



# The Circuit Rider

December 2018

You are cordially invited to join us in all of our events and activities each and every week. Activities are open to all, not just members. Come on in, be with us, there's God's work to be done with your help.



## Cadence of a Deep Call: a Call not to Judge Others

We are prone to judge others based on their appearance, race, gender, nationality, marital status, education, income, etc. It is almost impossible for us not to make up our minds about other people. We have our own measurements by which to judge others. We see them. We hear them. We measure them. We label them. Then, we put them in a box.

Judging others is like putting a heavy chain on our own necks rather than putting it on others; it is quite oppressive to our souls. It can be quite a burden to our hearts. It can be darkness to our minds. For our souls are created to praise God and inspire others. Our hearts are to lift up the heavy burdens of others. Our minds are to be filled with the goodness of God, not with gossip or slander.

However, not judging others does not mean that we live without principles and boundaries in life. It does not mean that we condone or approve whatever others do according to their desire of the flesh. It is not giving up our role as "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world". A call not to judge others is to live a life full of compassion and mercy. It is an attitude of seeing others as precious human beings, not as objects or things that can be used, discarded and thrown away. It is an awakening call to look deep into our hearts and see that we are not better than others, or we could be worse than they are if we are not careful in listening to the voice of God. It is a heartfelt confession that no one is immune from the fall, and we are only saved by God's grace and mercy.

Therefore, when we judge others, we are already far away from God's mercy and grace, and we have already condemned ourselves with the judgement that we have made on others. Jesus says to us, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged." (Matthew 7:1)

In Jesus' name,  
Preacher Won



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### Sunday Services

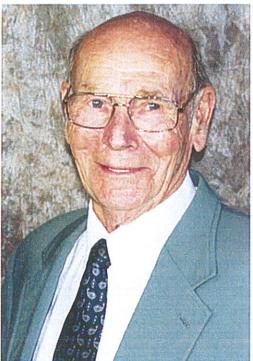
8:30 AM Praise & Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional

***Camp United Methodist Church is a community of faith whose mission is to seek and to serve God by praying, preaching and teaching the Gospel, making disciples and serving others.***

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Paul Carson



Paul is from Yukon, OK where he grew up with a brother 10 years older and a sister who was 3 years older. He was drafted and served in the Army from 1951 to 1953. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Statistical Engineering, Paul worked for a variety of companies until he settled with Polaroid and worked for them for 24 years.

Paul met Audrey while working in a steel mill in CT, and they were married for over 50 years. His work landed him in many states, including RI, AK and MS. Paul retired in 2002 and they relocated to NC where they could be midpoint amidst their scattered children (3 boys and 3 girls). Sadly, Audrey passed away October 20, 2017.

Members of Camp since 2003, Paul says, "Camp provides additional resources, like the Disciple I Class, that are so helpful in a Christian walk." In his spare time, Paul enjoys working with wood and creating all sorts of furniture and cabinetry.

Paul is blessed with 10 grandchildren.

### Chris Ballou and Camp's Library



For those of you who've never been to our library in the Youth & Family Center, I suggest you stop by and take a look. What used to be a jumbled mess is now an orderly, organized area where you can browse comfortably and checkout or donate books. All the books are neatly categorized by author as well as by subject. The person responsible for this accomplishment is not a librarian, as I thought, but a retired nurse - Chris Ballou.

Chris didn't know much about organizing a library when she undertook this daunting task but she did know she didn't like the mess. Using the internet, she learned what needed to be done and spent many hours consolidating, cataloging, and eliminating duplications. Instructions for using the library are posted on the wall by the card catalogs and a storage bin is kept under the table for returns and/or donations.

Chris grew up in Maryland and after many moves she and her husband Donald, ended up in Brunswick County. After 28 years of working at B.C. Hospital (now Novant), she retired in 2011. They have 2 sons and 1 daughter and are blessed with 5 grandkids.

Recently, Chris has added "teaching" to her many talents and is currently home schooling two of her grand kids.

Stop by and check out our library and possibly a book or two; and, when you see Chris, thank her for the amazing job she did!

*"I read a book one day and my whole life was changed." Orhan Pamuk*



## CHRISTMAS MUSIC CANTATA



Our Christmas Music Service, **A STAR SHINES IN BETHELEM** will be on December 2nd at the 11:00 AM service. Please mark your calendars now for this exciting service! Our choirs: the Adult Choir, the Kids Singers and the Camp Bell Choir will be singing and ringing beautiful Christmas music that will warm your hearts.

## KIDS SINGERS DID A WONDERFUL JOB ON THANKSGIVING SUNDAY



## ANTHEMS FOR DECEMBER 2018

December 2	CHRISTMAS MUSIC SERVICE	
December 9	The Birthday of a King	W. H. Neidlinger
December 16	Christmas Lullaby	John Rutter
December 23	Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head	Appalachian Folk Song
December 24	Still, Still, Still	Setting by Norman Luboff
December 30	Away in a Manger	Setting by Marie Pooler

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Wes & Betsy  
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## CAMP UMC CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

We have been very busy over the past few weeks.

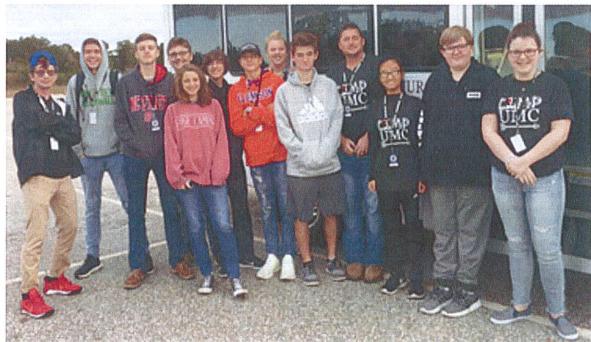
Our nursery is growing fast and we are excited to be expecting new precious little ones in 2019. Children's church takes place during both worship times; one at 8:30 am, the other at 11:00 AM. Please contact pastor Sheena if you would like to sign up to volunteer to be a part of this ministry. It is a lot of fun and the children will certainly bless you.



We had a great turnout from our youth on November 4<sup>th</sup> for the annual Crop Walk.

## YOUTH PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND- NOVEMBER 9TH-11TH

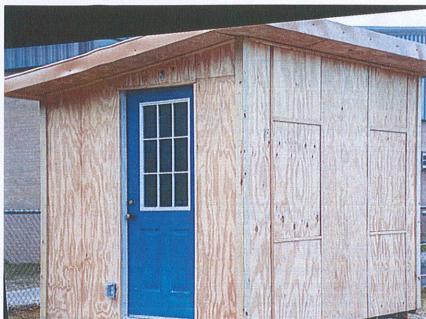
We travelled to the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville, NC for the weekend. The time was filled with amazing speakers, music & fellowship. Our youth are fantastic & it was a joy to be with them. We are all looking forward to next year!!!



Pastor Sheena

## CAMP OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The United Methodist Men made and delivered picnic tables and benches to Guideway Elementary School. They also built a concession stand for Shallotte Middle School.



The Outreach Team donated \$200 to the Miranda Conner Fund. Miranda is the wife of state trooper Kevin Conner who was killed during a routine traffic stop on 10/17/18.

Outreach and the church youth were two of the many sponsors for this year's Crop Walk. Camp Walkers raised \$320.

Outreach bought and cooked seven (7) turkeys for Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving Dinners.

A basket filled with dog goodies was donated to Guideway Elementary School to be auctioned at its Festival of Trees..

### Good News!

Preacher Won baptized 16 men at the Brunswick County Detention Center on November 11, 2018.



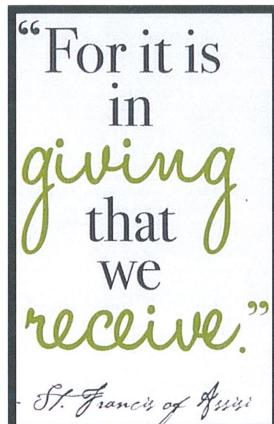
On Friday, November 23rd Camp began its new ministry, the Soup Kitchen. Every Friday through March, the Fellowship Hall will be open for those of our neighbors who need a hot meal. Meals will consist of soup, a sandwich, fruit, dessert and milk. Camp volunteers will provide and host the meals. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, call Brenda Register (910-287-6137) **Note:** 13 individuals were fed.

*"For I was hungry, and you fed me...." (Mt. 25:35)*

## WAYS YOU CAN REACH OUT THIS CHRISTMAS

Write a check to:  
Miranda Conner Special Account  
and mail it to:  
State Employee's Credit Union  
P. O. Box 306  
Shallotte, NC 28459

Send Christmas cards to local fire and police departments and to our men and women in the military.  
(Addresses in bulletin soon.)



Take a name (or 2) from the Power Walking Ministry Tree and buy shoes for a needy child (or 2)

Write a check to SBIC/Food Pantry to pay for an Christmas dinner for an entire family.  
(See bulletins for instructions)

Volunteer to help with BFA's Christmas distribution. Call Charles Jackson, Program Manager, at (910-754-4766 x102) to volunteer.



On November 27th, we met at Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc. in Shallotte for a presentation on what the center offers for seniors. Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious lunch of stuffed pepper casserole, seasoned carrots, rice, tropical fruit and a roll. Then we went on a tour of the Resource Center.

The next SALT event will be on December 17th. We will feast on the heavy appetizers brought by the attendees and then enjoy music by the Coastal Harmonizers.



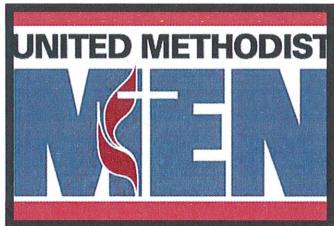
Junior Reedy samples Margaret Hardin's baked goods.

The annual **Craft Fair & Cookie Walk** was held on Sat. Nov. 17th. Over \$3500 was raised. The group plans to put the funds to good use. **Good News!** There are still pumpkin rolls and cookbooks available for \$20 each. Christmas is coming. If you would like to make a purchase, Contact Margaret Hardin at (910-617-0003).



The 19th hole.

The **Journey to Freedom Golf Tournament** was also held on Sat. Nov. 17th. The event drew 128 golfers who were delighted with the day's good weather. In addition to the generous offering of the golf course by W. J. & Sibyl McLamb, there were 50 sponsors for the event. A total of \$20,000 was raised.



The United Methodist Men had their meeting on Nov. 26th. Tom Evans prepared a gourmet meal of hot dogs, beans, tater tots, and cupcakes. The election of officers took place. Keith Compton will be the new chairman and Howard Varnam will be vice chair.

## OTHER CHURCH NEWS

A Service for the Consecration of Columbarium was held on October 28, 2018



The Garner Family. Parker Guy Garner was baptized on November 11, 2018.



Larry Harrelson gave the children's message the same day.

## RECENT THANK YOU NOTES TO CAMP

### From Bolivia Elementary School:

Thank you so much for your most generous donation of cleaning and personal kits for our Bolivia Bear Families. We greatly appreciate your kindness.

**From Patty Brisson at SBIC:** Thank you so much for helping SBIC with our pie sale. This generosity has helped us to continue to support the needy in our county.

**From the National Guard soldiers in 881st ESC, DET 1 881st ESC and 236 BEB:** We would like to thank you for your support during our stay at the Shallotte Armory following Hurricane Florence. (The letter was signed by all 40 troops) **NOTE:** The United Methodist Women provided the meals.

## MORAVIAN LOVEFEAST – DECEMBER 9th – 5:00 PM



Lovefeasts originated in the first gathering of Christians after Pentecost. The Christians met and broke bread together which signified their union and equality. Towards the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, lovefeasts were no longer held. In 1727, the Moravian Church in Berthesdorf, Germany began having lovefeast when church members wanted to remain together after taking communion rather than going home.

A lovefeast is basically a hymn service which is opened with prayer. During the service, a simple meal of sweet buns and coffee, which is mixed with cream and sugar, is served. Those who serve the meal are called Dieners. The flame of the candles, which are distributed to the congregation, represent "... the sacrifice of Christ for men and the flame of love which He came to kindle in the hearts of men." (from *Moravian Church in America, South*)

Camp started having lovefeast in 1996, a tradition which has continued, on and off, since that time. At our first lovefeast there were 16 dieners. Last year there were 32.

Volunteers needed for this event include: Servers, people to set-up and then clean-up and Doormen. Call Debbie Donoghue (910-540-3595) if you can help with any of these tasks.

The choir has done an outstanding job with the music for the lovefeast over the last couple of years and are sure to continue their tradition again this year. Guest harpist, Becky Nissen, will once again assist in providing special music.

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**



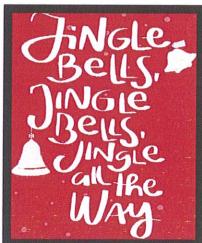
## LIVE NATIVITY DEC. 18, 19 + 20      6:00-9:00 PM



Join us for this amazing experience of the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ! Our prayer is that God uses this experience to share the true meaning of Christmas with our community.

Character volunteers that are needed include: Mary, Joseph, wise men, shepherds and angels. Each character will be "on stage" for 1 hour. Other volunteers will be needed as well. If you are willing to help, call Debbie Donoghue (910-540-3595)

# Did you know?



**"Jingle Bells"** is one of the best-known and commonly sung American songs in the world. It was written by James Lord Pierpont (1822-1893) and published under the title, "One Horse Open Sleigh", in the autumn of 1857. It has been claimed that it was originally written to be sung by a Sunday School Choir. However historians dispute this, saying that it was much too "racy" (and secular) to be sung by a children's church choir in the days in which it was written.

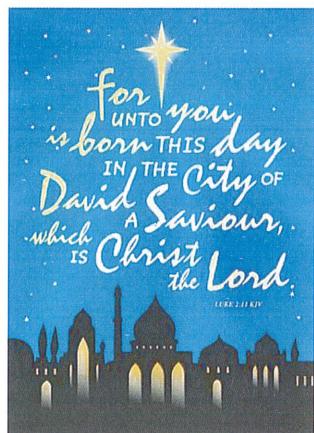
Although it was originally intended for the Thanksgiving season, and having no connection to Christmas, it became associated with Christmas music and the holiday season in general decades after it was first performed on Washington Street in Boston in 1857. [Wikipedia](#)

The first artificial Christmas trees were developed in Germany during the 9th century, though earlier examples did exist. These "trees" were made using goose feathers that were dyed green. The German feather trees were one response by the Germans to continued deforestation in the country. Developed in the 1880s, feather trees became increasingly popular during the early part of the 20th century. These trees eventually made their way to the United States where they became popular as well. In fact, the use of natural Christmas trees in the United States was pre-dated by a type of artificial tree. The first trees were wooden, tree-shaped pyramids lit by candles. They were developed in Bethlehem, PA by the German Moravian Church in 1747. [Wikipedia](#)



The first Christmas card was sent in 1843 in the U.K. Sir Henry Cole, a government worker, and John Horsley, an artist, created the first Christmas card depicting people helping the poor and enjoying Christmas dinner with their family. Early Christmas cards usually had the Nativity, snow scenes or robins on them.

[BuzzFeed](#)



God grant you  
the light in Christmas, which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas, which is love;  
the radiance of Christmas, which is purity;  
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;  
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;  
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

[Wilda English](#)

## NEW MEMBERS - NOVEMBER 2018



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## DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER

December 2nd	Advent Season Begins
December 2nd	Christmas Cantata
December 6	Healing Oils of the Bible
December 9	Moravian lovefeast
December 17	SALT Activity
December 18, 19, 20	Live Nativity
December 19th	Middle School handbells
December 24th	Christmas Eve Services

## PLAN AHEAD FOR THESE JANUARY EVENTS



Our 15th Annual Run For Food Race is coming up January 19th at 9:00 AM on Ocean Isle Beach! This will be the final Run For Food Race! This event is the primary source of income for the South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC) Food Pantry for the homeless & hungry in Brunswick County.

This race has always been successful due to all of the volunteers from Camp UMC! Our sincere thanks to all of the volunteers these past 15 years! Could not have done it without your help & dedication! If you would like to help with this final race, call Debbie Donoghue at 910-540-3595.



The Watoto Children's choir will be performing at Camp UMC on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM. We are in need of 9 host homes.



On January 28th, The United Methodist Men will once again hold a fellowship dinner for the entire congregation. The event is always great fun. Tickets are \$15.00 and generally go fast. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins.



## DECEMBER MILESTONES



01	Vivian Carper	15	Mary Boyd Barefoot	24	Don Green
01	Kelly Barefoot	15	Amy Nelson	25	Robert Bell
02	Mason McCullough	16	Zack McGougan	25	Richard Holcomb
04	Ada Hagler	17	John Cox	25	Spencer Inions
04	Bettye Wolny	17	Virgie Poulos	26	Al Parker Jr
04	Ellie Pickard	18	Mac Harris	26	Tina Sifford
05	Hattie Greene	18	Len Henderson	28	Gary Concelmo
07	Robert Hurley	19	Keith Compton	28	Doug Brown
07	Gary Poulos	19	Douglas Hunter	29	Kama Allen
08	Joyce Baughman	20	Andy Verzella	29	Lila Allen
09	Helen Hamer	21	Hollen Groff	29	Michael Sidelinger
10	Carolyn Gresham	21	Rae Matthews	30	Vivian Bryan
10	Susanne Adams	21	William Matthews	30	Woody Wooten
10	Anna Anderson	22	Mary Jo Craft	31	Jackie Gibson
11	Logan Spencer	22	Helen Hendricks	31	D.B. Grantham
13	Elizabeth Smith	23	Chris Ballou	31	Pat Hurst
13	Beverly Carlisle	23	Kathy Meissner	31	Jack Kyzer
13	Bill Minor	24	Bill Wisneski		



Mike & Beth Michelakis	6 32)
Dennis & Libby Leggett	13 43)
Steve and Becky Dare	16 52)
Bob & Carolyn Gresham	16 56)
Terry & Melody Stephens	18 24)
Chris & Kim Isenhour	20 21)
Jerry & Toni Gibson	20 61)
Thom & Judy Arnold	21 55)
David & Joyce Coates	22 56)
Hugh & Sara McCullough	23 33)
Jay & Helen Hamer	26 46)
Thomas & Jeanne Frederick	27 49)



Many members assisted the newsletter team with this issue and their efforts are appreciated. Some people took pictures. Some provided material. Some reviewed articles. These members are: Chicky & Jim Wallace, Jane Nichols, Tom & Jane Evans, Barbara & Howard Varnam, Margaret Hardin, Debbie Donoghue & Tom Frederick. Thank you all.

**And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.**

— Luke 2:10 (KJV)



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8:30 Praise & Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 3:00 Jail Ministry		<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 7pm H.A. Meetings/ RC 5:30 Band/S	8:30 Prayer Team 5:00 Wonderful Wed./FH 5:30 Jr Boys/JN, Camp Children/TR, Jr-Sr/SH 5:30 Kid Singers/TR 5:55 Adult Choir/SC 6:00 Bible Study/FH 7:30 Handbells/MR		3:00-7:00 Soup Kitchen/FH/K 5:30 Band/S	10:00 Food Pantry/ FH/BA
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### Additional Events Listed Below

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Christmas Parade
2 Christmas Cantata 11am	3 12pm Staff Christmas luncheon 6:30 Witness/YFC	4	5	6 5:30 Healing Oils of the Bible/FH		8 4pm Lovefeast Practice
9 Moravian Lovefeast 5pm/S	10 4:00 SALT Mtg/YFC 6:30 ERT Meeting/SR	11 6:00 Trustees/BR	12 6:00 Finance & Budget/YFC	13 4:00 Stephen Ministry/FH 6:30 Church Council FH	14 Youth Christmas Party	15 Choir Christmas Party
16 5:00 Holy Land Meeting/SC	17 4:00 SALT Activity/FH	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20	21	22
			<b>6:00-8:00 Live Nativity</b>			
			6:00 SPPR/SC		11:30 MMOM Christmas Play/S	
23	24 4:00 & 7:00 Christmas Eve Services OFFICE CLOSED	25 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28	29
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