



# Camp UMC



## February Circuit Rider



He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. **2 Corinthians 9:10-11**

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."-**John Wesley**

The way you all showed extravagant generosity in the closing weeks of 2025 was truly something to behold. I give thanks for the opportunity to serve alongside such faithful disciples.

And now we have an opportunity to covenant together to be more generous disciples throughout the year and throughout our lives. Consecration Sunday is so much more than a "stewardship campaign." It is a scripturally driven reminder of the generosity of our Triune God and our call to work with God to love our neighbor as we become more generous disciples. I look forward to beginning that journey together, beginning **February 1st**, and then welcoming **Rev. David Haley** to be our guest speaker at Consecration Sunday on **February 22nd**. A catered lunch will follow, and you will hear much more about this in the coming days. For now, begin praying each day for Camp and for Consecration Sunday, and give thanks to God for God's steadfast love, faithfulness, and generosity.

Shalom, Pastor Clay

## Music

NOW IS THE TIME for YOU to consider joining the Chancel Choir! This group works together, laughs together, prays together and leads in worship together!! Come join us as we sing our way through Epiphany and Lent to Palm Sunday and Easter. We meet in the Salmon Room from 5:55 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday night. Surprise us and get a warm welcome!

Contact Wes & Betsy Ward for more information.

## Adult Ministry Updates

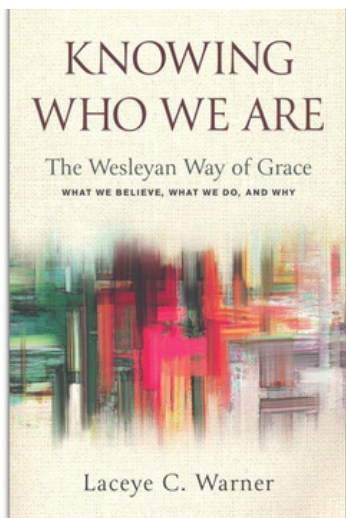
**SALT** will meet on February 16 @ the Homestyle Restaurant near the DMV at 11:30 am.

**Save the Date** for our March SALT meeting as we gather at the church to enjoy some corned beef & cabbage, with a guest speaker to talk about the ways that people are scamming.

**Ladies Night Out** will be February 19 @ 5 pm at Maria's in Ocean Isle Beach.

All ladies of the church and their friends are welcome to attend.

Contact Tamy Munns for more information on upcoming events.



Join us and bring a friend for **Wonderful Wednesday!** We are working through a 6-week book study "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace". All are invited and there is something for everyone! The book study begins at 4 pm each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall.

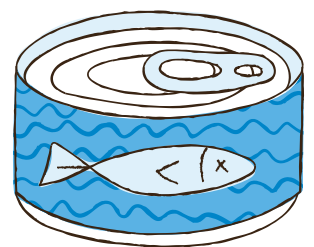
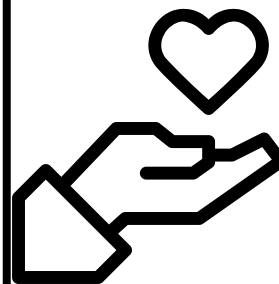
-Dinner & Camp Kids take place at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

-Chancel Choir Practice begins at 5:55 pm in the Salmon Room.

### Outreach/ The Lord's Food Pantry:

Camp's Distribution Day for The Lord's Food Pantry is February 7th. We look forward to serving the people of Brunswick County alongside our church family. Contact Joey Galloway or Ray McKinnon for more information.

**Pantry Food of the Month:** Canned Tuna & Chicken



## Children

Congratulations to Julia and Callie our newest acolytes! They are excited to be serving and we are so grateful for their willingness to help with worship. Camp Kids are learning about the jobs God has for them through our Simply Loved series. Our special response for the next few weeks is, "let's go"! Vacation Bible School will be here soon and we are looking forward to learning about God's awesome creation. Last month, for trash to treasure we requested that you save toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, and gift wrap rolls. This month we would like to **request empty drink bottles, both individual and two liter.** Our **Easter Bash** is on Saturday, March 28th. We are looking for people who would like to decorate their cars and pass out candy. Thank you for your continued love and support of Camp's children. Contact [Thommi Hendricks](#) for additional information.



## Mother's Morning Out

We have some special events happening soon. Our Valentine Ball is scheduled for February 12th. The children will be dancing, crafting, and decorating the morning away.

On February 24th, from 4pm-7pm there is a fundraiser at Chick-fil-A. Please use the code (child) when you order on your app. The app can be used for drive thru, take out and dine in orders.

Please mark your calendars and join us on the evening of March 26th for the Spring art show and auction. Festivities begin in the sanctuary with the children performing. Then we will move to the other building to view the students' artwork. The theme is, "Oh, the Places You'll Go" and will focus on the seven continents. After your stroll through the halls venture in to the YFC and check out our auction offerings.

Contact [Thommi Hendricks](#) for more information.

## From the SPRC Committee...

We are happy to introduce Sara Crawford, who will be joining the staff of Camp UMC as Custodian effective March 1st. Sara brings over 32 years of experience with her as well as a heart for service. She'll be responsible for maintaining our church facilities so they remain a welcoming space for worship and ministry. We are thankful to have Sara as part of our church family. Be sure to say hello and make her feel at home.



### Adopt A Highway

**update:** Welcome to Wil, Allison, and Alex! 9 folks picked up 19 bags of trash. Join us next time on April 11.



Contact Hart Merriam for more info.

### Friday night meals

#### February menu

\*Please donate any items on the menu list.  
Contact Francis Bryant for more information.

**Susanna Wesley ~ Women in Faith** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you on February 10.

Ladies of all ages are welcome to attend.

Please bring a friend.

Contact Jill Bryant for more information.

**Baskets and Bible Study** meets Tuesdays from 2:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All crafters are welcome to attend.

Contact Eileen Markum or

Margaret Hardin

for more info.

## Youth

Camp's Youth Advisory Council meet on January 22 to discuss the future of the youth & plans for the spring semester. Members of the Youth Council: Jeff & Cindy Maynard, Clay & Shawwna Parker, Kevin & Susan Holland, Lewis & Denise Siegel, Jeremy & Ashley Chambley, Allison Hunter, Tamy Munns.

On January 25, we held a parent meeting with the youth & their families. We are excited for what this spring semester brings!

### Upcoming Events:

UMYF will meet every Sunday from 5-6:30 pm in the Youth & Family Center. The Youth will have a **Superbowl Party** @ the Maynard's on February 8 at 6 pm. The Youth & UMM will host a **Shrove Pancake Dinner** on February 17 from 5-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact ([Jeff Maynard](#) or [Shawwna Smith Parker](#)) for additional information.



## Ways to Serve @ Camp

**Altar Guild** We are looking for people to donate flowers for the Altar and Narthex each Sunday. ([Kelly Barefoot](#))

**Audio Visual Team:** We are looking for volunteers to operate the sound board, assist with the cameras for Livestream, and present the slideshow during services. ([Tamy Munns](#))

**Children's Ministry:** We are actively seeking volunteers to assist in children's church on Sunday mornings, donate meals for Wednesday night, and people to present the children's moment during worship. ([Thommi Hendricks](#))

**Music Ministry:** We are always welcoming people into the New Life Band and the Choir. ([Wes and Betsy Ward](#))

**Outreach:** We need assistance with prep & serving of Friday Night Meals ([Francis Bryant](#)) and our monthly food pantry distribution ([Joey Galloway](#)). You can drop off old egg cartons and food items of the month in the Narthex.

**Worship:** We are actively seeking volunteers for the Welcome Center ([Allison Hunter](#)) and for greeters/ ushers ([Ramona Parker](#)).

**Youth Group:** We are actively seeking volunteers to donate meals for Sunday night gatherings. ([Jeff Maynard](#) or [Shawwna Smith Parker](#))

# Camp UMC's Spring Fling

APRIL 18, 2026

Join us for a fun filled day with lots of  
activities for the entire family!

Craft Fair, Yard Sale, Pick-a-Prize Auction,  
Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Car Show,  
Food/Drinks, Bounce House, Kids' Activities,  
and more!

Camp United Methodist Church  
4807 Main St. Shallotte, NC 28470

## Program Areas:

(We need assistance planning before the event &  
handle each area during the event )

Set Up/Tear Down

Craft Fair, Yard Sale

Silent Auction/Pick-a-Prize Auction

Bake Sale/Cookie Walk

Car Show

Food and Drinks, Popcorn

Cotton Candy, Photo Booth,

Kid's Activities/Bounce House

## Sign up today

We Need Help from All Church Members to pull  
this event off.

Other Opportunities for YOU to Serve:

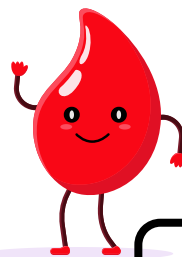
- Baking Cookies, Pies, and Cakes for the bake sale/cookie walk
- Donate 12-packs of soda or water
- Contribute some gently used items for the yard sale.
- Purchase a craft booth spot to sell your goods.
- Church groups (e.g. Sunday school classes, small groups, committees, UMM, Women in Faith) to donate new items (Valued at \$5 to \$25) for the Pick-a-Prize Auction or a gift basket (valued at \$100 to \$250) for the Silent Auction
- Hot Rod car owners enter the car show.



A special thank you to all of those  
who participated in our annual Dr.  
Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith  
Prayer Luncheon. We had over 100  
participate in this service and  
luncheon. Thanks be to God.

Be on the lookout for our next event  
in the near future.

-Agape Small Group



Please wear your name tags during ALL  
church activities.

If you need a nametag, please sign up in  
the Narthex at the Welcome Center.

27 units of blood were donated this  
past month at the Blood Drive!  
Thank you for a wonderful turnout!



Four beautiful new members brave enough to take the first “tour” of Camp’s two buildings. Lot of doors, lot of closets, lot of rooms, lot of “codes”, but it helped them feel a little more connected. Debbie Nichols, was also with us but photo not available . Next tour and gathering will be in mid-February.

Left to right are Kate Troy, Carol Krawiec, Denise Siegel ,  
Marinell West

## Church Council Updates:

Thank you to all who joined our Church Council Meeting! Our new group gathered for the first time on January 15, 2026 with new faces in new positions and our members have “hit the ground running” as one council member put it with lots of activities and plans. Please reach out to one of our board members if you have questions or ideas, as we want to hear from you. You are welcome to attend this meeting when your schedule allows, we did change the meeting evenings to the second Monday every other month at 6:30pm.

**Present Council Members:** Pastor Clay Parker, Rae Matthews, Ramona Parker, Jill Bryant, Tal Madison, Becky Hewitt, Anna Anderson, Shay Godwin, Ray McKinnon, Cathy LaBianca, Hart Merriam, Jim Busse, Phil Gialombardo, Joey Galloway, Lou Byrd, Linda Callender and Taylor Thompson. Denise Concelmo and Jeff Maynard was present via Zoom. There were 8 others present: Wes Ward, Betsy Ward, Dave LaBianca, Kate Troy, Doug Hunter, Gary Concelmo.

Jill Bryant did make an announcement that is worth celebrating in 2025. Friday Night Meals served 59,524 meals in 2025. FNM served 2056 on January 9.

United Women in Faith would be selling Valentine Bouquets on January 25 and February 1 before and after service. The cost will be \$20. Flowers will be delivered on February 8. April 18 is scheduled to be our first fundraiser for 2026, a “Spring Fling” which will include a variety of events we need lots of help from church members so please keep that date open if it works with your schedule. The Council voted to have the money raised to be designated for our Children, Youth and and Music programs.

**Thanks** to Becky and Shay for the Dream Big Campaign which netted \$28,000 in the month of December Thanks to Dean and Anna Anderson for volunteer work in leading Youth. JANUARY WAS OUR FIRST NEW MEMBERS BRUNCH... Shay reported on our Nurture Committee new program, a **New Members Brunch** on January 13, 2026 which included a Tour of our Church. The committee is making it a priority not to let new members flounder. Make them aware of opportunities and the participants gave great feedback. New members were set up with a mentor contact. We want to welcome new members and get them involved!

**Next Church Council Meeting:** will be Monday, March 9 @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Lou Byrd- Chair of the Church Council

# From the Finance Committee...

To God be the Glory and Thank You All for your generous giving in December. The Dream Big Campaign finished at \$28,545. With Dream Big and the Sunday offerings, Camp UMC realized a record giving month of \$100,000. Thank you! This will help fund current and future ministries at Camp UMC.

We also received great news from the IRS. Camp UMC applied for an Employee Retention Credit in 2023 due to COVID. Since we retained our employees through the pandemic, in December we received a check for \$52,000. It was voted this week by Church Council that these funds would be used to replenish the reserves that were used in 2025.

The finance committee would like to make you aware of some tax provisions included in the US budget legislation last year. Tax payers who use the standard deduction and don't itemize are now able to deduct donations to charity - up to \$1000 for single filers and \$2000 for married couples filing jointly. Also note that there are new limits set on charitable giving by high income earners. Please contact your accountant/financial advisor for more information.

One final note, when you click on the QR code to register your attendance, did you know that you can use the same link to give online?

Hart Merriam- Finance Chair

## Wish to add something to the newsletter?

Please send your submissions to Allison Hunter by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**\*\*All underlined names provide you a direct link to their contact info.\*\***

## Welcome to Camp UMC!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today!

Please scan the QR code to let us know that you are here.



Our Vision: Sharing the love of Christ & impacting our church, community, and world by:

Welcoming All      Loving All      Serving All

Sunday morning worship attendance will continue to be taken with the QR code in the pews, Narthex, and on the screens.

### Why are we taking attendance?

We are working on our shepherding programs and ensuring that we reach out to current members & visitors. We are excited to worship with each of you.

Thank you for your participation!

-Evangelism Team



Mrs. Bonnie loves teaching our little children about Jesus' love.



Christian friendships are here at Camp UMC.



# Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Diane Sowder 2     | Allison Hunter 9   |                          |
| Kaylan Edwards 2   | Kim Williamson 9   | Angela Lawrence 21       |
| Alyssa Meyer 3     | Carolyn Jones 12   | Lynda Eagle 21           |
| Bill Clegg 3       | Beryl Hall 15      | Cora Van Middlesworth 22 |
| Joey Galloway 3    | Debbie Rupp 16     | Rachel Griggs 22         |
| Susan Merriam 4    | Meghan Wilson 19   | Fallon Summerlin 25      |
| AnnaClaire Jones 8 | Aubrey Anderson 20 |                          |
| Steve Motter 8     | Barbara Varnum 20  |                          |



# Anniversaries

- Lewis & Denise Siegel 2/1/1992  
Junior & Kitty Reedy 2/29/1956

# Save the Date:

## This Month:

**Communion Sunday: February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10 am**

**Salt Planning Meeting:** February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4 pm

**Trustees Meeting:** February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm

**Lord's Food Pantry Distribution:** February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

**Staff Meetings:** February 9 & 23 @ 4 pm

**Women in Faith:** February 10 @ 10 am in the Fellowship Hall

**MMO Valentine's Ball:** February 12 @ 9:30 am

**Finance Committee Meeting:** February 12 @ 7 pm in the YFC

**Flight 345 Celebration:** February 15 @ 10 am

**Agape Small Group:** February 15 @ 11 am in the Salmon Room

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner:** February 17 from 5-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Ash Wednesday Service:** February 18 @ 7 pm in the Sanctuary

**Ladies Night Out:** February 19 @ 5 pm at Maria's in Ocean Isle Beach

**SPRC Meeting:** February 19 @ 6:30 PM

**Consecration Sunday:** February 22

**UMM:** February 23 @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Lenton Luncheon:** February 25 @ noon at Calvary Baptist in Shallotte

## Upcoming:

**Consecration Sunday:** As a spiritual giver, what is God calling me to do? How can I serve Camp UMC through my gifts and graces?

**Easter Bash:** March 28

**Big Spring Fling Fundraising Event:** April 18 from 9-2 pm @ Camp UMC

## Weekly Gatherings:

**Camp Kids/Wonderful Wednesday/ Choir:** Wednesday nights from 5-8pm

**New Life Band Practice:** Monday nights @ 5:30 pm

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Tuesday's @ 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

**Friday Night Meals:** Friday nights from 3-5 pm

**Youth Group:** Sunday nights from 5-6:30 pm in the Youth & Family Center

**Sunday School:** Sunday mornings @ 9 am

**Sunday Morning Worship:** Sunday mornings @ 10 am