

2026

MAY

Camp UMC

Message from the Pastor

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

"Against hope, believe in hope! It is your Father's good pleasure yet to renew the face of the earth." John Wesley.

May brings a season of renewal and reflection as we continue to grow together in love here at Camp United Methodist Church. With longer days and the beauty of spring all around us we're reminded of God's ongoing work in our lives and in our community.

This month, we will continue our sermon series, Explore God. This series invites us to ask honest questions about faith, purpose, suffering, and the nature of God. It's designed not just for longtime believers, but also for those who may be searching, questioning, or returning to church after time away. We encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor for this meaningful opportunity for open conversation and deeper understanding.

As always, our church ministries continue to offer ways to connect, serve, and grow. From small groups to outreach opportunities, there is a place for everyone to participate in the life of the church.

Let us move into May with expectant hearts, trusting that God is near, at work, and inviting us deeper into God's grace.

Shalom,

Pastor Clay



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explore God™



Explore God: A Seven-Week Journey of Faith and Curiosity

Dates: April 19 – May 31, 2026 Series Overview

Explore God is a seven-week sermon series designed to invite both believers and seekers to wrestle with life's biggest questions. Rather than offering easy answers, this series creates a space for honest exploration, curiosity, and wonder. Each week, we'll engage Scripture, story, and the Spirit's guidance as we discover that God can handle our questions — and often meets us most powerfully through them.

Week 3 — Explore God: Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?

Date: May 3 Primary Text: John 11:32–35

Big Idea: God doesn't stand at a distance from our pain — God enters it and weeps with us.

Supporting Idea: Jesus at Lazarus's tomb reveals a God who feels our grief and transforms it through resurrection.

Invitation/Practice: Create space to name your pain before God — perhaps through journaling, prayer, or conversation with a trusted friend.

Week 4 — Explore God: Is Christianity Too Narrow?

Date: May 10 Primary Text: John 14:1-7; Acts 4:10-12; Revelation 7:9-10

Big Idea: The way of Jesus is narrow not because it excludes, but because it focuses — on the fullness of love.

Supporting Idea: Christianity's claim is not about superiority but about a Savior who offers grace for all.

Invitation/Practice: Reflect on how following Jesus has expanded your love for people who are different from you.

Week 5 — Explore God: Is Jesus Really God?

Date: May 17 Primary Text: Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:1-14; Philippians 2:5-11

Big Idea: Jesus is not simply a great teacher — He is God in human form, revealing God's heart to the world.

Supporting Idea: The divinity of Jesus shows us that God's love is not theoretical — it's embodied, personal, and sacrificial.

Invitation/Practice: Ask: "What difference does it make in my life if Jesus really is God?"

Week 6 — Explore God: Is the Bible Reliable? (Pentecost Sunday)

Date: May 24 – Pentecost Sunday Primary Text: Acts 2:1-12

Big Idea: The same Spirit who breathed life into Scripture is still breathing through it today.

Supporting Idea: Pentecost reminds us that the Word of God is alive — it transcends culture, language, and time through the power of the Spirit.

Invitation/Practice: Pray each day this week: "Spirit, breathe through your Word again — in me, in us, in your Church."

Week 7 — Explore God: Can I Know God Personally?

Date: May 31 Primary Text: John 15:9-17; Philippians 3:7-11; Revelation 3:20

Big Idea: God doesn't just want your belief — God wants your friendship.

Supporting Idea: Through Jesus, the distance between Creator and creation has been crossed forever.

Invitation/Practice: Invite the congregation to begin or renew a daily rhythm of personal connection with God — "God, help me know You more today."

Children's Ministry

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. Trash to treasure: we need toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, and gift wrap rolls. This month we would also like to request empty drink bottles, both individual and two liter.

Camp Kids will meet May 6th, 13th and on the 20th. They will break for the summer on the 20th on May.

Help is needed on Sunday Mornings with the nursery during worship. If you are available please reach out to Thommi.

Thank you for your continued love and support of Camp's children.
Contact Thommi Hendricks for additional information



Agape Small Group will meet May 17th
in the SC at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to
join
us. Contact is Cathy White.



Love one another.



Vacation Bible School is June
15-19 this year. Help is needed
with decorations

VBS Crafting opportunity

May 4th, 11th, and the 18th. 9AM-12 PM in the YFC.

We will be making butterflies, painting paper tubes for
bamboo and quetzals, making flowers from plastic bottle
bottoms and cutting out items for decorating.



Camp UMYF (youth group)

Youth group is happening, and all 6th-12th graders are invited! UMYF is a time to hang out, have fun, ask real questions, grow in faith, and be yourself. We're building something together, and your voice matters. Come and help us shape it! Bring a friend, come as you are, and let's figure it out together! Questions? Contact Shawanna Smith-Parker @ 919-738-5778.

What's up next.....

May 3rd -Cookout at church

May 10th-No Youth-Spend the day with your MOM

May 17th-Youth Group at beach. location to be announced.





Camp United Methodist Church

YOUTH GROUP

Spring 2026 schedule

April 19 Game Night
April 26 Movie Night
May 3 Cook Out
May 10 No YG
May 17 YG @ the beach

- Encouraging devotional
- Time of fellowship with other youth
- Snacks & fun

SUNDAYS 5:00PM-6:30PM

~4807 Main St. ~Shallotte, NC 28470

**All youth 6th-12th grade
are welcome!**

More Information:
Shawna Smith-Parker,
Youth Director

919-738-5778

cumc.shawna@gmail.com

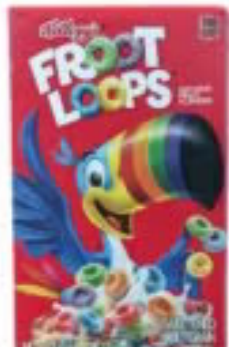
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Outreach

Outreach/ The Lord's Food Pantry: Camp's Distribution Day for The Lord's Food Pantry is May 2nd. We look forward to serving the people of Brunswick County alongside our church family. Contact Joey Galloway or Jim Malick for more information. Pantry Food of the Month: Cereal .



The Lord's Food Pantry Capital Campaign "Feed My Sheep" wants to acquire a permanent home for their mission, volunteers and the families and individuals that we serve. Contact Joey Galloway or Jim Malick for more information.



Blood drive

The Food Pantry is collecting boxes of Cereal for the month of May. Our distribution day is Saturday May 2nd, 2026.

What is CCoM

CCoM is an initiative to form intentional partnerships with each other churches to serve God's people in a specific geographic area. Our church has joined with three other United Methodist Churches, Zion, Ocean View, and Concord to form BCCoM, or Brunswick Cooperative Community on Mission. Our CCoM group has decided to connect with other churches, agencies and nonprofits who are already providing services in our County and focus our support to increase the impact of their work.

Our group has selected as its first mission to support Day4Hope. If you are not familiar with this outreach [of the Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship (SOIICF)], it is a day in early August for parents of homeless and disadvantaged students to get free school supplies, medical exams, and even haircuts for their children so they can start the school year prepared and with dignity. We are going to help with two initiatives that day. Jammiez4Kids is a group that provides a new set of pajamas for each child, and we are going to augment that by providing Undiez4Kids, so each child will have a new package of underwear. There is a collection bin in the Narthex for that if you would like to help out. We are also going to help by collecting new books so that each child receives the gift of reading. There will be a QR code and an Amazon link in the May newsletter that explains how you can donate a book.

We are a small group right now. If you can see yourself finding joy in this type of ministry, please reach out to me or any of our representatives from Camp, including Pastor Clay, Lisa Von Sprecken, and Jill and Frances Bryant. We'd love for you to join us.



Jammiez4Kidz™

Undiez4Kidz Drive for Brunswick County Children
*As a caring community, let's make sure our
kidz have new undiez!*

NOW THRU JUNE 30, 2026

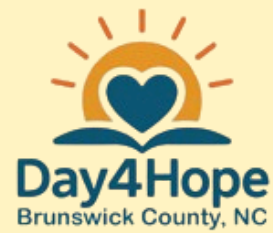
Jammiez4Kidz, a local nonprofit, is now joining with Brunswick Cooperative Community on Mission to bring comfort to Brunswick County children facing tough circumstances and they are asking for your help.

Currently needed:

New, packaged underwear-
Youth Sizes 5-18 and Adult Sizes S to XL

For your convenience, packages can be dropped off in the marked Bins at any CIS store in April and May OR in the marked bins at Camp United Methodist, Concord United Methodist, Ocean View United Methodist or Zion United Methodist Churches.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Fulton at fulton3898@gmail.com or one of the church offices.



Supporting the children of Brunswick County is as easy and rewarding as donating a book! You can help ensure that every child attending Day4Hope on August 8 receives the gift of reading. Your donation can spark a lifelong love for reading, providing these young minds with the tools they need to dream, explore, and succeed. Let's come together to make a difference—one book at a time!



To Donate, visit the Amazon link or QR Code below by June 30-
Select: Kathy Robson, Southport NC

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2CWDWLD4RQ9L6?ref=wl_share

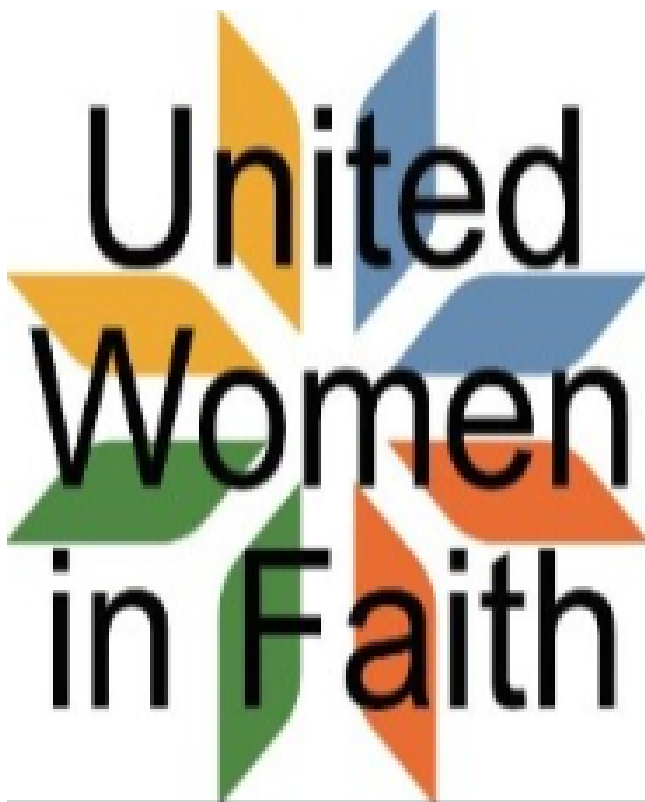


**Camp UMC
Wednesday
Bible Study
4:00 In Hardin
Fellowship Hall**

Living A Life of Faith

**A Four Week Bible Study on
Select Parables of Jesus**

Our next meeting is Monday, May 25th. All men are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



Susanna Wesley ~ Women in Faith meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you on May 12th and ladies of all ages are welcome to attend. Please bring a friend. Contact Jill Bryant for more information.

United Women in Faith

Mother's Day Flower Bouquets

Sign up for yours today.

Pick up on May 10th

reach out to Jill Bryant

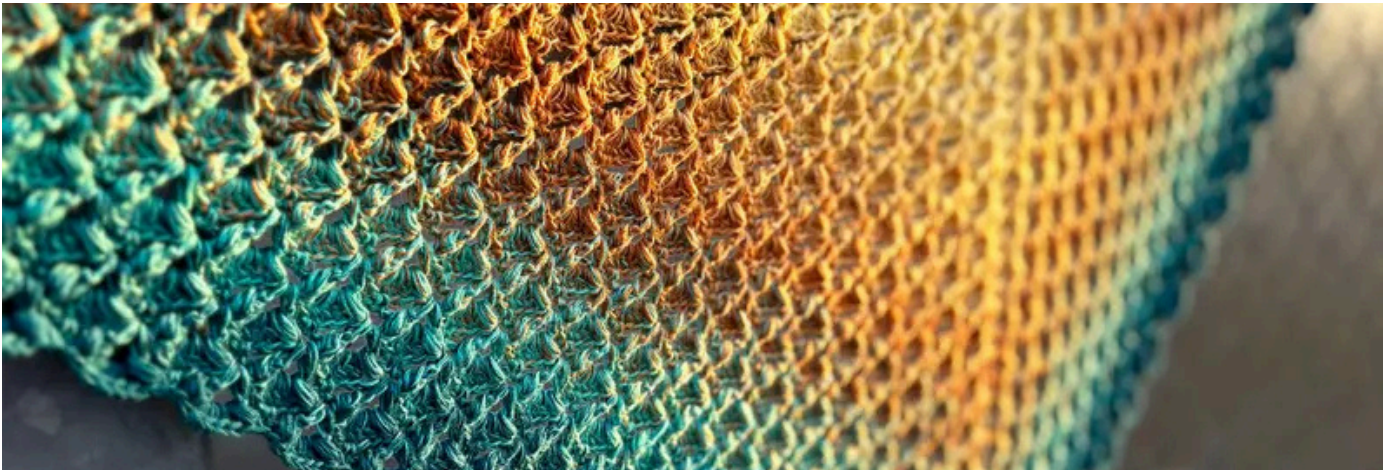
jillbry1@aol.com





Some members of the Susanna Wesley Circle volunteered at the Diaper Bank of NC in Wilmington which is one of the National Mission Institutions supported by United Methodist Women in Faith. The mission of the bank is to increase awareness and access to essential hygiene items to promote dignity, health and quality of life for the people of NC.





Prayer Shawl will meet at Coastal Point where Virginia Winfree is at from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday except for the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Contact is Francis Bryant.

BASKET WEAVERS



Baskets and Bible Study meets Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All crafters are welcome to attend. Enjoy baskets/crafters starting at 2:00 p.m. followed by a Bible study and meal at 4:30 p.m. Contact Eileen Markum or Margaret Hardin for more info.

The Basket Weavers have once again completed their annual community outreach project, continuing a meaningful tradition of service and compassion. Each year, members of the group handcraft beautiful baskets and fill them with essential toiletries and personal care items for the Hope Harbor Shelter, which supports women affected by abuse.

This year, the Basket Weavers assembled 15 fully stocked baskets, along with two large bags of additional items that exceeded the baskets' capacity. In addition, they donated 10 bath towels and 20 washcloths to further support the shelter's needs. While funds raised through their efforts were used to purchase the reed needed for weaving, all of the donated items were generously purchased by the weavers themselves.

Members describe this outreach as a deeply humbling experience and remain committed to continuing the project for many years to come, hoping to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

The Basket Weavers warmly welcome new members. Whether you enjoy weaving, crafting, or simply spending time in fellowship with others, there is a place for you in the group. Some participants come to weave, while others bring different crafts or simply enjoy conversation and community.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Margaret Hardin at 910-617-0003 or Eileen Markum at 910-880-0289 for more information.



AN EVENING WITH PHIL

Phil Giallombardo, a Christian singer-songwriter. A former rock musician who spent 15 years performing across the country alongside well-known artists of the 60s and 70s, Phil now shares a message of faith and hope through music. He has released four CDs with the Christian group Wing and a Prayer and continues to give back through his work in the community.

Phil is also the founder of the “Lifeguards,” a Christian men’s group dedicated to supporting those in need through service and fundraising.

His past benefit performances have raised thousands of dollars for causes including addiction recovery, mental health support, and aid for the hungry and homeless.

This cause is personal. With friends and family impacted by addiction, Phil is committed to using his music to make a difference.

“I want to let people know they’re not alone in their fight against addiction. As long as I can

help just one person with their recovery, that’s good enough for me.”





Ladies Night Out

Thursday Night

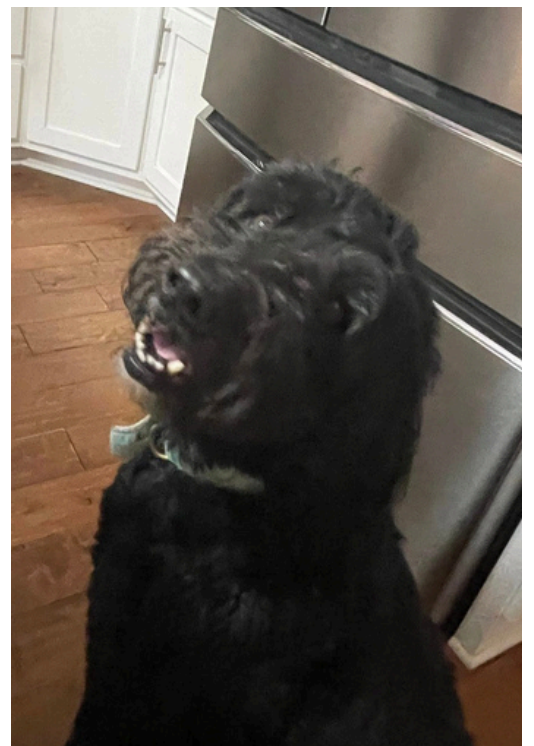
May 28th(change of date) at 5:30PM

Paradise Bar and Grill

Brick Landing

Contact Tamy to reserve your spot.

The Ladies had an evening at Inlet View and then dessert at Linda's (YUM). Bob was happy to see us! Join us in May



SALT



Seasoned
Adults
Learning
Together

Our group met with Lt. Corey McLamb of Shallotte PD. He shared with us some of the most recent SCAMS going around in Brunswick County.

Thank you Lt. McLamb.

Join us May 18th for our cookout and trivia night!



**AN EVENING WITH
PHIL GIALLOMBARDO
& FRIENDS**

Benefiting Christian Recovery Center Inc.

Sunday, May 24th @ 7 PM

FREE ADMISSION

CAMP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4807 Main St, Shallotte, NC 28470

SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING COLLECTED FOR CRCI

CAMP UMC 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK!

COME SIT AT THE TABLE, AND SHARE MORE THAN JUST A MEAL. WHETHER YOU'RE CATCHING UP WITH OLD PALS OR MAKING NEW FRIENDS, THE TABLE IS THE PLACE TO CONNECT. LET'S START A NEW/OLD TRADITION AND GATHER EACH 5TH SUNDAY FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH!

**May 31st,
After Worship**



We will provide the fried chicken and beverages; y'all bring the sides and desserts!

5th Sunday Pot Luck

Join us for a Pot Luck on Sunday May 31st

Bring a side or dessert to share.

We will be set up in the YFC.

We are able to keep hot dishes warm and cool dishes in the fridge.

Reach out to Shay or Tamy if you have questions.

FREE SUMMER MEALS TO GO FOR KIDS 18 AND UNDER! May 29th - August 21st



Come pick up a free 7-day supply of breakfasts and lunches for each child in your family!

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING SCHOOL MEALS OVER THE SUMMER



The YMCA of Southeastern NC is hosting three locations in Brunswick County:

Brunswick Family Assistance

929 Old Ocean Hwy - Bolivia, NC

Fridays @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Camp United Methodist Church

4807 Main St - Shallotte, NC

Fridays @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Southport Presbyterian

1025E MooreSt - Southport, NC

Fridays @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am

No ID or registration is required, but we ask that you register in advance to save time at pick-up! Please scan the QR code below for dates, times, and pre-registration.

ENGLISH



SPANISH



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Friday FREE Community Meals

**CAMP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EVERY FRIDAY 3-5PM. 4807 MAIN STREET**

MAY 1ST

ADULTS

CHICKEN ALFREDO

BROCCOLI

KIDS

PIZZA



MARCH 15th
ADULTS
HAM/POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
KIDS
Hot Dogs

MARCH 8th

ADULTS

CHICKEN CASSEROLE

VEGGIES

KIDS

CHICKEN NUGGETS



MAY 22nd

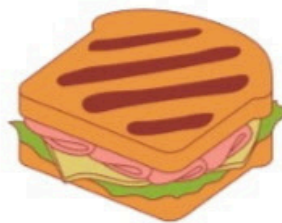
Adults

STUFFED PEPPER CASSEROLE

Veggies

Kids

SANDWICH



MAY 29th

ADULTS

PASTA SALAD

KIDS

CHICKEN SALAD

CAMP UMC'S SPRING FLING

It was a HUGH success.

Thank you to all the vendors, people that made contributions, people that helped price, set up, take down, baked items for the bake sale etc....

Thank you to all.





May Birthdays



- 1 Thelma Herring
- 2 Birdie Frink
- 4 Fran Hecht
- 4 Paul Kilbride
- 5 Tom Frederick
- 6 James Smith
- 6 Marley Wilson
- 8 Betsy Fatzinger
- 8 Ramona Parker
- 14 Jack Rector
- 18 Summer Powell

- 18 Martin Calendar
- 19 Lewis Siegel
- 21 Allison Smith
- 21 Julie Chandler
- 21 Kate Troy
- 22 Linda Smith
- 23 Leo West
- 24 Debbie Nichols
- 28 Scott Stevenson
- 30 David III Summerlin
- 31 Bonnie Verzella

May Anniversaries

20 Steve & Corki Jarvis

31 Dean & Anna Anderson

