

# Camp UMC

## January Circuit Rider

### Happy New Year!

### Pastor's Report

“Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:18-19

“For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice.” T.S. Eliot

Happy New Year! It seems almost inconceivable to believe that we have turned the calendar to another year. The prophet Isaiah's words remind us that like the promise of a new year occurring on January 1st, we can be assured of the promise that God is always up to something new in our lives. Whether we ring in the new year on January 1st or we sit in the seemingly endless dog days of summer, God is always doing something new in the lives of those he loves. What will this new year look like for Camp United Methodist Church? As pastors in the Harbor District, we were tasked with answering a question during our charge conference reports of whether we believed the church we were serving was dying, surviving, reviving, or thriving. I chose the word reviving! I believe Camp, infused by the power of the Holy Spirit, is ready for revival and is ready to take that next step towards becoming the thriving community God desires it to be. And the good news is, we need everybody for this journey. Let's join God and celebrate this new thing in the life of Camp and in the lives of our neighbors in Shallotte and Brunswick County. Happy New Year!

*Shalom, Pastor Clay*

**Excellence**



**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.\*\***



# Music



The Christmas music that the Chancel Choir worked on all fall is filed away, and the choir folders are beginning to be filled with music for Epiphany, Lent, and an early Easter! ( Also, there is a rumor that the choir will have an after-the-holidays social gathering in January!)

Come join us on Wednesdays! We will begin the new year on January 7 at 5:55 p.m.in the Salmon Room. Hope to see YOU!

Contact Wes & Betsy Ward for more info.

## ADULT MINISTRY UPDATES

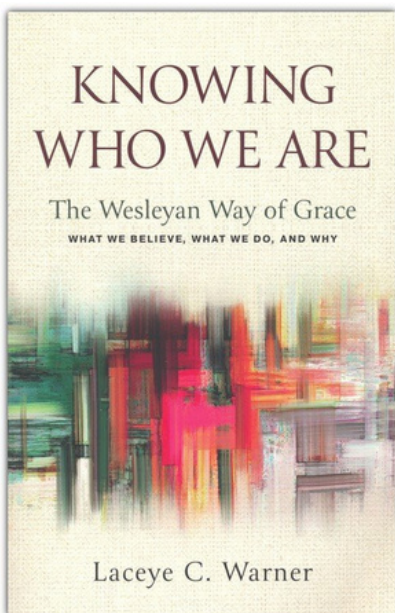
**SALT** will attend the Interfaith Prayer Luncheon on January 19 @ noon in the Sanctuary. Lunch will follow.

Salt will have their planning meeting on January 5 @ 4 pm

**Ladies Night Out** will be on January 15 @ 5 pm at San Jose Restaurant in Shallotte.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our **Audio Visual Team**. If you have a passion or interest in operating the sound board, creating the playlist, or assisting with the cameras, then please reach out! We have a spot for you!

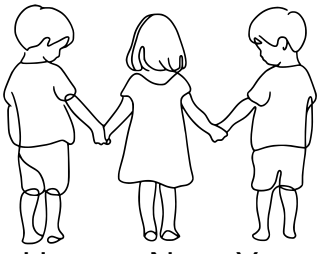
Contact Tamy Munns for more information on upcoming events.



Join us and bring a friend for **Wonderful Wednesday!** We will kickoff with a 6-week book study “Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace” on January 7 @ 4 pm. All are invited and there is something for everyone! The book study begins at 4 pm each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. (Contact Tamy Munns for a book.)

-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.



# Children



Happy New Year and welcome back! We are excited to see everyone on **January 7th at 5:30pm**. We will be starting our Simply Loved for this quarter. We have some fun things planned, so bring a friend.

**Special dates** coming up: March 28th is our Easter Bash and June 15th-19th is VBS!

We will be having an organizational meeting for each event soon and will be looking for volunteers. We want this year to be even better than last year. Our Trash to Treasure list includes wrapping paper rolls, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, bubble wrap, and brown packing paper.

**Children's Volunteer Interest Meeting** will be held on January 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth & Family Center. All interested are welcome to attend!

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

## Mother's Morning Out

Our new year is here and we have missed seeing all of our littles. We are looking for a few volunteers who would love to come and read with the children and some who would like to come and do crafts with our children.

Our Spring performance, auction and art show are set for March 26th. Mark your calendars! All are invited.

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

## Youth

January 11th-Winter kickoff 5:30 in the YFC

January 25th- Youth Sunday. More details coming soon!

Camp UMC wants to give a huge thank you to Anna and Dean Anderson for faithfully leading our youth for the past three-plus years! We celebrate you both for your willingness to share your gifts and graces with our youth! If you would like to help our youth by sharing a lesson, a meal, or something else, please contact Shawwna Smith-

Parker, Jeff Maynard, or Pastor Clay.

Contact [Clay & Shawwna Parker](#) for additional information.



# The Evangelism Committee needs YOU!

I am delighted to be your Evangelism Chair for this upcoming year. When I think of Camp, I think of all of the beautiful people in our church and in our community.

The Evangelism Committee is focusing on 5 subcategories in 2026:

Welcome Center, Shepherding, Community Outreach/ New Member Growth, Communications, and Visitors/ Potential Members.

Over the next three months, improvements to Camp UMC will be seen through each of these initiatives. If you feel led to help with any of the following activities, please send me an email so that I can get you plugged in:

**church website, newsletter, welcome center, card ministry, prayer ministry**

Pastor Clay & I look forward to working together and serving the community and members of Camp through the Evangelism Committee.

In Christ,

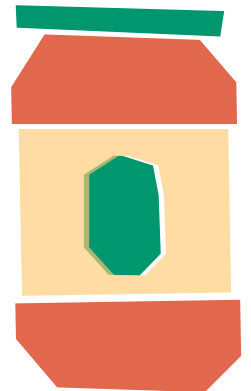
Allison Hunter



## Friday night meals January menu

\*Please donate any items on the menu list.

Contact Francis Bryant for more information.



**Adopt A Highway** crew will pickup trash on January 10. Contact Hart Merriam for more info.



**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.

**Susanna Wesley ~ Women in Faith** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11 am at the church. We look forward to seeing you on January 13, 2026. Ladies of all ages are welcome to attend. Please bring a friend.

Contact Jill Bryant for more information.



# Camp UMC 2026 Leadership Members

Lou Byrd- Church Council Chair (2028)

Ray McKinnon-Lay Leader (2028)

Clay Parker-Pastor

Phil Giallombardo-SPRC Chair (2028)

Hart Merriam-Finance Chair (2026)

Trustees Rep (TBD at first Trustee gathering in January) (2028)

Linda Callender- Laymember at Annual Conference

Joey Galloway-UMM Pres.

Jill Bryant-Pres United Women in Faith Representative &  
Recording Secretary

Anna Anderson-Young Adult and Children's Representative

Jeff Maynard-Youth Representative

Ray McKinnon-Global Outreach Ministries

Ramona Parker-Witness Chair

Allison Hunter-Evangelism Chair

## **At Large Members**

Becky Hewett-(2026)

Taylor Thompson-(2027)

Rev. Tal Madison (Retired)-Pastoral Counsel

Rae Matthews-Financial Secretary

Sue Wells-Membership Secretary

**Next Church Council Meeting:** will be January 15 @ 6:30 pm in  
the Fellowship Hall.

We are excited for our new church leadership & look forward to  
serving Camp United Methodist Church in 2026!

Lou Byrd- Chair of the Church Council

Save the Date: The Agape Ministry will host their annual **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Interfaith Prayer Luncheon** on January 19 @ noon in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch in the YFC @ 1 pm. All are invited to participate in this special time with local churches and guest speaker, Captain Timothy T. Daniels.

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Interfaith Prayer Luncheon**

**January 19, 2026  
@ Noon**

**Camp UMC**  
4807 Main St.  
Shallotte, NC

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and worship with special guest speaker  
Captain Timothy T. Daniels- Troop B Commander,  
North Carolina State Highway Patrol  
**Lunch is provided.**



**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, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Car Show, Car Raffle, Food/Drinks, Bounce House, Kids' Activities, and more!

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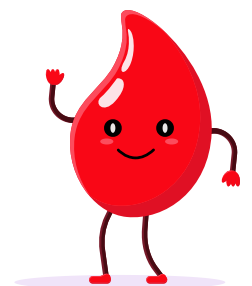
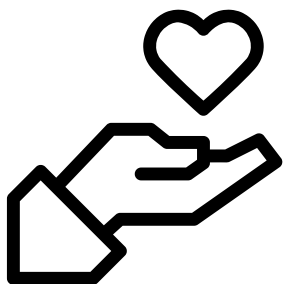
Save the Date!  
We will host our first churchwide fundraiser of 2026 on April 18.

**Sign up today**



**Outreach/ The Lord's Food Pantry:**  
Camp's Distribution Day for The Lord's Food Pantry is January 3rd. We look forward to serving the people of Brunswick County alongside our church family. Contact Gary Conselmo, Joey Galloway, or Ray McKinnon for more information.  
Pantry Food of the Month: Pasta Sauce (no glass jars)

The Red Cross will be here for a blood drive on Thursday, January 15th, 1:30-6:00 pm, in the YFC. You can go online to sign up at redcrossblood.org or contact Barbara.



# Dream Big for Camp Recap

What a Generous God we serve and what faithful followers we have at Camp! Thank you to all that donated to Dream Big to honor a special someone or to remember a loved one at Christmas. The \$26,750 that has been given will help to support current and future ministries at Camp UMC. To God Be The Glory and Thank You All for your generous hearts and love for our church.

-The Dream Big Committee

## From the Finance Committee...

Monthly Giving needed to meet BUDGETED expenses: \$57,706

ACTUAL Giving in First Four Weeks of December: \$73,643

December giving with one week to go in 2025 was 70% higher than the year to date average monthly giving.

Thank you Camp Family for your Love and Generosity!

## 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

Beginning January 4, we will ask you to check into worship via QR code. Codes will be found in the Narthex, on the screens, and in the pews. Just pull out your phone, hit the camera app, and hover over the QR code. A link will pop up and you will need to click on it. Fill out the information each week to let us know that you are here.

### 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.

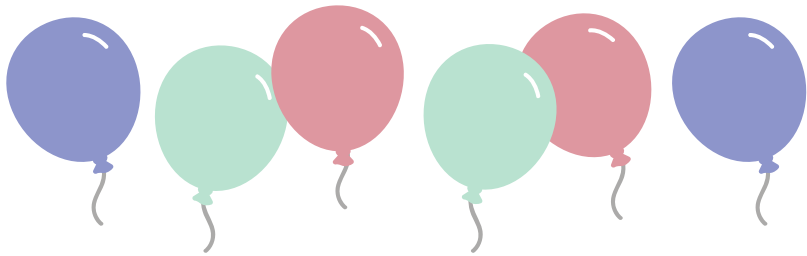
## What is Epiphany?

Epiphany is a day that we celebrate to represent the world finding out that Jesus is the light to the world! This year, Epiphany is on January 6.



# Birthdays

Bonita Busse 1	Margaret Hardin 11	Trinity King 23
Bethanie Hunter 1	Walter Britton 12	Greg Rupp 23
Thomas Adams 2	Bob Winship 12	David Brock 24
Rita Bennett 3	Chris Hunter 13	Cindy Maynard 24
Lou Bell 4	Beth Baker 17	Bia Medley 24
Tim Albright 5	Eileen Markum 17	Cheryl Mills 24
Kate Inman 5	Clay Parker 17	Lorrie Mottesheard 26
Judy Arnold 6	Poli Barefoot 19	Laura Winship 26
Cathy White 6	Tom Evans 21	Stephen Sowder 27
Patricia Hollowell 7	Daisy Parker 22	Callie Griggs 31
Chad Wilson 9	Sarah Roemmelt 22	Sondra McDaniel 31
Ray Nichols 10	Alex Smith 22	
Julian Brittain 11	Jeanne Frederick 23	



# Anniversaries

Angela & John Adams 1/2/2003  
Robin & Randy Farmer 1/6/2018  
Don & Lynda Eagle 1/11/1959  
DeWayne & Betty Oakes 1/21/1962

# Save the Date:

## This Month:

**Camp Kids Spring Kickoff:** January 7 @ 5:30 pm  
**Wonderful Wednesday resumes:** January 7 @ 4 pm  
**Youth Group resumes:** January 11 @ 5:30 pm  
**Choir resumes:** January 7 @ 5:55 pm

## Upcoming:

**Communion Sunday:** January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am  
**SALT Planning Meeting:** January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm  
**Volunteer Luncheon for the Lord's Food Pantry:** Jan 12 from 10-12 pm  
@ Shallotte Presbyterian Church  
**Women in Faith Meeting:** January 13 @ 10 am in the Fellowship Hall  
**Trustees Meeting:** January 13 @ 6 pm  
**Red Cross Blood Drive:** January 15 from 1:30-6 pm in YFC  
**Ladies' Night Out:** January 15 @ 5:30 pm at San Jose Restaurant  
**Church Council Meeting:** January 15 @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall  
**Interfaith Prayer Luncheon:** January 19 @ noon in the Sanctuary  
**United Methodist Men:** January 26 @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

## Weekly Gatherings:

**Camp Kids/Wonderful Wednesday/ Choir:** Wed nights from 5-8pm  
**New Life Band Practice:** Mon 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 @ 5:30 pm  
**Sunday School:** Sunday mornings @ 9 am  
**Sunday Morning Worship:** Sunday mornings @ 10 am

