyed great service, wonderful food, and outstanding fellow ship.



Our next Ladies Night Out will be on October 19th @ 5:00 PM at Smoke'd in Shallotte! Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and food! RSVP with Tamy, if you plan on participating.



A large crowd gathered at the Methodist Men's meeting on September 25th. They enjoyed a tasty meal of fried fish, hush puppies, cole slaw, potato salad and a variety of desserts.



Men at work

MISSIONS



All staff members at Union Elementary, Mother's Morning Out Ministry, and members of Camp who are teachers have received a prayer partner for the 2023-2024 school year. Many thanks to Bonnie Stanley-V for preparing the prayer packets. Please remember to mail your monthly prayer card, or if you'd like to save a stamp, there is a basket on the welcome table in the narthex. You may drop your cards in the basket and your cards will be taken to the school. Thank you for participating in our prayer partner ministry.



September 2nd Distribution

Camp UMC served 110 families (10 new) 396 individuals (143 children, 64 adults 89 seniors). 7 Hispanic bags were distributed.

GREAT JOB everyone!!!!!!

Gary Conselmo, Chair

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

What a successful school supply collection we had! Thank you Camp for providing school supplies for the students at Union Elementary and Shallotte Middle School.



**Oct. 12th from 1:30-6:00 PM
in the Youth & Family Center**

To register or to get more information, call Barbara Varnam @ (910) 619-5504



STREETREACH OCTOBER NEEDS

As the "hot" temperatures and the beautiful Fall weather moves in, We receive a lot of requests from individuals (Christian bikers, youth and groups to use our playground and property for various sleep outs. We welcome these requests.

We are looking for volunteers to do some work around the ministry property: items planted, playground area cleaned, load of mulch spread, handicap ramp painted and steps built in front of camper.

We also need donations of the following items: 30 bales of pine straw, load of playground mulch, lumber, pumpkins and mums. Please bring your own tools.

Contact the Phelps if you can help. Donna (910-268-3057) or Garry (910-512-3731)



THE LADIES ON THE BUS

*The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round.
The wheels on the bus go round and round all through the town.
The Ladies on the Bus laugh and chat, laugh and chat.
The Ladies on the Bus laugh and chat all through the town.*

I had heard about them for months before I actually got to climb aboard and experience the ride around town with **The Ladies on the Bus**. From the time I settled comfortably in my seat it was like opening a box of sunshine on an otherwise rainy day. I was surprisingly entertained as our driver, Shay Godwin gripped the wheel and started on our path, giving us a sense of adventure as we set out to visit church family shut-ins. Before we made it to our first stop, the positivity on board was contagious.

Each lady on the bus brought her own spiritual gift to each place visited – humor, encouragement, compassion, helpfulness, but most of all –love. Remarkably and unexpectedly, each visit was completely different, but not one was without a lesson and a blessing.

Mrs. Sally shared stories of herself as a young newlywed, living in Newfoundland. A widow today, but Sally shows the same determination and strength she had as that young girl many years ago. Mrs. Virginia made us all feel welcome, even though her home was a traffic jam of trouble shooters (repairmen and pest exterminators). She always keeps herself busy with jigsaw puzzles and cards, crafts and occasional outings. Mr. Billy took us down memory lane with conversations of the people he knew while growing up in the Boones Neck area and it was a bonus to meet his pride and joy, his daughter, April. Mr. Billy's recent stroke has not kept him from showing his gratefulness and heartfelt smile. Visiting Dan at Coastal Point allowed us to not only show him love and encouragement, but led some of us to see people we knew and had not seen in a while as well as meeting new residents who made us feel special just for taking the time to speak to them.

The wheels on the bus definitely went round and round, riding all around town and up and down some side roads too. Barbara Varnam, Denise Conselmo, Kate Alderson, Sue Wells and Shay Godwin give the precious gift of their time to this unique, inspiring ministry and others join in when schedules allow. An invitation is extended to all ladies who are open to an adventure. So, don't hesitate. There's a seat waiting for you!



The ladies with Mrs. Sally



Mr. Billy



Mrs. Virginia

By Donna Varnam

RECENT NEW MEMBERS



Jack Rector joined Camp UMC on August 27, 2023. He likes to fish and is active with the United Methodist Men.



The Summerlin Family joined Camp UMC on September 17th. David (father) transferred from Louisburg UMC. Family members baptized on that day were Fallon Summerlin, Laeland Bradsher, Harlen Summerlin and Nolley-Lee Summerlin.



Loretta and Margaret Navata joined Camp UMC on September 24th.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



SAVE THE DATE FOR SOUPER SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th

(following morning worship)

Avoid long restaurant lines and kitchen clean up. Stop by to pick up some home-made soups. There will be a variety of SOUPS, breads and desserts to choose from.

Proceeds to benefit the
Methodist Children's Home



LIVE NATIVITY

Soon the pumpkins and costumes will be put away and our thoughts will turn to the most wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. What better way than to be involved with the live nativity here at Camp UMC? Further information will be coming soon, but in the meantime, give some prayerful thought to participating in this two-night event on the December 12th & 14th. Calling all adults, Jr and Sr high students for Mary, Joseph, the wise men, shepherd and angel roles. If you would like to discuss further, call Sheryl Jones (703-407-3379) or Donna Varnam (910-233-9919).

OCTOBER



1	Roy Herring	14	Britton Williams
2	William Hooks	14	MiKayla Williams
3	Ashley Chambley	21	W.J. McLamb
3	Anna Saunders	21	Ethan Page
4	Kami Fillman	22	Gayle Williamson
4	Tammy Pickard	23	Regina Britton
6	Sara McCullough	30	Zac Inman
8	Robin Farmer	30	Julia Steve
10	Art Jacques	31	Irene Bryant
12	Jill Bryant	31	Ken Greene
12	Shay Godwin		

Mel & Shawn O'Daniels	7 (23)	Ray & Becky McKinnon	21 (45)
Zack & Kasey McGougan	9 (19)	Roy & Thelma Herring	22 (28)
Peggy & Thomas Coda	13 (44)	Dave & Monica Gilotty	23 (18)
Randy & Wanda Stanley	17 (42)	Kelly & Kevin Littlejohn	24 (36)
Ricky & Lou Byrd	17 (25)		



DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

Oct. 1st	Blessing of the Animals	4:00 PM
Oct. 8th	Project Agape (Seaside UMC)	4:00 PM (Ice Cream Social)
Oct. 12th	Red Cross Blood Drive	1:00-6:00 PM
Oct. 15th	Sing A-Learn/Sing A-Long	4:00 PM
Oct. 16th	SALT Activity	11:30 AM Wings & Fish
Oct. 19th	Israel Presentation	7:00 PM
Oct. 22nd	Community Trunk or Treat	4:00 PM
Oct. 23th	Medicare Talk	4:30 PM Salmon Room
Oct. 23rd	UMM	6:00 PM
Oct. 23rd	Souper Sunday	After church
Oct. 29th	Speed Dating	4:00 PM

Nov. 1st All Saints Day
NOV. 5th TIME TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:00 Worship 5:30 Youth		BULLETIN DEADLINE 9:30 Prayer Shaw 2:00 Basket Weavers & Bible Study	5:30 –700 Camp Kids 5:30 Dinner 5:55 Adult Choir 6:00 Lord's Prayer Study 7:30 Bells		4:30 Community Meal	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 4:00 Blessing of Animals	2 4:00 SALT Planning	3	4 7:15 Finance Advisory Meeting	5	6	7 CAMP'S FOOD PANTRY DAY
8 4:00 Project Agape at Seaside UMC	9 COLUMBUS DAY 7:00 Joy Circle	10 10:00 Susanna Circle 6:30 Trustee	11	12 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive 6:30 AdMin Team Mtg.	13	14
15 12:15 Agape Group 4:00 Sing & Learn/Sing Along	16 11:30 SALT Activity	17	18	19 5:00 Ladies Night Out 7:00 Israel Trip Presentation	20	21
22 4:00Trunk or Treat	23 4:30 Medicare Presentation 6:00 UMM	24	25	26 MMOM Fall Festival	27	28 ERT Training & Recert
29 11:00 Souper Sunday 4:00 Speed Dating	30	31 				