



The Circuit Rider



March 2025

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On March 5th we begin a 40-day journey we call Lent, a time in the life of every mainline Christian denomination, to examine our personal relationships with Christ and commit ourselves in doing our best to become stronger and more devoted to God and to each other. As we move closer to the Lenten season, how are you doing with planning how you might move through the temptations the season asks we consider?

If you are considering giving up chocolate, the vow 50% of those that sacrifice for the season, will you sneak in the occasional Snickers or hold tightly to your fast?

If it's your vow to be more diligent in your prayer life, how many times a day will you set aside to pray? In your commitment to pray, how might you use that time to embrace others into that practice with you?

Will you promise yourself that you will be better in reaching out in the community and helping those most in need with a hands-on commitment of your time? Does that challenge you and will it stretch you outside your comfort zones?

These reflective days of the Lenten season are a time to be better in preparing ourselves for Easter's promises and all they hold. So what are we doing as Camp United Methodist Church to be better in preparing ourselves for Easter?

Our March calendar at CUMC contains many days set aside to help us be the person(s) God created us to be. There are ongoing reunion/small group opportunities several times a week and EVERYONE is welcome to attend any or all (check our church calendar). If you are part of one of our small groups, be intentional about inviting someone new to join you. Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM we have Sunday School Classes for every age, a great time to meet new people. If you are in a SS class, invite someone that isn't involved to join you. We have an Ash Wednesday service on March 5th at 6:00 PM; bring a neighbor or friend to worship with you that evening. Wednesdays during Lent, members of the Greater Shallotte Ministerial Association (GSMA) are hosting mid-week Lenten luncheons (see specific information in this edition of The Circuit Rider for a schedule of the services and commit to be there). Our Wonderful Wednesday studies will consist of a 6 week Bible Study ~ Give Up Something Bad for Lent: A Lenten Study for Adults by James W Moore, who was an acclaimed pastor and ordained elder in

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Sunday Services

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service

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The United Methodist Church (See Tamy Munns for your book) There will be 2 sessions for the study; 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM Wednesdays (get a book and participate). Other opportunities for adults, youth, and children will be listed in our April edition of The Circuit Rider, so stay tuned.

The celebration of the resurrection of Christ is the most important day on our Christian calendar. Based on John's often quoted scripture, *God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son "...to save us. Jesus the Christ defeated the grasp sin has on our lives and the deathly consequences of our transgressions. As certain as Jesus was put to death on a dreary afternoon, he was also raised to new life on the first Easter morning...all for us! Let's prepare for Easter.*

For Lent, here are some of my more personal thoughts. I need this Lenten season to reflect on how I can be better the other 325 days a year. I need to be better in communicating with friends, family and colleagues. I need to be better in taking care of my health, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. I need to be better in choosing my words and actions as a Christian. I need to be better in advocating for social justice for those being harmed, not fear in advocating for the way Jesus said we should treat others, and embrace better who we are as United Methodist first and worry what people say less. As Paul said of Christ: *"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich."*

Friends, Lent is upon us. It may well be the most important season we or our church has ever experienced. Lent is a reflective time for you and me to journey together in opening our hearts and bringing us to right relationships to God, and with one another. Let's use this time wisely, expect a spiritual awakening, and prepare for Easter better than who we are today.

I hope to see you at Camp UMC in this season...often!

Peace, Joy, Love and Grace,
Pastor Terry

A PRAYER FOR THE START OF LENT

*God of goodness and mercy,
Hear our prayer as we begin this Lenten
journey with You. Let us be honest with
ourselves as we look into our hearts and
souls, noticing the times we turn away
from you. Guide us as we humbly seek
to repent and return to your love. May
humility guide our efforts to be reconciled
with You and live forever in Your abundant
grace. Transform us this Lent, heavenly
Father. Give us the strength to make our-
selves 100% available to you every day
as we prepare for Easter.
Amen.*



**March 5th, 2025
Service at 6:00 PM
in the sanctuary**

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sponsored by the Greater Shallotte Ministerial Association
Wednesdays @12:00PM

THEME: *Now Is the Time to Come Alive*

PROGRAM

Meditative Piano Music
Words of Welcome and Blessing of the Meal
Scripture Reading of the Day
Homily and Closing Prayer
Sending Hymn

March 5 (*Ash Wednesday*) **St. Brendan Catholic Church**

Text: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2; Matt. 6:16-18
Homilist: Rev. Joe Needham, Calvary Baptist Church

March 12 **Calvary Baptist Church**

Text: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps. 51:11-18; Luke 11:29-32
Homilist: Rev. Farrell Graves, St. James Episcopal Church

March 19 **Seaside United Methodist Church**

Text: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps. 31:5-6, 14-16; Matt. 20:17-28
Homilist: Rev. George Chapman, Shallotte Presbyterian Church

March 26 **Shallotte Presbyterian Church**

Text: Deut. 4:1, 5-9; Ps. 147:12-20 selected verses; Mt. 5:17-19
Homilist: Rev. Dr. Chris Eichorn, St. Luke Lutheran Church

April 2 **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

Text: Isaiah 49:8-15; Ps. 145:8-19; John 5:19-29
Homilist: Rev. Terry Williams, Camp United Methodist Church

April 9 **Camp United Methodist Church**

Text: Daniel 3:14-20; 24-28; Canticle 2 or 13; John 8:31-42
Homilist: Fran Salone-Pelletier, St. Brendan's Catholic Church

*All Donations will be given to South Brunswick
Interchurch Council for the Lord's Food Pantry.*

You are invited to share lunch with one another. Please proceed to the
the fellowship area of the church as you are directed.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY

Starting on February 26th

Give Up Something Bad for Lent:

A Lenten Study for Adults

February 26th - First Week in Lent

Give Up something Bad for Lent

Matthew 5:29-30; 16:26

March 12th - Second Week in Lent **Give Up Harsh, Condemning Judgments for Lent**

Matthew 7:1-5

March 19th - Third Week in Lent

Give Up the Enemies Within for Lent

Luke 11:37-52

March 26th - Fourth Week in Lent

Give Up Running Away for Lent

Luke 9: 10-17

April 2nd - Fifth Week in Lent

Give Up a Bad Habit for Lent

Luke 19: 1-10

April 9th - Sixth Week in Lent

Give Up Pettiness for Lent

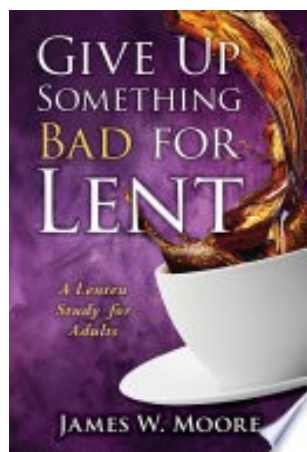
Luke 6: 32-36

Wrap Your Arms Around Something Good for Easter

John 21: 15-19

Two classes to choose from- 4pm & 6pm

See Tamy Munns and order your book now for Wonderful Wednesday Lenten Study.



During Lent each year, Christians give up something as an act of sacrifice and spiritual discipline. Often it is something like chocolate, knowing that after Easter Sunday they can once again enjoy what they have given up. James Moore challenges readers to take it further—to give up something spiritually that they would be better off not doing. He invites all to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking, how much better life would be.

James W Moore was an acclaimed pastor and ordained elder in The United Methodist Church. He led congregations in Jackson, TN; Shreveport, LA; and Houston, TX. The best-selling author of over 40 books, including Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses, he also served as minister-in-residence at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner**



MARCH 4th @ 5:30 PM

The United Methodist Men will cook the meal and the youth (UMYF) will serve the food.

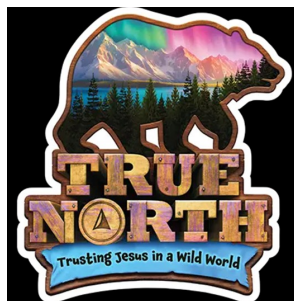


INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



We are pleased to announce that Thommi Hendricks, longtime member of Camp UMC, a member of our MMO staff and a retired educator from the Brunswick County Public Schools, has assumed the position of Interim Director of Children's Ministries.

Please join us in welcoming Thommi back to the Camp UMC staff and lend support to her through your prayers and by volunteering when asked. (See below)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00 PM
in the YFC. Call Thommi with any questions (910-231-9044).

NEWS FROM THE SALMON CLASS

The Salmon Sunday School Class enjoyed a Valentine's Luncheon on Thursday, February 13th. Connie Richardson was crowned queen and Ray Nichols was crowned king. Everyone enjoyed all the good food, playing games and fellowship.



King Roy and Queen Connie



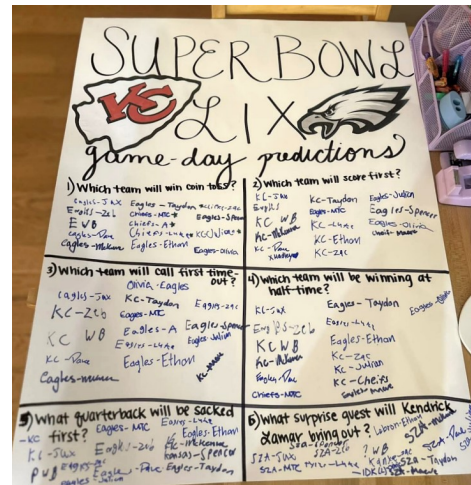
Attendees enjoying good food and warm fellowship.



The youth group is staying busy and had a Super Bowl party at the Anderson's home with football, food, trivia and fellowship! Twenty five people were able to attend and we leaders were impressed by their football knowledge or lucky guesses!



Time to chow down



Game Prediction Document



We continue to meet Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 PM and have started a new lesson plan. The youth are going through the Bible in order and learning the books of the Bible. In February they concluded Genesis and will start Exodus in March. Learning the books of the Bible includes games and some competitions, too.

Our next event will be the pancake dinner at church on March 4th. The youth will be serving the food and the Methodist Men will be cooking. You may even see some youth cooking, too! Thank you so much for supporting the youth ministry. If you would like to

volunteer to teach a lesson one night, join in playing games or provide a meal, please let Anna Anderson know. This group of young people are fun to be around and are excited about learning the Bible and that is contagious!

Anna Anderson
Youth Ministry



MARCH 15TH, 2025 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Camp UMC will be one of the host sites for the district-wide Harbor Helping Hands mission event. The following six churches will be participating in the event: Camp, Concord, Ocean View, Seaside, Trinity and Zion. You may register to participate in the event here at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJt113Vf8DqoaOgARCqwrnLIJFFAJM9XpGM7ZpChkK73LPzQ/viewform?usp=header>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Welcome— Terry Williams
 Devotional Joan Wainwright

OFF-SITE

9:30 AM People leave for Holden Beach to perform beach sweep and hear presentation from an area Creation Care Team. **NOTE:** We have free parking at Holden Beach Town Hall from 9:00 AM-12 noon. **IMPORTANT - All cars must display a copy of the UMC logo on their dashboard while parking at Holden Beach Town Hall in order to avoid a costly ticket or towing charge. You can download logo from UMC website.**

ON-SITE

9:30 Pack 200 breakfast bags

10:00 - Break

10:15 - Presentation from Streetreach - Donna Phelps

10:45 - Questions & Discussion

11:00 - Pack 200 lunch bags for distribution

11:30 am - Break

11:45 Presentation from StAT (Stand t Against Trafficking) - Allysa McKenzie

12:15 Questions & Discussion

12:30 Wrap Up / Next steps

All you need to bring is a willingness to share a few hours of your time and a love for others.



The next pick up will be on Saturday, March 22nd starting at 9:00 AM. Plan to meet at Big Oak Mobile Home Supply 1309 Hale Swamp Rd. If you have questions, contact Hart Merriman at (540) 797-4388 or hartandsusan@gmail.com



On March 29th, five (5) members of Camp UMC will embark on a mission trip to Costa Rica. Please keep them in your prayers.

"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become." Henry Martyn.



On March 24th the Methodist Men will again be joining SALT for a joint meeting at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be fried fish (flounder), slaw and hushpuppies. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!



Once again: Pastor Terry nor any staff member of Camp United Methodist Church will ever contact you to request gift cards or cash by text, email, or any social media platform.

If you get such a request ignore it or report it to authorities.

Susanna Wesley Circle

The Susanna Wesley Circle participated in A Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event at Ocean View United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 8th. With the help of the Outreach Committee we were able to pay for 1000 meals. The event packaged a total of 16,200 meals. This means that 75 children will have meals every day for a year. Everyone who went had a wonderful time. Thank you to the 19 members representing Camp UMC.

The Susanna Wesley Circle will have their next meeting on Tues., March 11th at 10:00 AM. Our guest speaker will be Missy Settlemyer from the WINGS ministry. The circle will be collecting items for the Backpack Buddies program which supplies food for students while school is out on break. Some of the needed items include: Any kind of fruit or protein bars, individual packs of oatmeal or grits, peanut butter, canned chicken, fruit cups and juice pouches. Other items may include pop tarts, pudding cups, individual mac and cheese, soup or other snack foods. The deadline will be April 8. See the signs in the narthex for more information.

We will also be preparing the food for the Lenten Luncheon at Camp on April 9th. Call Jill Bryant if you would like more information about how you can help.

Jill Bryant, President
Susanna Wesley Circle



The Joy Circle and the Susanna Wesley Circle joined forces to sell Valentine's Day bouquets. We had a very successful sale with 46 bouquets sold. The flowers were beautiful as always. Thanks to all of you that purchased the bouquets. We plan to do another flower sale for Mother's Day. All the proceeds will be used for local mission projects.



Ladies hard at work making beautiful bouquets

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY

On February 1st, Camp distributed food to **195 families (19 new)** 681 individuals (199 children, 326 adults 156 seniors).

31 Hispanic bags were distributed..

GREAT job by all who helped PREP for Saturday and all who worked on Saturday!!!!!!

CURRENT NEEDS AT THE LORD'S PANTRY

Empty Dozen Size Egg Cartons AND Plastic Shopping Bags

Needed by April 14, 2025: Pancake Mix and Syrup for the Lords Pantry to pack Easter Bags for breakfast. as the SBIC will be packing 160 Easter Bags on Friday, April 18, at 2:00 PM at The Lord's Food Pantry. The food provided will be breakfast based: pancake mix, syrup, fruit, bacon, sausage or canned ham. Easter Bags will be distributed on Saturday, April 19th.

Gary Concelmo, Camp's Coordinator
for The Lords Food Pantry

On February 8th, the Outreach Committee and United Women of Faith of Camp UMC partnered with Oceanview UMC to package 16,200 meals for **Rise Against Hunger**. The meals will be distributed to families in food insecure communities across the world. The 19 CUMC volunteers who took a Saturday morning to participate are pictured below.





1	Lucas Peralta	21	Susan Ballard
1	Howard Varnam	21	Rich Vaughan
2	Pam Batchelor	21	Terry Williams
6	Margaret Greene	22	Hank Hecht
8	James Malick	25	Connie Richardson
9	David Inman	27	Jean Kilbride
10	Pat Wolff	30	Alan Lewis
18	Wil Smith	31	Kitty Reedy



Hal & Cheryl Mills	2 (40)
Jill & Franz Bryant	6 (43)
Paula & Peter Heuschneider	25 (41)
Paul & Jean Kilbride	27 (9)
Terry & Jane Williams	28 (52)



DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH

March 4th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	5:00 PM
March 5th	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 PM
March 9th	Daylight Savings Starts	Turn clocks 1 hour ahead
March 13th	Church Council Meeting	6:30 PM
March 15th	Harbor Helping Hands	9:00 AM-1:00 PM
March 17th	Happy St. Patrick's Day	



MARCH



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5:30 Youth	7:30 AM Morning Exploration 10:00 Lenten Study	Bulletin Deadline 8:00 Breakfast at Homestyle Foods 9:30-11:30 Prayer Shawl 2:00 Baskets & Bible Study	10:00 Bible Journaling 4:00 & 6:00 WW Study 5:30 Dinner 5:30 Camp Kids, Kid Singers 5:45 Adult Choir 7:30 Bell Choir	10:00 Ladies on the Bus	3:00 Friday Night Meals	8:00 AM Men's Fellowship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Camp's Lord Pantry Day
2 Communion	3 4:00 SALT Planning	4 Shrove Tuesday 5:00-6:30 Pancake Dinner	5 Ash Wednesday 12:00 Lenten at Saint Brendan's 6:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service	6 6:00 Trustees	7	8
9 SPRING FORWARD 	10 4:00 Staff Meeting	11 10:00 S W Circle 6:00 VBS Meeting	12 12:00 Lenten Service at Calvary Baptist	13 6:30 Church Council	14	15 9:00 Harbor Helping Hands
16 11:00 Agape Small Group	17 	18	19 12:00 Lenten Service at Seaside UMC	20 5:30 Ladies Night Out	21	22 9:00 Adopt a Highway
23 30	24 5:00 UMM + SALT 4:00 Staff Meeting 31	25	26 12:00 Lenten Service at Shallotte Presbyterian	27	28	29