

CAMP UMC CIRCUIT RIDER



Summer has a way of inviting us to slow down, catch our breath, and notice God's presence in fresh ways. Whether you've been traveling, spending time with family, working in the garden, or simply trying to stay cool, we pray that these months have reminded you that God's faithfulness never takes a vacation. As we move through July and into August, our church family remains a place where people can encounter Christ, build meaningful relationships, and serve our neighbors with love. Thank you for the many ways you make Camp UMC more than a building—you make it a community. Here are some examples: Friday Night Meals ministry continues to provide not only a hot meal but also friendship, encouragement, and a reminder that everyone has a place at God's table. Thank you to every volunteer who prepares food, serves guests, donates supplies, or simply spends time in conversation. Your acts of kindness are living examples of Christ's love. Our youth and children have been active this summer through worship, fellowship, opportunities to grow in their faith, and FUN!. We are grateful for the energy they bring to the church and for the adults who give their time to mentor the next generation. Please continue to pray that our youth and children would deepen their relationship with Jesus and discover how God is calling them to love and serve their neighbors.

As August approaches, many students, teachers, and school staff will be preparing for a new school year. We invite our church family to keep them in prayer as they begin another season of learning and growth. May they experience God's wisdom, protection, and peace each day. This is also a wonderful time to reconnect if you've been away during the summer. As we prepare for the ministries and opportunities that fall will bring, we look forward to worshipping together, welcoming new faces, and continuing to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 139 reminds us that there is nowhere we can go where God is not already present. Whether we find ourselves on mountaintops or in valleys, in seasons of celebration or challenge, God walks faithfully beside us. That promise gives us confidence to move forward together in hope. Thank you for being a church that seeks to love God, love one another, and love our community. We are excited to see what God has in store for Camp United Methodist Church in the months ahead.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Clay





An Unexpected Spiritual Journey

In late June, we (Wes and Betsy) visited the small Isle of Iona in the highlands of Western Scotland, thanks to Wes' cousin and her Scots husband. Iona had always been on our bucket list after a workshop at Montreat with Scotsman John Bell, a global music researcher and composer. Iona was so much more than the battle-scarred castles and the rugged yet beautiful Highland landscapes where clans fought violent battles in years past. Iona was such a surprise! It was an island of serenity and beauty that greeted us after we exited the ferry from the Isle of Mull. (No tourist cars are allowed on the island, which makes it even more peaceful!) We followed the winding path St. Columba took in the 600s, past the ruins of a nunnery with wildflowers all around, to a large carved stone cross in the curve of the path where pilgrims of many faiths have rested and prayed on the way to the Abbey. We continued up the path as so many faithful have walked before us, and there was the Abbey, now a Romanesque structure, with two gigantic carved stone crosses in front and the calm blue water in the background. Inside the small stone abbey, the feeling of God's ever-presence was overwhelming. Iona is a special place and an enduring symbol of Christianity. Today the Iona Community is an ecumenical community that draws worshipers from all over the world, including John Bell, a leader in the Iona Community; the little lady on a walker with her elderly husband; and a group of Greek Orthodox deacons.

In work and worship, God is with us.
Gathered and scattered, God is with us.
Now and always, God is with us.
The Iona Community

The Music Ministry welcomes all who want to make a joyful noise in song or instrument. Regular Wednesday practices begin on the Wednesday nights in September.
Wes and Betsy Ward (wesbetsy@gmail.com)



Help is needed EVERY SUNDAY for Children's Church and the nursery.

Please get in touch with Thommi Hendricks at thendricks@gmail.com.

The more who sign up, the fewer Sundays you will be asked to help!

Mothers Morning Out Ministry (MMOM) needs substitute teachers. If you are interested, please contact Thommi Hendricks.



EVERY WEDNESDAY

5:30-7:00

STARTING JULY 1ST

EAT • GATHER • PLAY

**ALL RISING PRE-K STUDENTS AND UP
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**



CAMP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CAMP CONNECT YOUTH GROUP



**MEET EVERY
WEDNESDAY
5:30-7:00**



— PLUS —

SUMMER RETREATS



SUN JULY 12TH: HOOK, LINE, & DESIGN

FRI JULY 24TH: SERVE & SWING

SAT AUGUST 1ST: MB PELICANS GAME

SAT AUGUST 15TH: YARD & CARS

SUN AUGUST 30TH: BEACH DAY!



INFORMATION

YOUTH LEADERS



SHAWNNA SMITH-PARKER
919-738-5778

— **CHAD WILSON** —
828-748-2242

MEGHAN WILSON
828-342-3227



MOST ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT

CAMP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADDRESS: 4807 MAIN STREET
SHALLOTTE, NC 29470

PHONE #: (910) 754-4840



Mission Statement of The United Methodist

Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Vision of Camp United Methodist Church

Sharing the love of Christ and impacting our church, community, and world by

Welcoming All Loving All , Serving All

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Basket and Bibles meet every Tuesday from  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall. All crafters are invited to  
join! Contact Eileen Markum or  
Margaret Hardin for more information.



Join us for Ladies Night Out on  
August 20th at 5:00 p.m. at Paradise  
Bar and Grill! Please contact Tamy  
Munns to RSVP. We look forward to  
seeing you there!

### **Mahjong Group Announcement:**

Ladies, we are excited to announce that we have started a new Mahjong group here at Camp UMC! We meet every Wednesday, with 2 sessions running from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 AM and 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 PM. Whether you are a seasoned player or interested in learning the game, we would love for you to join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

Elaboration on this group:

- \* **\*\*Purpose:\*\*** To build community and provide an engaging social activity for the women of our church.
- \* **\*\*Skill Levels:\*\*** All skill levels are welcome, making it an excellent opportunity to meet new friends or sharpen your strategic skills.





Our ministry in Armenia fosters a vital partnership between the NC and Western NC Methodist Conferences and the Armenian Apostolic Church, dedicated to supporting our Christian brothers and sisters. Every contribution goes directly toward this mission, and we would be deeply grateful for your support. We are also thrilled to announce that we will begin packing shoe boxes again this September!

We are thrilled to share that our July blood drive was a tremendous success, with a total of 26 pints collected! A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered their time and to all those who generously donated.

Please join us for our next Camp UMC Blood Drive on Thursday, October 8, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can schedule your appointment by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and entering "Camp UMC," or by contacting Peggy Coda directly. We encourage you to sign up today—and please bring a friend along to help support this life-saving cause!



Join us for the upcoming Camp UMC distribution on Saturday, August 2nd, located at 3610 Express Dr, Shallotte, NC 28470. We will be operating Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are available to assist with setup, please arrive by 8:45 a.m. For more information, please contact Joey Galloway at 910-233-8070.

# United Women in Faith

We'll be meeting in September, so keep an eye on the newsletter and bulletin for more details.



The Lord's Food Pantry is collecting Spaghetti sauce for the month of August



## **CAMP UMC 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK!**

**August 30,  
After Worship**

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

**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 GATHER EACH FIFTH SUNDAY FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH!**



# SALT & UMM



SALT will gather on August 24th at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall, teaming up with the UMM for a baked potato bar. Come enjoy an evening filled with fun and fellowship.



## The Lord's Food Pantry

will be accepting donations of spaghetti throughout the month of August to support the pantry's efforts. A collection bin has been placed in the narthex for contributions. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.



# Outreach

## Be a Reading Buddy

Registration is now open to become a NC VIPS Reading Buddy. Reading Buddies spend as little as an hour a week to help get students reading on grade level by the end of third grade. No prior experience is required.

According to the Education Advisory Board, “75% of students who do not read proficiently by third grade never reach reading proficiency in future grades.” Elementary schools targeted last (Jessie Mae Monroe, Supply, and Lincoln) have school populations that are over 65% economically disadvantaged and many are struggling to become readers. By spending at least one hour a week working with young readers you can have a positive impact on their entire academic careers. Find out more and to signup contact Bob von Sprecken at [bob@ncvips.com](mailto:bob@ncvips.com).



**BE A  
READING BUDDY**  
*Sign Up Now*

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

- Help kids learn to read
- Build a child's confidence
- Volunteer one hour per week
- No experience needed

Signup Online  
[www.ncvips.com](http://www.ncvips.com)

NC VOLUNTEERS  
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# **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



[ymcasenc.org/freesummermeals/2026-form-brunswick](https://ymcasenc.org/freesummermeals/2026-form-brunswick)

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# NC VIPS

## Cornhole Tournament

Proceeds Benefit

NC VIPS Reading Buddy Programs in  
Brunswick County Elementary Schools



### Tournament Fees

\$40 Per Team - Backyard Division

\$60 Per Team - Advanced Division

**Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in Each Division!**  
**PRE-REGISTER ON SCOREHOLIO APP**

Download App & Create Profile

ANDROID



APPLE



Register for **NC VIPS Cornhole Tournament:**

BACKYARD



ADVANCED



For More Information Contact  
NC Volunteers in Public Schools  
[communications@ncvips.com](mailto:communications@ncvips.com) | [www.ncvips.com](http://www.ncvips.com)

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### July

1 Bobbie Steve  
5 Phil Giallombardo / Kearns  
6 Mike Alderson  
6 Ron Markum  
8 Becky McKinnon  
9 Bert Parker  
9 Keith Fillman  
11 Denise Concelmo  
14 Beth Justice  
16 Doug Jones  
16 Jeremy Chambley  
16 Patricia McNeill  
17 Landon Potenza  
18 Evan Parker  
Dean Anderson  
22 Dennis Hetzel  
22 Jill Greene  
23 Nancy Greiner  
24 Kevin Holland  
30 Joyce Erickson



### August

1 Jane Evans  
1 Susan Usher  
2 Gary Matthews  
4 Donna "Lou" Byrd  
4 Linda Callender  
6 Wiley Ballard  
7 Kim Galloway  
7 Lisa von Sprecken  
8 Tom Coda  
9 Kate Alderson  
11 Adrianna Sidelinger  
11 Declan Thompson  
12 Mathew Steve  
14 Henry Holland  
15 Wes Ward  
16 Jean Miller  
17 Jacob Lolley  
18 Ray McKinnon  
19 Jeff Maynard  
20 Dick Erickson  
20 Hart Merriam  
21 Doris S. Pigott  
24 Ricky Byrd  
25 Tamy Munns  
29 Don Eagle  
30 Francis Bryant

### August

4 Leo & Marinell West 47 yrs  
6 Howard & Barbara Varnam 54 yrs  
9 Bruce & Linda Ladrack  
11 Kenneth & Ginny Harrell 47 yrs  
12 John & Lorrie Mottesheard 38 yrs  
13 Tal & Julie Madison 43 yrs  
16 Daniel & Rachel Griggs 12 yrs  
18 Wes & Betsy Ward 58 yrs  
20 Dennis & Cheryl Hetzel 49 yrs  
29 Robert & Laura Winship 56 yrs  
30 W.J. & Sibyl McLamb 74 yrs  
31 Keith & Kim Fillman 30 yrs

