



The Circuit Rider

March 2019

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 to Surrender Ourselves to Christ

Almost five years ago, our daughter went to the deep jungle of the Amazon rain forest with her friends after they finished a mission project in Peru. Just before she entered into the deep forest areas, she emailed us: "Mom and Dad, don't worry about us. It's beautiful here. I see many different kinds of butterflies everywhere. I will survive with the love of our family." She made us pray more than ever before. Mee Young and I thought about the dangers of wild animals, yellow fever, and other perilous diseases, poisonous bites of insects and snakes, of the raging Amazon River, of primitive people and of many unknowns. There was not a single day when we did not pray with helplessness and urgency during those days.

Then, I found the true component of prayer: surrendering ourselves to God. Prayer is about surrendering our fears, concerns, anxieties and even hopes to Christ. Prayer is a total surrender of our will and our plan to the absolute will of God. No matter how intensely, passionately, and desperately we seek God's help, we know there is nothing we can do except pray to God and depend upon his mercy.

I vaguely understand the depth of Jesus' prayer at Gethsemane on the eve of his crucifixion: "Please remove this cup from me, but not my will, but Thy will be done." How can anyone yield to that kind of surrender in the face of cruel execution? Jesus set a great example for all of us so that we may turn to God at all times. Whenever I have fears, concerns, and worries about my children, I am reminded of my unworthiness, helplessness, total surrender to the Present Help, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

By the way, I also agree with the Korean proverb, which says, "No child is a best life."

In His 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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OUR CAMP HERITAGE

What is the value of "fellowship" or being "gathered in His name?" For over 60 years, the gathering that would become Camp United Methodist Church, sustained itself on those very principles, alone. As Shallotte became a community, the "campground" became a site for religious services. Situated right beside the river, at the bridge, Christians began worshiping on these very grounds in the 1720's. Decades would pass before a building was constructed, and, even then, the congregation did not own the property. Folks simply gathered and worshipped in Christian fellowship. Over the years, various preachers and orators came. The campground, however, increasingly drew the attention of the emerging Methodist movement with Bishop Francis Asbury speaking here on three different occasions. Bishop Asbury (name- sake of my great-grandfather) who proclaimed: "I would not visit this area . . . were it not for the abundance of sinners who live there . . ." officially brought the campground into the Methodist denomination during his 1791 visit. This date is usually recognized as the official beginning of Camp United Methodist Church. Eventually, the site was granted to the congregation by owner Samuel Sleight "... for as long as religious services are so conducted . . ." Back then, "going to church" did not involve much hardware. It was surely an adventure, something to look forward to, but was not very physical. It was spiritual, it was faith, it was love, and it was enough. From humble beginnings, we've been here a long time.

- Bobby Williamson



Why is fellowship important? Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), "spur" one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

From Got Questions

WHAT IS THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

The General Conference is an international body of nearly 1,000 delegates that generally meets every four years. The delegates are elected by annual conferences (at annual conference sessions) to attend the General Conference. They represent all annual conferences around the world. Half of the delegates are laity (non-clergy members), half are clergy. It is at General Conference where delegates wrestle with today's issues in light of scriptural teachings and the church's understanding of that teaching. Here is where the church's official stands and church policies are made regarding such issues as human sexuality, abortion, war and peace, as well as determination of ministries and funding. General Conferences are generally held in years divisible by 4, such as 2008, 2012, 2016, etc., with the exception of special sessions. -umc.org

A Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church took place February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose was to be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward authorized to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and to explore options to strengthen church unity. - umc.org

In light of the topic of the Special Session, our church leaders developed and approved a Unity Covenant that outlines Camp's position should be. A copy of the Unity Covenant is on the next page.

UNITY COVENANT

Whereas our Lord, Jesus Christ fervently prays for the unity of the church (John 17) on his farewell discourse;

Whereas we United Methodists, are called to be loyal to the United Methodist Church in our membership covenant;

Whereas we are called to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them what we have been taught (Matthew 28);

Whereas we are to major in the major thing in the life of the church, which is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ;

Whereas the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet to vote on our theological understanding of human sexuality;

Whereas Camp United Methodist Church has faithfully served the Lord for over two hundred years of long history since 1799;

Therefore, Camp United Methodist Church makes this unity covenant with God and with one another

First, we accept one another as Christ has accepted us as we are, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, class and sexual orientation, etc.

Second, we do not condone sexual immorality as it is written in the Old and New Testaments.

Third, we believe a marriage is a unity between one man and one woman.

Fourth, no matter what the outcome of the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church may be, we will faithfully serve the Lord through Camp United Methodist Church

Fifth, thereby, we make this solemn unity covenant among our church leaders.

January 2019

Camp United Methodist Church Leaders

Lay Leader: Howard Varnam

SPRC Chair: John Donoghue

Trustee Committee Chair: Eddy Jones

Members of Staff Parish Relationship

Members of Church Council Committee

Church Council Chair: Peggy Truesdale

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NEW MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

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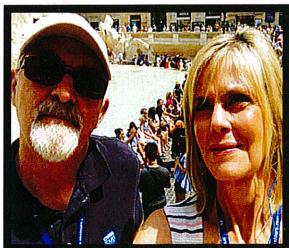
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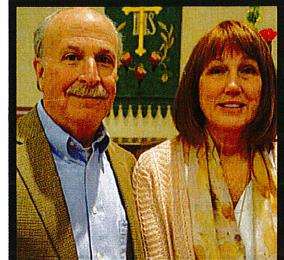
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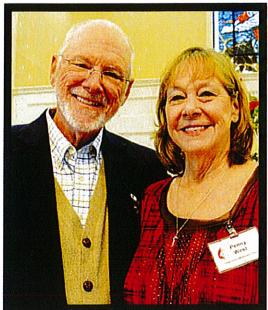
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John & Sandy Braddy changed their membership from affiliate members to full members. They are in the directory.

NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee has purchased some beautiful artwork done by an incredibly talented artist. The artwork has been hung in several areas around the church and is dedicated to all the members of our church family who have passed away.

About the Artist

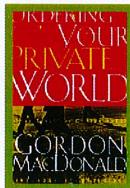
Yongsung Kim is a Korean, Christian artist blessed with natural talent and aesthetic taste. The main theme and focus of his paintings are consistently and primarily Jesus Christ and Christianity. For more information about this artist and to see more of his works, go to www.foundationarts.com

A WALK TO EMMAUS

If you have been on a Walk to Emmaus in the past, please attend an organizational meeting on Monday, March 11, at 6:30 PM, in the Youth and Family Center. As part of the spiritual formation ministry at Camp UMC, the purpose of this meeting is to organize and/or revive reunion groups. An informational meeting will be held at a later date for those who are interested in learning more about or attending the Walk to Emmaus.

-Bob & Susan Newton

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY



Join the small study group of women on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM to study a book entitled, Ordering Your Private World by Gordon MacDonald. The study starts on March 4th.

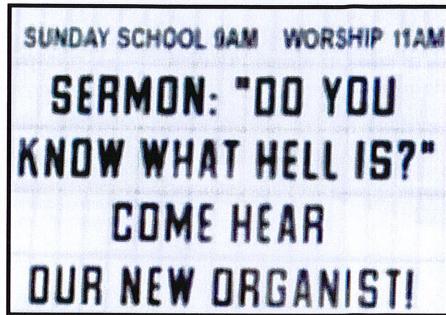
Is it time to cultivate your inner garden? Are you too busy with work, calendar demands or daily schedules that keep you from your personal time with God? Take time to get organized in your private world. Chapters include: your motivation; your use of time; your wisdom and knowledge; your spiritual strength and your restoration.

Peace is what we long for and a closer walk with Him. Come and discover ways to achieve that. For more information, contact Joan Henderson (910-754-5498)

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• “When Jesus started His ministry,
• the very first thing He did was
• form a small group.”
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Rick Warren



MUSIC NOTES FROM WES & BETSY



WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

Several people in the congregation mentioned to us that we should “tap” certain folks because they had heard their singing out in the congregation. So watch out Camp members, we have our “spies” sitting out in the congregation listening for new talent to add to our choir! So NOW is a great time for YOU to join our Camp Choir. **WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?** If you need a little push, just call Wes or Betsy, and we will arrange that shove that you need! **GIVE AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE!**

The Adult and Bell Choirs will be singing and ringing on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. THE PASSION OF CHRIST will be our Palm Sunday musical presentation and it will be presented on April 14th at the second service. We hope that you will be able to attend this service!

TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU AND HISTORIC GERMANY IN JULY 2020

If you are interested in joining Wes and Betsy on this outstanding trip to see the world-famous PASSION PLAY in Oberammergau, Germany, please let us know. The people in the village of Oberammergau made a promise to God in 1634 that if He would take the Black Plague away from them that they would honor Him in a special way. Therefore, they give this famous PASSION PLAY every ten years to honor Him. Words cannot even describe this experience! Come join us!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

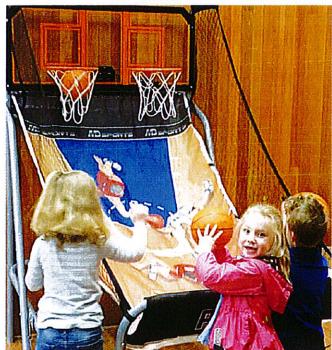
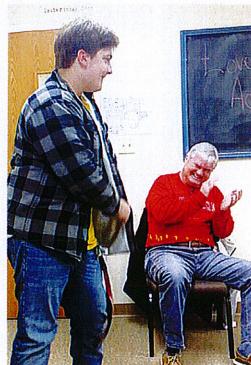
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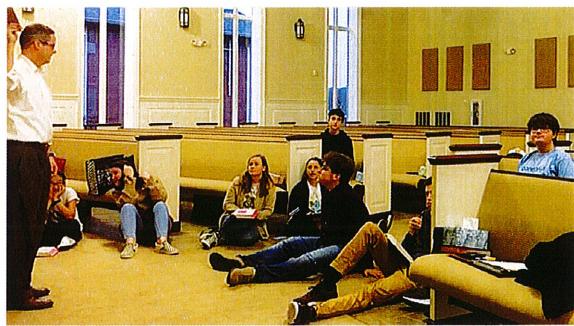


We have started the new year off right in our youth group by welcoming Kelly Pettit to our team as our newest youth leader. Kelly has a heart for working with youth and has shared her amazing testimony with us and has taught some great messages over the past few weeks.

Pictured below is our group posing with our leaders, Kelly and Shay, as they show off their "Mannequin Challenge" skills and Matthew teaching Jay something obviously hilarious. This month during Wednesday night youth gatherings, our lessons have focused on a series of text from Paul's letter to the Ephesians which were rooted in the foundation of God.



Our Children's Group has continued to grow into a great crowd. They have formed lifetime friendships, have been enjoying the lessons and some really fun games in our youth and family center.



Calvin & Julie Chandler and Glenn Humbert joined our youth group on February 20th to talk to us about missions: local, national and international. Over the next week we will focus on discipleship through missions. We look forward to the many opportunities we will have to serve others and God through the help and guidance of the team leaders for missions here at Camp.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Peace & Love, Pastor Sheena

Member Highlights

Ada Hagler



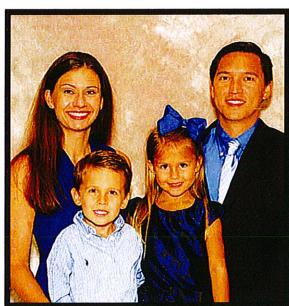
Ada's mother was visiting friends in Brunswick County when Ada decided she was ready to enter the world a bit early. Though born in Brunswick County, she grew up in Rockingham, NC. After high school, Ada went on to get her nursing degree from Hamlet Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1961. In 1962, Ada married Eugene Eury. They had 2 little girls ages 2-1/2 and 5 when Gene was diagnosed with Leukemia. Ada remembers driving home from the hospital knowing Gene was dying when the song, "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" came on the radio. It became her theme song and like the lyrics say, "...crying's not for me 'cause I'm never gonna stop the rain by complaining" In 1970, only two months after his diagnosis, Gene passed away at age 40. In 1985, Ada married Gerald Hagler and, sadly enough, Gerald passed away from cancer in 2000.

Ada's daughter Jeanne lives in Raleigh and her daughter Julie is currently teaching school in China. Ada is blessed with 7 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

A life-long Baptist, Ada never considered switching denominations until Margaret Hardin invited her to visit Camp. She joined in 1992 and never looked back. Ada says, "Camp is the most loving, caring and giving church I've ever been in - not just to its members, but to the entire community."

Ada is a retired Stephen Minister. She is currently involved in the prayer group that meets every Wednesday as well as the Shepherding Ministry. She also helps out with the "Mugging" Program – where new visitors are given a coffee mug with the CMUC logo along with materials about Camp. As in the song, "defeat" is not a part of Ada's vocabulary and at 81, she continues to be a strong and vibrant part of our community as well as the church.

The Yoder Family TJ, Claire, Madison and William



Claire was born in Ohio and moved to Hickory, NC in 2nd grade. TJ was born and raised in Hickory, NC. TJ and Claire were high school sweethearts and were married after Claire finished college. TJ went to North Carolina State University for his under graduate studies and the University of Louisville for Dental school. Claire attended Elon University where she majored in Corporate Communications and Business Administration.

TJ is a dentist with CommWell Health Dentistry in Ocean Isle Beach. Claire has transitioned over the past year from the corporate world to being a teacher here at Camp's Mother's Morning Out Ministry and spending more time at home with their two children, Madison (6) and William (4).

The Yoders have been members at Camp UMC for the past 4 years. Rev. Rich's warm welcome and the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOP) program first attracted them to our church. Since becoming members, they have enjoyed the opportunity: to be in fellowship with other Christians; to make many lasting friendships and to interact with other young families through the young adult Sunday school class that Reverend Rich, Larry Harrelson, and Roger Cox began. They are thankful to have Madison and William interact with other children through the Youth Ministry under Tamy Munns and Pastor Sheena's leadership.

Madison and William love to sing hymns, read scripture and participate in VBS. Claire and TJ are grateful to have their children nurtured by the loving Camp UMC family. Outside of church, Madison and William enjoy gymnastics, soccer, baseball and swimming.

The Yoder family appreciates the warm welcome they get from everyone on Sunday mornings and any church event they attend. Pastor Won, church leaders and fellow church members always make their best effort to engage their family and provide a smile or warm hug.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

On Friday, February 8th, thirty-two ladies from Camp UMC traveled to Fort Caswell on Oak Island for "Make Me an Instrument", a weekend spiritual retreat written, copyrighted, and led by Pastor Roberta Byram. While at the retreat, the ladies listened to modern day narratives that paralleled the Bible stories of Mary and Martha, Ruth and Naomi, and Queen Esther. The participants examined how all of these ladies allowed God to use them as instruments and discussed how God invites each of us to be a part of what he is doing in the world today. They women enjoyed small group discussions, singing, and even dressed for and participated in a festive Purim feast, or The Feast of Esther. The retreat was a wonderful opportunity and a time of refreshing, renewal, and a reaching a deeper relationship with Christ.

-Julie Chandler



Costumed ladies



The whole group

Rae Matthews shared this prayer by her former minister.

Dear Lord,

Help me this day to cast out myself so that you can fill me with your holy presence and transform me until I see as You see, love as You love, until my will is so confused with Yours there is no difference. Amen.

- (Reverend Charles Swartz)



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th because that is (presumably) the date he died. - Wikipedia

WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?



St. Patrick was born in Britain, as Maewyn Succat. When he was 16 (around 400 AD) he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland to be a slave for a shepherd. He escaped after 6 years and returned home where he received his call (in a dream) to preach the Gospel. He spent the next 15 years in a monastery preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius and eventually Patrick. He went to Ireland and spread Christianity throughout the land and brought an organized church into existence.

- Old Farmer's Almanac 2019

IT HAPPENED IN MARCH

1233 BC-First recorded eclipse occurred in modern day Syria.
105 - Ts'ai Lun invented paper in China
461 - St. Patrick died in Ireland
1519 - Herman Cortez arrived in Mexico in search of the Aztec civilization and its wealth
1558 - Tobacco plant introduced into Spain as a healing herb.
1638 - Swedish colonists establish the first European settlement in Delaware, naming it New Sweden
1669 - Mt. Etna began erupting and would kill 20,000 people eventually.
1780 - First US census authorized.
1794 - Eli Whitney issued patent for cotton gin.
1837 - City of Chicago incorporated
1897 - Dr. John Kellogg sold the world's first cornflakes to his patients at a mental hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan
1923 - TIME magazine published first issue.
1938 - Oil discovered in Saudi Arabia
1950 - Volkswagen bus first produced
1958 - Elvis Presley inducted into the U. S. Army
1979 - Three Mile Island nuclear disaster
1990 - Nelson Mandela elected deputy President of the African National Congress.

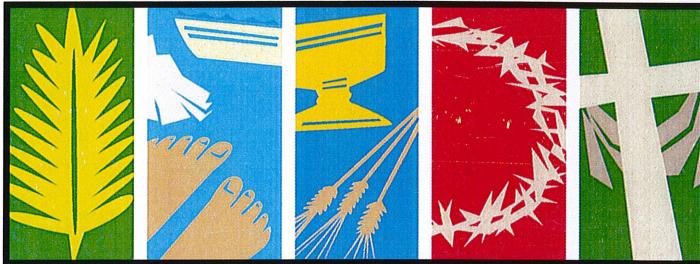
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BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH

The earliest Roman calendar, which consisted of ten months beginning with Martius (March) was believed to have been created by King Romulus around 753 BC. At that time, dates were expressed in relation to the lunar phase of the month using three markers: Kalends, Nones and Ides. The first phase of the moon, the new moon, was denoted by Kalends and signified the first day of the month; the first quarter moon fell on either the fifth or seventh day of the month and was referred to as Nones; the full moon fell on either the 13th or 15th day of the month and was the full moon fell on either the 13th or 15th day of the month and was referred to as Ides. The ides of March (March 15) initially marked the first full moon of a new year.

In 46 BC, after consulting Alexandrian astronomer Sosigenes, Julius Caesar reformed the Roman calendar by adding ten days to the 355-day year, instituting January 1 as the first day of the new year (beginning in 45 BC) and introducing a leap year every four years. Shortly thereafter, he was granted the title Dictator Perpetuus or "dictator for life." Concerned with Caesar's increasing power and monarchical leanings, a group of Roman senators stabbed the ruler to death on March 15, 44 B.C.—forever linking the ides of March with the assassination of Julius Caesar.



LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE

Worship Order

Words of Welcome and Gathering Announcements
The Blessing of the Meal
Opening prayer and Gathering Song:
"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"
Scripture Reading of the Day
The Homily and Prayer by the Homilist
Sending Announcements and Sending Song: "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

March 6th - Ash Wednesday

Theme: Journeying in Secret
Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Site: St. Brendan Roman Catholic Church
Homilist: Rev. Suzanne Simpson

March 13th

Theme: Journeying Through Narrow Pathways
Text: Luke 21:34 - 22:6
Site: Calvary Baptist Church
Homilist: Rev. Jesse Smith

March 20th

Theme: Journeying Through Sharing Abundantly
Text: Luke 13:13-31
Site: Camp United Methodist Church
Homilist: L'lena Holden

March 27th

Theme: Journeying in the Thick of Sorrow
Text: Luke 13:18-21
Site: Shallotte Presbyterian Church
Homilist: Rev. Reggie Rushing

April 3rd

Theme: Journeying Watchfully
Text: Luke 9:10-17
Site: Saint Luke's Lutheran Church
Homilist: Fran Salone-Pelletier

April 10th

Theme: Journeying in the Dark
Text: Luke 18:31-34
Site: Seaside United Methodist Church
Homilist: Rev. John Causey

ABOUT LENT

Lent is a season of forty days (not counting Sundays) which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

FIVE THINGS TO DO DURING LENT

#1 FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Abstinence lowers the quality of food (usually by not eating meat) and fasting lowers the quantity, and usually means not more than a light breakfast, one full meal, and one half meal daily each fast day. Indulge in both fasting and abstinence during Lent.

#2 PRAY DAILY. Make sure you indulge in all the qualities of Christian prayer: adoration, thanksgiving, petition, penitence, and invocation.

#3 READ THE BIBLE DAILY

#4 CORPORATE WORSHIP is a basic Christian duty. We are to worship God every Sunday in His Church.

#5 PERFORM ACTS OF MERCY

Spiritual Acts of Mercy: (1) converting the sinner, (2) instructing the ignorant, (3) counseling the doubtful, (4) comforting the sorrowful, (5) bearing wrongs patiently, (6) forgiving injuries, (7) praying for the living and the dead.

Corporal Works Of Mercy: (1) feeding the hungry, (2) giving drink to the thirsty, (3) clothing the naked, (4) harboring the stranger, (5) visiting the sick, (6) ministering to prisoners, (7) burying the dead.

- umc.org



Mee Young, her friends and Camp volunteers prepared an authentic Korean Meal.

On February 18, the SALT activity started with an authentic Korean meal prepared by Mee Young, her friends and Camp volunteers.

After dinner, Hyun Namkoong (Preacher Won & Mee Young's daughter) gave an informative and distressing talk about the Opioid Crisis.



Hyun Namkoong presenting an informative program on the opioid crisis.

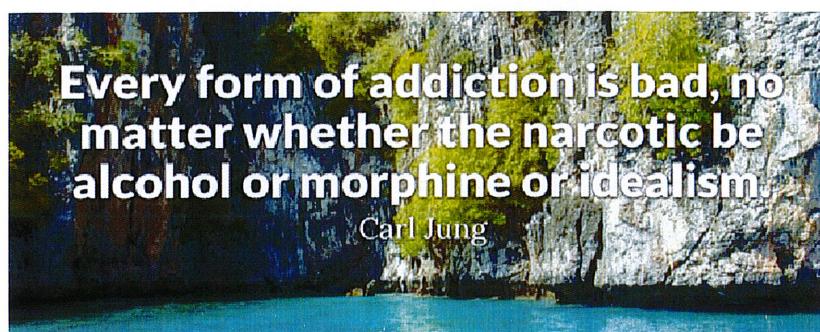
Here are some facts she presented

1. Since 1999 there has been more than a 400% increase in opioid deaths.
2. Statistics from 2016 show that 5 NC people die every day of opioid overdose.
3. For every death there were 2 previous hospitalizations and 3 Emergency Room visits.
4. Many of the addicted have no insurance which creates a financial burden on hospitals.
5. In 2017 EMS delivered more than 17,000 Naloxone dosages.
6. From 2007-2016 there was more than a 900% increase in hepatitis cases.
7. From 2004-2016 there was more than a 922% increase in number of babies born in withdrawal.
8. There has been a 50% increase in the number of children being separated from their parents because of addiction.
9. 17.6% of adults in Brunswick County are uninsured.
10. 14% of adults in Brunswick County live in poverty.
11. 45% increase in inmate health services in last 10 years.
12. 7 out of 10 people in prison say they need substance abuse treatment.
13. Only 2% of people coming out of the system qualify for Medicaid.

Hyun believes that expanding the Medicaid requirements would help with some of the opioid problems. Only 14 states have not expanded the eligibility requirements for Medicaid (NC is one). This leaves NC with the 6th largest uninsured population in the nation. The decision to not expand Medicaid has also created what's called a coverage gap leaving hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians without any kind of health insurance option at all because they earn too much to qualify for Medicaid as it is now, but not enough to receive financial assistance on the Marketplace.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are currently 2 bills to expand the eligibility requirements in the NC (HB5 House & SB Senate). These bills would help an estimated 150,000 North Carolinians gain access to substance use disorder treatment. You can call or write your representatives: House Representative Frankller and Senator Bill Rabon.





Last month, the UMM took 2 picnic tables and 4 benches that they built to Hope Harbor. Hope Harbor is remodeling their fenced-in back yard for their clients. Since 1988 Hope Harbor has operated Brunswick County's only program offering "around-the-clock" help to victims of domestic violence and their children



Stan Bradshaw

The guest speaker was Stan Bradshaw, who is a director of ZOE Ministry in North Carolina.

The Western North Carolina Conference is partnered with ZOE Helps Ministry to assist children across the world.

Here is a description of this ministry from their website:

Across the world, there are millions of orphans and vulnerable children struggling in poverty.

When parents die or becomes unable to care for their children, the burden of care falls to elderly family members and the oldest sibling left behind. Children as young as 10-13 years old are the sole providers for their families. Because of the fear and misinformation surrounding HIV/AIDS, the children whose parents have died are frequently ostracized by their communities. Children often have to drop out of school to care for younger siblings, working long hours just for food for the day. As medical care moves out of reach, children suffer from illness and disease. As their homes begin to crumble from disrepair, many children have no choice but to live on the streets, or wherever they can find a place for the night.

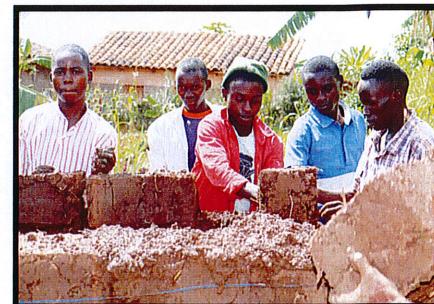
ZOE works to break this cycle of poverty, and give these children hope.

In 2013 ZOE added programs in Liberia, India and Guatemala.

Here are the updated numbers of children:

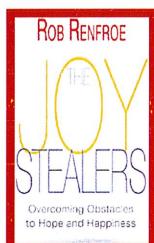
Approximate totals of orphans and vulnerable children active in the ZOE empowerment program by 2015.

For more information on ZOE, go to wearezoe.com.



Family group members building a house and developing skills.

Kenya	10147
Zimbabwe	3715
Rwanda	8424
Malawi	2765
Liberia	1245
India	1400
Guatemala	448
PROGRAM TOTAL	28144



Monday Ladies Bible Study

In January, the group began its journey on finding the things we allow in our lives to steal our joy. Each week the ladies discussed one of the "joy stealers" and the scripture to rely on when these "stealers" creep into our lives.

When the study wrapped up on February 11th, the "joy stealers" definitely took on a new meaning of the purpose God intends for us have in Joyful Christian living.

TO HELP YOU AVOID THE JOY STEALERS IN YOUR LIFE, CONSIDER:

Worry: Matthew 6:25-24

Bitterness: Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32

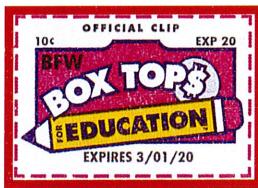
Negativity: Mark 6:1-6

Busyness: Psalm 90:10, 12

Guilt: 1 John 1:8-9

The Secret to Living With Joy: Philippians 4: 12:13

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The UMW collects box tops for education labels for area schools. Each label is worth 10 cents. Last year over 1200 labels were collected and donated to Union Elementary School, Shallotte Middle School and Guideway Elementary School. Some items that have "box tops for education" labels on them include: Lucky Charms, Cheerios, KIXE, Wheaties and Total cereals, Hefty products, Ziploc products, and Nature Valley products,



The UMW also collects pull tabs for the Lion's Club. The money raised from the pull tabs are used to support the Ronald McDonald House. It takes approximately 1128 pull tabs to = 1 lb. Each lb. is worth 40-50 cents. Each year Ronald McDonald nets about \$6,000 from the pull tab collections. Pull tabs can be found on soda cans, soup cans and some vegetable cans.

There is a cookie jar for box top and pull tab collection located on the UMW bookcase in the Fellowship Hall. There are also envelopes for collection on the bulletin board opposite Robin's office.



Join the Joy Circle on March 10th
from 2:45-3:45 PM
at: Autumn Care
237 Mulberry St.
Shallotte
All are welcome (men, too).



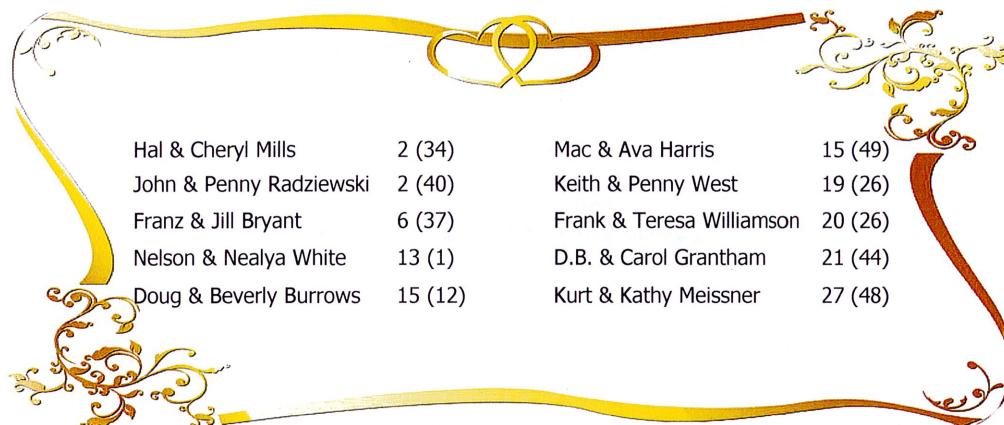
SCHOOLS Cookies were taken to Union teachers on Monday 2/11 and to the Shallotte Middle School teachers on Wednesday 2/13.

HOMELESS On Tuesday 2/12, scarves, hats, gloves, and socks were delivered to Donna Phelps at Streetreach. There were 4 big boxes of items! The outpouring of love from the congregation was over-whelming. Additionally, the Prayer Shawl Ministry donated a number of beautiful items. Donna was going to put some of the items in Valentine packs for some of the ladies.

MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries



1	John Truesdale	11	Sybil Kesterson	23	Sara Nix
1	Howard Varnam	14	Kate Dycus	25	Melody Stephens
2	Pam Batchelor	14	Lottie Howard	25	Connie Richardson
2	Ted Lide	16	Suzy Ritz	26	Travis Ferrer
3	Cam Frazier	16	Michael McCullough	26	Marlene Mellis
4	Carl Votik	16	Daphne Bell	26	Mike Michelakis
5	Gibbie Griffin	18	Art Jordan	27	Alex Humbert
7	Elaine Weiner	18	Ted Hall	27	Meleta Humbert
7	Penny West	20	Dave Williams	27	Wayne Smith
8	Amy Moore	21	Susan Ballard	29	Karen Barr
9	David Inman	22	Hank Hecht	29	Burt Weiner
10	Terry Gibson	22	Sally Makay	30	Alan Lewis
10	Meghan Williamson	22	Casey Savage	30	Hilda Hall
10	Pat Wolff	23	Julianne Donoghue	30	Mee Young Namkoong



Hal & Cheryl Mills	2 (34)	Mac & Ava Harris	15 (49)
John & Penny Radziewski	2 (40)	Keith & Penny West	19 (26)
Franz & Jill Bryant	6 (37)	Frank & Teresa Williamson	20 (26)
Nelson & Nealya White	13 (1)	D.B. & Carol Grantham	21 (44)
Doug & Beverly Burrows	15 (12)	Kurt & Kathy Meissner	27 (48)

DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH

March 1	World Day of Prayer Service	11:00
	St. Brendan Catholic Church (refreshments will be served)	
March 2	Coastal Harmonizers Concert	3:00 in YFC
March 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	5:30 in FH
March 6	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 in Sanctuary
March 10	Daylight Savings Starts	
March 18	Salt Activity	4:00 in FH
March 20	Lenten Lunch	12:00 in FH/YFC

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 Praise & Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 3:00 Jail Ministry	10:00 Women's Prayer/SC Bulletin Deadline 9:30 Prayer Shawl/FH 2:00 Baskets/FH/K 5:30 Band/S 6:30 Heroin Addiction/RC	8:30 Prayer Team/L 5:00 Wonderful Wed. 5:30 Youth & Kids 5:55 Adult Choir 6:00 Bible Study		5:30 Band/S	4:00-7:00 Soup Kitchen/FH	10:00 Food Pantry/FH/BA

Additional Events Listed Below

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 World Day of Prayer 10:00 Praise Band/S 3:00 Coastal Harmonizers/YFC
3 COMMUNION NEW MEMBERS	4	5 5:30 Shrove Tues. Pancake Dinner/FH 6:30 Witness/YFC	6 Ash Wednesday 5:00 Wonderful Wed 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service/S	7 4:00 Stephen Ministry/FH	8	9
10 Turn Back Clocks	11 4:00 SALT Mtg/YFC 6:00 Joy Circle/FH	12 No Prayer Shawl 10:00 Susannah Wesley/FH	13	14	15 5:00 Hospice Meal	16
17	18 4:00 SALT Activity/FH 6:00 Finance + Budget/YFC	19 6:00 SPPR/SC	20 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 Lenten Lunch/FH/YFC	21 6:30 Church Council FH	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31		6:30 Outreach				