



The Circuit Rider



January 2025

SOUL PURPOSE

It seems like only yesterday that we were carving turkey, trimming trees, planning events for Advent with Christmas parades, live nativity, cantata, Children's Christmas program, Carols at Camp, various parties and group dinners, and sifting through Christmas wrappings looking for the earring that went missing somewhere between the den and the bedroom (wondering if Oliver found it and thought it was a Christmas cookie decoration). In fewer words I could have just said, "*man, the holiday season sure did pass by quickly.*" I think it seems to fly by more quickly with every year.

Now, January has arrived and it's time to refill the birdfeeders for the cardinals, chickadees, mockingbirds that feed from them, and the squirrels that raid them (which I suppose is fine as they must eat, too, after all, we're in this life together).

A few days after Christmas, and with Belk's running a 70% off sale, I made my way to check on jeans and sweaters to see if they had something I couldn't live without. As I walked through the store I passed a mirror, and as I paused to admire (frown) at the damage done by the 3lbs of fudge, peanut brittle, and other assorted Christmas snacks, I noticed that the wrinkles on my face (not to mention the scar and bruising still circling my eye) were not the result of the goodies consumed, but by "Old Man Time." Not far into 2025 and I'll be another year older, perhaps a little bit wiser, and understand more than ever how time is a precious gift.

Age can be both a blessing and a curse. I started to do a mental reflection on the number of family members and friends I lost in 2024 and became a bit sad. I know that's part of God's plan and that we're not built to last forever, but I still hate the thought of how quickly the seasons pass as we move further and further through this thing we call life.

So, we arrive at a new year and it's time to consider our resolutions. The resolutions we make annually seem to change direction as quickly as the winds shift. What at one time was lose weight, drink less and save more money for retirement shifts to things like, spending more quality time with family and closest friends, giving back to the church and community and considering the kind of legacy we hope our families will be proud of.

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Sunday Services

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

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The sole (soul) purpose of my January message to you is to simply remind you not to take anything for granted. No one can predict what will happen in the next few minutes, let alone the year 2025. Value your time and do not waste any of it. Invest your time wisely in activities that produce positive results for yourself and the people you love the most.

And friends, let us resolve, as the Body of Christ of Camp United Methodist Church, to reflect God's great love as we reflect for the world the face of Jesus in all we do. Care for one another. Respect the opinions of others, even if you don't agree. And regard every moment of your life as precious. Resolve to bring about good to all humanity and let the less important stuff go. Move into this new year with a faith that will produce blessings in abundance. And may God continue to bless you, your loved ones and the members of Camp United Methodist Church.

Pastor Terry

A New Year's Prayer

Lord,

You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our
hearts and cause our Spirits to
be born again.
Thank you for this new year
for all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty
flame so that in our time, many
will see the wonders of God
and live forever to praise Your
glorious name.

- Author Unknown

HABITS TO CONSIDER FOR 2025

Drink more water.
Learn to let go.
Remain humble.
Learn to be content.
Exercise your mind and body.
Make time for people you care about.
Love God and others more.
Don't waste precious energy on gossip.
Read more books than you did in 2024.
Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes
every day.
Sleep for 7 hours.
Take a 10-30 minute walk every day.
Smile and laugh more.
Forgive everyone for everything.

**LIVE IS SHORT.
LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST.**



Recent Decisions by the Church Council

During the last Church Council meeting, which was held on November 14th, it was decided that a love offering would be taken at the Caroling at Camp Concert with Phil Giallombardo, and that the offering from that evening would be split between the Lord's Food Pantry and Streetreach (an organization that ministers to the homeless).

The Lord's Food Pantry serves those in need every Saturday. This year they are on track to serve over 20,000 individuals. The food provided is given based on the size of the family in need and is enough for 2- or 3-days worth of meals. Camp is, of course, one of the 13 area churches that volunteer at the pantry monthly.

Streetreach is a faith based ministry and, on the frontline serving the homeless, prisoners and victims of human trafficking. They recently added a mobile shower to their services which include food, clothing, and emergency shelter in local motels. They also provide case management services hoping to break the cycle of homelessness.

Tom Evans
Chair of the Church Council

CAROLING @ CAMP *with Phil Giallombardo*



A packed crowd of Camp and community members were delighted and moved by the program on the 15th of December. Phil is a truly gifted man and generously shared his talent with the attendees.

The love offering raised \$4821 which will be divided equally between The Lord's Pantry and Streetreach. When told of that amount Phil said, "Nice. We have a caring and generous community".



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



I asked The Sign Shoppe to make a concert parking sign for us to help people who had never been to Camp to find parking for the concert on December 15th. And I told them how the offering from that night would go to people experiencing hunger and homelessness. It is two sided and about 4 feet tall — they did a beautiful job — and when I went to pick it up they said “no charge” and donated it. Another example of our caring community.

Tom Evans

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 20, 2025 12:00-3:00 PM



The keynote speaker for the celebration will be Kim Henderson. She is an executive vice president and chief administrative officer at Novant Health where she oversees the people and culture team. Prior to joining Novant Health, she served as vice president of corporate social responsibility and executive director of the Charlotte Hornets Foundation .

Lunch will be served, following her talk, in the Youth and Family Center.



CHILDREN and YOUTH MINISTRES

MARY POPPINS, Jr.

Several of Camp's children and youth recently participated in the Starbright Theater production of Mary Poppins Jr. Thank you to everyone came out to support Annabel Holland, Kiera Peralta, Nova Chambley, Reid Chambley and Hattie Greene! Great job kids!!



SCUBA CHRISTMAS PLAY



Some of the chime players

Camp Kids made a big splash with their Scuba Christmas Play on December 15th. They worked hard under the leadership of Tommi Hendricks and Kim Williamson to prepare for it. The play incorporated the theme and Bible memory buddies and music from the Scuba Vacation Bible School that was held this past summer. The children put the "sea" in the Christmas season telling the story of Jesus' birth but with an under the sea theme. They did an amazing job with their singing, dancing, acting and knowing what Christmas is all about. The older children and youth opened the play with choir chimes led by Betsy Ward.

They have been practicing each Wednesday night and we have some future musicians and actors in our group! Thank you to everyone that helped with costumes, sets, making sure the children were at Camp Kids, practicing their lines with them and to everyone who came out to watch and support our kids!! What a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRES CONTINUED



Camp Kids will start back January 8th on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

The teens recently took a trip to shop for Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. They purchased and filled over 20 boxes to send to Samaritans Purse. The youth will have their Christmas party on December 22nd with a gingerbread house decorating contest.



Danielle Peralta
Children and Youth
Ministry Director

SALMON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



The Salmon Sunday School Class attended the Carolina Opry Christmas Show on December 3rd and enjoyed dinner at Captain Benjamin's Seafood Buffet after the show.



The Salmon Sunday School Class continued The Mary Ellen Berry Children's Christmas Project by providing toys and clothing for 13 boys and girls at Longwood Head Start.



Getting ready to deliver the gifts



The gifts have been delivered

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS



On Wednesday, December 11th. members of the Bible Journaling Class enjoyed a Christmas lunch at Wings and Fish. A good time was had by all!



At the quarterly pickup on December 14th, 8 "trash warriors" gathered 15 bags of trash.



A key part of Camp UMC's vision statement is "Serving All". If you are looking for an easy way to get involved and "serve all", consider joining the Adopt-a-Highway team. We pick up trash once per quarter. Contact me for more information at chartmerriman@gmail.com or (540-797-4388).

Hart Merriman, Chief Trash Warrior

The next trash pick-up will be on
March 8th

The Lord's Pantry

Camp distributed food to **154 families (12 of them new)** 500 individuals (142 children 232 adults 126 seniors).

Also distributed 35 Hispanic bags and 2 Arabic bags.

Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up to support Distribution Day. Also thank you to the Volunteers who helped "prep" for Distribution Day (Wednesday bagging and helping with Thursday trip to Wilmington Food Bank)

Gary Concelmo, Camp Coordinator
for The Lord's Pantry



Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Thursday, January 2nd from, 1:30-6:00 PM in the Youth and Family Center. Go to redcrossblood.com to sign up or call Barbara Varnam at 910-619-5504. There is a critical shortage at this time.

JACKETS IN JANUARY



During the month of January, Local Missions will have a coat drive. We will be collecting new or "lightly" used jackets and coats of all sizes, for those in need. There will be a container in the Narthex for the collection. They will be offered to Streetreach, Hope Harbor, and other organizations in need.

Barbara Varnam,
Local Mission Co-chair

Ladies On The Bus



Ladies On The Bus mailed out 40 Thanksgiving and Christmas cards this year. We also delivered and passed out 24 Christmas bags with a little tree and a bag full of goodies.



This is the tree that was given.

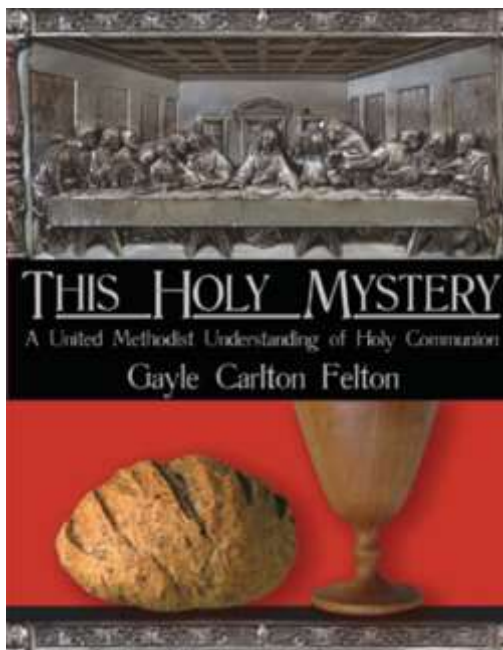
Shay Godwin,
Nurture Chair



The United Methodist Men will have its first meeting of the year on January 27th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be electing officers for the new year everyone is invited, we just need a headcount for our Chef - so please let me know if you will be attending (rhvarnam@atmc.net or (910) 619-2962) Poli Barefoot is will be the speaker.

SNOWMEN HUMOR





NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

Sign up now for our first Wednesday Night Bible study that will begin on Jan 8th. There will be two class times: 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM. There will be a meal at 5:30 PM. The study will be on the book is "The Holy Mystery". (A Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion) by Gayle Felton. See Tamy to order a book. Cost of the book is \$10.00.

SALT met on Monday night and was entertained by the coastal Harmonizers. Our next meeting will be a lunch date at 1:00 PM at Wing and Wish on January 20th. Below are pictures of the Monday night event.





CHRISTMAS "HONORING" TREE

HONORING	FROM	HONORING	FROM
Judy Arnold	Shay Godwin	Ray & Vikki	Doug Jones
Irene Bryant	Shay Godwin	Chuck & Maggie	Doug Jones
Polly Frank	Shay Godwin	Paul & Patricia Rupp	Greg & Debbie Rupp
Doris Johnson	Shay Godwin	Blanche Roberts	Greg & Debbie Rupp
Patricia Hollowell	Shay Godwin	Nancy Greiner	Sue Wells
Sara McCullough	Shay Godwin	The Wall Family	Sue Wells
Kathy Meissner	Shay Godwin	Nancy Berg	Sue Wells
Ray Nichols	Shay Godwin	Robin Farmer	Sue Wells
Gwen Simmons	Shay Godwin	Jean Miller	Sue Wells
Pat Wolff	Shay Godwin	Kevin & Becky Smith	Sue Wells
Aubrey & Grady	Shay Godwin	Julie & Tal Madison	Sue Wells
Jack Rector	Shay Godwin	Mike & Kate Alderson	Sue Wells
Glenn & Sue Wall	Shay Godwin	Marlene Hall	Sue Wells
Birdie Frink	Shay Godwin	Phil & Jocelyn	Sue Wells
Joey & Kim Galloway	Shay Godwin	Peter & Paula Heuschneider	Sue Wells
Sally Robinson	Barbara & Howard Varnam	Doug Hunter Family	Sue Wells
Becky & Ray McKinnon	Barbara & Howard Varnam	The McLamb Family	Sue Wells
Roy Mintz	Barbara & Howard Varnam	April Robinson	Sue Wells
Carolyn Jones	Barbara & Howard Varnam	Ken Greene Family	Marilyn Allison
Steve Family	Barbara & Howard Varnam	Zach Proctor	Don & Lynda Eagle
Jeff Ritz	Barbara & Howard Varnam	Connie Richardson	Don & Lynda Eagle
The Fatzingers	Barbara & Howard Varnam	Jerry Wolff	Pat Wolff
Kelly & Poli Barefoot	Barbara & Howard Varnam	George & Sandy Carter	Wendy Cardinal
Carol Krawiec	Barbara & Howard Varnam	McKenzie Cardinal	Wendy Cardinal
Linda Callender	Barbara & Howard Varnam	Kathy Stevenson	Scott & Janet Stevenson
Bill & Beverly Hooks	Barbara & Howard Varnam	Dean Williams	Scott & Janet Stevenson
Kitty & Junior Reedy	Barbara & Howard Varnam	Megan Wilson	Ramona Parker
Buzz Lambert	Mel O'Daniels	Shannell Caulder	Ramona Parker
Kay Lambert	Mel O'Daniels	Madison Albertson	Ramona Parker
Hayes Powell	From Family	Irene Bryant	Paula Heuschneider
Margaret Hardin	Summer & Kate	Sue Wells	Paula Heuschneider
Kenneth Malick	Kim & Keith Fillman	Becky Hewett	Paula Heuschneider
Cherie Stith	Kim & Keith Fillman	Stacy, with Love	Polly Frank
Mary Lee Nance	Judy Arnold	John Ellender	Nancy Berg
Franz Bryant	Judy Arnold	Bardo	Jocelyn Kearns
Thommi Hendricks	Judy Arnold	Henry Holland	Pop Paw & Mom Maw
Jim Hendricks	Judy Arnold	Annabel Holland	Pop Paw & Mom Maw
Lynda Eagle	Judy Arnold	Wes & Betsy Ward	W.J & Sibyl McLamb
Doug & Sheryl Jones	Doug Jones	Margaret Hardin (For all she has done to beautify Camp Church)	W.J & Sibyl McLamb





CHRISTMAS "HONORING" TREE

<i>HONORING</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>HONORING</i>	<i>FROM</i>
Riley Grier Westbrook	HB & Lala	Shay Godwin	W.J. & Sibyl McLamb
Mason Grier Beaty	HB & Lala	Sue Wells	W.J. & Sibyl McLamb
Ray Bell	Lou Bell	Doris Johnson	Betsy & Wes Ward
Connie Richardson	Lou Bell	Bettye Wolny	Betsy & Wes Ward
Lynda & Don Eagle	Lou Bell	Carolyn Jones	Betsy & Wes Ward
Virginia Winfree	Lou Bell	Doris Pigott	Betsy & Wes Ward
Pastor Terry & Jane	Glenn & Sue Wall	Anchor Rae McKinnon	Becky McKinnon
Don & Lynda Eagle	Glenn & Sue Wall	Anna & Dean Anderson	Becky Hewett
Shay Godwin	Glenn & Sue Wall	Bonnie & Andy Verzella	Becky Hewett
Tamy Munns	Glenn & Sue Wall	The Colon Family	Becky Hewett
Salmon Class	Glenn & Sue Wall	The Peralta Family	Becky Hewett
Sue Wells	Glenn & Sue Wall	Al & Ramona Parker	Becky Hewett
Howard & Barbara Varnam	Glenn & Sue Wall	The Holland Family	Becky Hewett
Cathy White	Glenn & Sue Wall	Tina Marie Sifford	Nancy Grenier
Wes & Betsy Ward	Glenn & Sue Wall	Betsy Fatzinger	Nancy Grenier
Chancel Choir	Glenn & Sue Wall	Cheryl Mills	Nancy Grenier
Art Jacques	Jim Malick	Sue & Ken Davis	Tina Marie Sifford
LCDR Retired White	Cathy White	Michael Sifford	Tina Marie Sifford
Ted Hall	Marlene Hall	Margaret Hardin	Sara McCullough
Edward & Virginia Gore	Marlene Hall	Franz & Jill Bryant	Sara McCullough
Lou Bell	Connie Richardson	Bob Tipen	Rae Matthews
Sue Wells	Connie Richardson	Gary & Rae Matthews	Rae Matthews
Lynda & Don Eagle	Connie Richardson	Cathy & David LaBianca	Tamy Munns
Braelyn Langworthy	David & Cathy LaBianca	The Sowders	Tamy Munns
Ryland Langworthy	David & Cathy LaBianca	Patty McNeill	Jill & Franz Bryant
Skyler Langworthy	David & Cathy LaBianca	Jim Malick	Jill & Franz Bryant
Avery Toler	David & Cathy LaBianca	Jax, Zeb & Hadley	Joey & Kim Galloway
Aiden Toler	David & Cathy LaBianca	Declan	Joey & Kim Galloway
Thom Arnold	Thommi & Jim Henderson	Bing	Beth Bingenheimer
	Karen & Rob Lenten	Andrew & Lott	Honey & Po Pa
Jim Hendricks	Jim Hendricks	Abby Perry	April Robinson
Amanda Karger	Jim Hendricks	June Robinson	April Robinson
Helen Hendricks	Thommi & Jim Hendricks	Wanda Stanley	Virginia Winfree
Judy Arnold	Thommi & Jim Hendricks	Gordon Winfree	Virginia Winfree
Martin Callender	Linda Callender	Michael Winfree	Virginia Winfree
Ray Nichols	Linda Callender	Jessi Winfree	Virginia Winfree
Jimmy Bryant	Irene & Kim Bryant	Lauren Christi	Virginia Winfree
Michael Bryant	Irene & Kim Bryant	Randa St. George	Virginia Winfree
Mom Maw & Pop Paw	Annabel Holland	Joshua Winfree	Virginia Winfree
Mom & Dad	Annabel Holland		
Nancy Berg	Ray Nichols		
Doris Johnson	Ray Nichols		
Cathy White	Ray Nichols		





1	Beth Hunter	11	Margaret Hardin	21	Tom Evans
1	Bonita Busse	11	Joe Forrester	22	Alex Smith
2	Thomas Adams	12	Tammie Lewis	23	Greg Rupp
4	Lou Bell	12	Bob Winship	23	Jeanne Frederick
5	Kate Inman	12	Walter Britton	24	Cheryl Mills
6	Judy Arnold	13	Chris Hunter	24	Cindy Maynard
6	Laura Freeman	16	Kimberly Fluharty	26	Laura Winship
6	Cathy White	17	Eileen Markum	26	Lorrie Mottesheard
6	Makenzie Cardinal	17	Beth Baker	27	Maggie McKenzie
7	Patricia Hollowell	19	Poli Barefoot	27	Stephen Sowder
10	Ray Nichols	19	Jeff Milliken	27	Jaxon Thompson

Angela & John Adams	2 (22)
Art & Barb Jacques	3 (21)
Robin & Randy Farmer	6 (7)
Don & Lynda Eagle	11 (66)
Betty & DeWayne Oakes	21 (63)



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY

Jan 2nd	Red Cross Blood Drive	1:30 -6:00
Jan. 16th	Ladies Night Out	5:30
SALT Activity	at Wings and Fish	1:00
Jan. 20th	MLK Program & Luncheon	12:00-3:00
Jan 27th	UMM	6:00



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Children's Church 5:30 Youth		9:30 Prayer Shawl 2:00 Basket Weavers	10:00 Bible Journaling 4:00 & 6:00 Study 5:30 Dinner, 5:30 Camp Kids, Kid Singers 5:45 Adult Choir 7:30 Bell Choir	10:00 Ladies on the Bus	4:30 Community Meal	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed	2 1:30—6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 Trustees	3	4 CAMP'S FOOD PANTRY DAY
5 Communion	6 4:00 SALT Planning	7 10:00 SW Circle	8	9 Sewing for Costa Children 8:30 —4:00 6:30 Church Council	10	11
12 10:00-1:00 Britton Williams Floating Baby Shower	13 6:30 Joy Circle	14 10:00 SW Circle	15	16 5:30 Ladies Night Out at Camp	17	18
19	20  12:00 MLK Service 1:00 SALT Activity	21	22	23	24 Youth to Junaluska	25
26 Youth-Junaluska	27 6:00 UMM	28	29	30	31	