



# The Circuit Rider

May 2020

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 Let Go and Let God

Letting go and letting God is one of the most difficult spiritual practices that we Americans have experienced. That is why the first day of school is so hard for parents to say goodbyes at the bus stop or a drop off site at school. That is why we have tears when the children go to college and drop them off at the dorm and have tears in our eyes. That is why a father walks down the aisle and hands the bride over to the groom at the wedding and tears well up in his eyes.

Mee Young and I have been at Camp United Methodist Church for three years. Three years can be a long time or a short time. It depends on how we take it. We can tell this is very short time for us. There were times of joy and sadness, celebration and prayer concerns, inspiration and disappointments like our daily lives. We have celebrated together. We have wept together. We have danced together.

However, it is time to let go and let God. On the first Sunday of Easter Jesus appeared to Mary who was heartbroken over the death of Jesus. Mary wanted to hold onto Jesus. But, Jesus said to her, "Don't hold onto me. I have not ascended yet to my Father. But go to my brothers and sisters and tell them I am going to my Father, your Father, my God and your God."

"Don't hold onto me!" Jesus says. He talks about physical attachment. He asks Mary and us to let go and let God. Letting go and letting God is hard. We all know it. When we hold onto power, money, habit, material things, or people we experience the suffering of being attached to someone or something.

Mee Young and I will remain as friends to you as we move to a new church, Erwin United Methodist Church in Erwin, NC. I will be your friend, not a pastor. I will pray for



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### Sunday Services

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

**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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## Cadence (cont.)

gifts for each one of you, but you have a new pastor, Steven Murphy. I believe he will bring wonderful gifts and grace that I don't have. I believe he will move Camp United Methodist Church to the next level as a big church. I will not come back to this church unless I am invited by him. Thanks for supporting us. Thanks for praying for us. Thanks for blessing us.

In His Name,  
Preacher Won

## Pastor Alex on Prayer

### Article #3

Dietrich Bonhoeffer called the book of Psalms, *The Prayer Book of the Bible*. This makes a lot of sense to me personally. Often in prayer we find ourselves wandering and at a loss for words perhaps drifting into our worries, thinking about our next meal, or the to-do list for the day. That's alright, cut yourself some slack, you are only human after all. When I find myself in those kinds of situations, I turn to the book of Psalms (sometimes referred to as the Psalter). The book of Psalms is one of the most beautiful books of the Bible containing lament and praise. Psalms will journey with you through your human range of emotion. With its 150 chapters, praying the Psalter will keep you busy for quite some time. I invite you to read a psalm, then read it aloud, then focus on a word or a phrase. Remember, this isn't a formula; rather just play around with whatever helps you encounter God. Perhaps, right now, start with Psalm 1 and be blessed. Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord because they are like trees planted by streams of water. That language right there, that is Psalm 1. Journey through the psalms, you will be enriched by it.

## Daily Devotions

Pastor Won and Pastor Alex are posting daily devotions on Facebook to offer the hope, encouragement and connectiveness during these strange times.

Through your Facebook account you can go to Camp United Methodist Church. Scroll down until you see one of the Pastors, then click on "See all" to get the latest devotion **OR** click on videos at the left side and it will take you directly to the devotions.

Not on Facebook? You can get the devotions by going to

[www.facebook.com/campunitedmethodistchurch](http://www.facebook.com/campunitedmethodistchurch)

Follow the same instructions above.

## NEWS FROM THE SPPR COMMITTEE

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward and the cabinet have asked that the announcement be made that Camp will receive a new pastor on June 28, 2020.

We give thanks to God for the ministry of Pastor Won who has served among us as our shepherd, teacher and spiritual guide. We will pray for him and Mee Young as they move on, and we will continue to be blessed by the witness of God's love and grace that they have offered us.

Our new Pastor will be Reverend Steven Murphy and we look forward to meeting him when conditions around us make this safe and life giving for all of us.

Please pray for our church as we go through this transition. Please pray for Pastor Won and Mee Young as they move to Erwin, N.C on June 23, 2020.

Please pray for Reverend Steven Murphy who will come to lead us on June 28th.

Jill Bryant, SPRC Chair



## MUSIC NOTES



Joyce Erickson shared the words of the following anthem, FAITH TO CARRY ON, with her choir members several weeks ago as we were just beginning to deal with the coronavirus. This anthem was also sung by our Adult Choir on January 28, 2018 and dedicated to Michael and A J McCullough.

**At the break of day, as I waken and pray, I can feel that God is near  
guiding all I do, ever faithful and true; I will never need to fear. Though  
I may not understand all the things that God has planned, in my heart  
I know I am not alone; God will give me strength to carry on.**

**Though I never know what the future may hold or the trials I may face,  
I ease my mind in the promise of God's grace. When there's sadness  
in my heart and my life seems torn apart, I will find a way to rejoice  
each day. God will give me hope to carry on.**

**When the storms of life surround you, you will feel God's arms around  
you, bringing comfort where there's sorrow, giving hope to face  
tomorrow. At the break of day, as you waken and pray, always know  
that God is near guiding all you do, ever faithful and true; you will never  
need to fear. Let each moment that you live be a chance to love and  
give. If you always start with a joyful heart, God will give you strength;  
God will give you hope; God will give you faith to carry on.**

**Dog Besig and Nancy Price**

**JOIN CHOIR SOON!** Before too long, we hope that we will be able to meet again and practice on a regular basis! We have really missed you choristers and our Wednesday night rehearsals and seeing you all on Sunday mornings! We hope to see you soon!  
**GIVE AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE!**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

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The committee applied for and received a mission grant for Camp's Emergency Fund from the NC conference in the amount of \$5,800. The grant was requested because of the increased number of individuals seeking assistance due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ordinarily Camp's Emergency Fund spends \$12,000 a year to assist people in need. Through March, \$5,799 was spent, which basically depleted the funds. For more information on the Emergency Fund refer to the article about it.

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Revenue Year to Date: \$186,698  
Budget Requirements YTD: \$205,781  
Difference in Revenue and Budget Requirements YTD: **<\$19,093>**

## HOW TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS AT THIS TIME

You can **mail** your checks to Camp at 4807 Main St., Shallotte, NC 28459

**OR**

You can give **online**.

## HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

Through your **Bank's Bill Pay System**, you can instruct your bank to issue a check to CAMP one time or recurring each month, at no cost to you or to CAMP. On the memo line indicate how the check is to be recorded (e.g., Operating Fund, Debt Reduction, Food Pantry, Emergency Fund)

If you wish to utilize the **On-Line Giving Option on the CAMP website** – just follow these simple steps.

**1-Go to [www.campumc.org](http://www.campumc.org)**

**2-Select the "e-Give" button** in the blue section of the Home Page. You may also select the "Give" button on the top right menu (then select Donate Now button). You will land on a page that shows a picture of our church and says "Help Us Share His Word & Love".

**3- Select the amount you wish to give** – or type the amount if not listed.

**4-Choose** if you wish to give one-time or setup a 'recurring' gift.

**5-Select your payment type** (Credit/Debit or PayPal for a checking account gift).

**6-Enter your information** – Note: if you chose a 'recurring' frequency – you will be asked for a password. Safeguard this password, as you will need it to change or update your recurring gift.

If you wish to give for a specific purpose, choose from the drop-down list. Note: if none specified, your gift will go into the General Fund.

**5-You may choose to absorb the 3% online giving fee (default).**

**6-Select the 'Donate Now' button** when you are ready. You will receive an email from Network for Good. **This email from Network for Good is your Official Tax Receipt.** CAMP will also email you an acknowledgment.

If you have questions/need assistance, contact Theresa at 910-754-4840 or [cumc.treasurer@atmc.net](mailto:cumc.treasurer@atmc.net).

## CAMP'S EMERGENCY FUNDING

Camp serves God and our community through outreach of emergency funding. Camp collaborates this program with BFA (Brunswick Family Assistance) which does the screening. Once a needy person is screened, he or she is referred to Camp for consideration of assistance. A person visiting or calling the church is connected with one of our three Shepherds. These Shepherds process the need whether it is for food, shelter or transportation. The Shepherds council the needy, offer up prayers with them and encourage them to participate either with our church or a church of their choice.

Our current means of funding is primarily through donations and Camp contributing its Christmas Eve offerings into the Emergency Fund. The Emergency Fund is not a budgeted line item for the church. In 2019, we helped many people; accumulating a total expenditure of \$11,872. Additionally, we have contributed 50% of the donations to BFA; however, in 2020, we decided to retain all of these outreach funds in house to better manage the dollars. Camp's policy is to help in one of the aforementioned ways, not to exceed \$300 per family and to assist no more than twice unless, of course, there is a dire need for additional help.

For more information, contact Chicky Wallace at 410-688-2358 or [maryann@asapparalegal.com](mailto:maryann@asapparalegal.com).



Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering, honoring, and mourning the military personnel that have died in military service while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Memorial Day has been observed on May 30th since 1868. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.

[Timeanddate.com](https://www.timeanddate.com), [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org)



"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

– Abraham Lincoln

"A mother understands what a child does not say."

– Jewish Proverb

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom."

– Henry Ward Beecher

On Mother's Day a minister gave this perfect tribute: "My mother practices what I preach." – *Capper's Weekly*

A little boy forgot his lines in a Sunday school presentation. His mother was in the front row to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the light of the world." The child beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice said, "My mother is the light of the world."

– *Bits and Pieces*, August, 1989

A teacher asked a boy this question: "Suppose your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you—your parents and five children. What part of the pie would you get?" "A sixth," replied the boy. "I'm afraid you don't know your fractions," said the teacher. "Remember, there are seven of you." "Yes, teacher," said the boy, "but you don't know my mother. Mother would say she didn't want any pie."

– *Bits and Pieces*, June, 1990



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Kevin and I have been enjoying the youth even if that means loving them from afar. On Easter Sunday we delivered Easter Bags to all 18-active youth in our group. We dropped each bag on their front porch and then texted them that it was there as we drove away. The bags contained candy filled eggs, a copy of the story of Jesus as told through the Resurrection Eggs, and a hand written note reminding them how much they are loved. The youth seemed happy as they texted us throughout the day once they woke up and found it!



Zoom Meeting



Mary Grace w/Easter Bag

In addition, we have had three weeks of fun meeting over Zoom. Last week's Themed Stream was "Fort Night" and they had to build a fort in their room and be in it while "attending" and we studied "Fortresses" for our program. April 15th the theme was "Snack Attack", and they brought their favorite snack to eat during the meeting and shared why it was their favorite snack. After game time, our program was about the "Attack" between David and Goliath. There was a lot of participation, discussion, and laughter!

The youth are starting their fundraising efforts to raise money for Camp Generate this summer. They will be selling 2 items to start. One is a T-shirt with artwork by Sara Anglin, one of our senior youth. It has a scripture that is very fitting for this time: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12) Sizes of the T-shirts range from Adult S to Adult 2XL. The price is \$22.00. The other item is the Camp UMC magnet. The price is \$7.00 each or 2 for \$10.00. Text or call Kelly Littlejohn @ [krlittlejohn@gmail.com](mailto:krlittlejohn@gmail.com) or 910-712-4565 to place your order



-Kelly Littlejohn

## CHILDREN's MINISTRIES

The children's ministry is continuing to thrive during social distancing. Mrs. Chicky, Mrs. Debbie, Mr. Jim, Mr. Jay, and I successfully had our first Zoom meeting with our Camp Kids on 4/9/2020! We discussed why we celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We plan to meet every Thursday at 6 pm via Zoom. Parents, if you want your child to join but do not receive an invitation, please send me an email so that I can get you on board. Our young families supported our community meal ministry on Friday evenings. Several of our families volunteered by fixing food or delivering meals to some of our church members. Thank you to this ministry for allowing our Young Disciples/ Young Families to participate.



Easter cards were sent out to our young disciples. Bauer and Zac loved getting theirs :)

-Allison Hunter

## MEMBER PROFILE - Keith Compton and Cherie M. Compton



Keith was born in Kentucky in 1946, but at age 2, his Dad became the pastor of First Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, SC (for 38 years!), so Keith has essentially lived in Myrtle Beach for most of his life. Cherie was born & raised in the Crescent Beach section of North Myrtle Beach. Keith and Cherie met when Cherie transferred to Myrtle Beach High School in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

Keith is the oldest of the four Compton siblings. He is a proud graduate of Clemson University, with a degree in Building Construction. Most of his working life was in Myrtle Beach, working for several large construction companies there. He was Senior Construction Manager for Burroughs & Chapin Company for 22 years, where he over-saw the construction/erection of the rides at the iconic Myrtle Beach Pavilion and Amusement Park, and also oversaw construction of the Broadway at the Beach shopping center.

Cherie is the third daughter of the six Morgan children. She graduated from University of SC with a BS in Nursing in 1969 and worked in various areas of nursing until 1984, when she became a REALTOR, selling homes along the Grand Strand until 2002. She then ended her working career spending four years as the Parish Health Coordinator for First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach.

Starting in their Senior year of high School, Keith and Cherie became a couple. They dated for four years, then married on August 4, 1968. Each then went back to their respective schools for the next year, both graduating 1969. They have two sons. The oldest son Matt lives in Charleston with his wife, Beth, and they have two teenage daughters. All are avid Clemson fans! Son Josh and his wife, Beth, live in Myrtle Beach with their three daughters, and all are devoted University of SC fans! Grand parenting this crew is the joy of Keith and Cherie's life.

For fun, Keith likes to tinker in his shop. He is also a wanna-be artist, having taken several art classes. Loving trivia, he was almost chosen to be a Jeopardy contestant a few years ago! Jeopardy has been his favorite TV show his whole life. Keith also loves studying the Bible and has participated in many Bible studies, as a student and a teacher. Cherie is interested in crabbing, cooking, gardening and reading.

The Compton's first started coming to Shallotte in 1998, when they built a small cottage on the creek as a get-away home. In 2014, they decided to move to Shallotte permanently. They began searching for a church with the criteria that it be energetic in its ministries and friendly. Camp UMC filled both requirements for them.

Cherie and Keith have become involved with Camp. They co-lead the Amazing Grace Journey Group, and they both are active members of the Salmon SS class. Cherie loves singing and is a member of the choir. She is also a Shepherd and has found much satisfaction in maintaining contact with her group. She helps with Compassionate Care and is currently the president of the Susanna Wesley UMW Circle. Keith is co-leader of a weekly early morning Men's Bible Study Group. He is the current president of Camp's Methodist Men, and he is a SS teacher on a rotating basis.

Church has always been such an important part of their lives. Ephesians 2:8 is a favorite verse: *"For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."*



# Camp Church is ZOOMING

Have you heard about ZOOMING???? We are learning more and more everyday about ways to connect **virtually** with our congregation and each other as we adapt to our newly imposed "Shelter In Place". One of the new tools the church is using is called ZOOM! Zoom is a new and creative way to interact with one another enabling small or large groups to meet virtually via PC, Mac, cell phone, tablet, or telephone.

For journey groups, Bible studies, group meetings, etc., ZOOM allows us to be together visually or just via audio. Either way, we can gather as a group and have discussions, study scripture, or just visit. Families are using it as a way to stay connected during this time of confinement. Our church is using it for meetings, children and youth get-togethers, and even Sunday School classes.

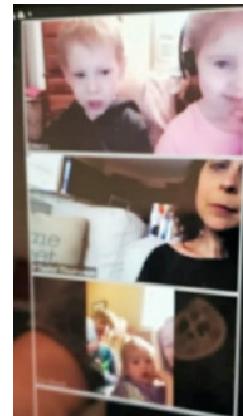
When you are invited to a meeting, the host will send you the telephone number and a meeting ID to enter the meeting room. You just need to click on the link your host sends and follow the instructions to download the application once you get to the site. It is very easy to do.

If you plan on being a host, there are more detailed instructions. Contact Derrice Combs (derricecombs@outlook.com; 910-398-4024) or Kimmie Durham (oibkimmie@gmail.com; 770-329-6721) for more information or help.

Zoom is easy to use, and we will be using it more and more as we learn new ways of communicating during this viral outbreak. So, come on Camp family let's ZOOM! - *by Derrice Combs*



Pastor Alex hosts a ZOOM meeting!



Amy Moore & Marlene Hall ZOOM with nursery babies.

## THE CORNERSTONE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IS ZOOMING

The class has been meeting at 9:00 AM on Sundays by Zoom for the past 4 weeks. Attendance has averaged 20-24 people. We plan to continue meeting this way until we can get back together. Other Sunday School classes may want to consider meeting this way.

-Derrice Combs

## CAMP'S SHEPHERDS

The Shepherding Ministry at Camp has reached out to those in the congregation and extended a helping hand or a listening ear, especially during this difficult time in our community and the world. Tami Munns, the coordinator, would like to say a special "Thank you so much for your commitment to this ministry."

There is a need for 7 more shepherds. If you would like more information about this ministry call Tami, (910) 274-2506.

## SALT MINISTRY

The Salt Ministry Team is looking forward to the Fall and praying for the time when the SALT ministry can again, enjoy their monthly fellowship. Watch the newsletter for the schedule.



# MISSION NEWS

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

A small cohort of people - Pastor Alex, Calvin Chandler, Marc Scharen, Elizabeth Smith and Pastor Ted Troutman - are spearheading a discernment process of what a long-term international mission(s) partnership would look like for Camp UMC. We have had discussions about supporting existing missionaries along with picking a TBD place for Camp UMC to travel to in the years to come. No final decisions have been made of course. This process is in its infancy.

## POLICE AND FIREMEN

At the end of March members of the Local Mission Team delivered several large packages of goodies and drinks to the Shallotte Police Department. Smaller packages were delivered to the Shallotte Fire Department, the Holden Beach Fire Department and the Ocean Isle Police Department. The deliveries were received with smiles.



### BLOOD DRIVE

Camp had a successful blood drive on April 16th. 35 pints were collected. If you were unable to make this drive, there are 2 blood drives coming up in

May. One is on Thursday, May 7th at Seaside United Methodist Church (910) 579-5753 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The other drive is on Friday, May 22 at the Shallotte Masonic Lodge #727 (910) 754-4006 from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. There is a critical need for blood at this time. If you are able to donate, please do.

## CAMP'S MASK MINISTRY



**How did it begin?**  
Pam Batchelor got a request from the Brunswick Senior Rehab Center that the employees needed masks. Pam contacted her sewing teammate, Martha Worsley, and the Camp Mask Ministry was born. They got the instructions online. Martha bought the fabric and the two of them made the needed masks sewing them at Pam's house.

After word of the ministry got out, they had another request from Whiteville and a pediatric staff so these caring women made 45 more. Then the stay-at-home mandate was issued, but this did not stop them. They are now making them alone in their homes.

Martha has delivered masks to some church friends at their request and sent some to relatives in nursing homes. She is making them every day and will deliver them to anyone who needs them.

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2*

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,  
What are you  
doing for  
others?"**  
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

# MISSION NEWS (cont.)



## HOPE HARBOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER.

Through the month of May, Camp will be collecting food and household items for Hope Harbor. For various reasons their shelves are low on these items. These items are for the families residing at the center now and for former residents who are in need. Needed items are: nonperishable pantry food items (cereal, canned food, pastas, rice, etc.) paper products, Clorox, cleaning supplies, detergent, and anything we would need in our own homes. Occasional home cooked food is welcomed also. They also have a freezer where a few things can be stored. We will have our green box in the Library area of the FYC of the church. For more information you may call Kamren Smith (910-263-0201) or Barbara Varman (910-619-5504).

## CAMP COMMUNITY MEAL/SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

The idea for this ministry was conceived and put into action by Brenda and Jimmy Register to serve families in need. The Camp Community Meal/Soup Kitchen serves our community on Friday nights from 4:30-6:30 PM. The numbers are increasing weekly because of the economic shutdown and its impact on families in the area.

So far in April, the Camp Soup Kitchen has served 173 meals;

**April 3 - 24 meals, April 10 - 64 meals, April 17 - 85 meals**

Meals are prepared in carry out containers and as people pull into the church parking lot, they are greeted by friendly mask and glove wearing volunteers. The meals are brought out to the car. The volunteers also engage in conversation to determine if the guests have any prayer requests or emergency needs. Masks are also being given to any guests that need them. The masks were made and donated by Martha Worsley.



There is also a team of volunteers who take meals to some of Camp's senior adults, widows/widowers and to people recovering from accidents or surgery.



With the growing number of meals needed, more volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver the food. The team has started using the "Take Them a Meal" platform to better coordinate their efforts.

Anyone who wants to volunteer with this mission, whether to help prepare food or deliver meals to people in the congregation, should contact Chicky Wallace (410-688-2358) or Brenda Register (910-287-6137).



## A SIGN OF HOPE?

They say that a red bird sitting, is an angel to let you know that everything's going to be ok. Perhaps this is God's way of telling America, that everything is going to be ok!

*-Facebook post 4/21/20*

# MISSION NEWS (cont.)

## MATTHEW'S MINISTRY



Matthew's Ministry is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to ending childhood hunger. It currently provides a backpack full of food each Friday to feed children through the weekend at 12 schools in Brunswick Count. In April, Camp served as a distribution site for the ministry. Over the past few weeks, Camp distributed 120 bags of food for the students. Matthew's Ministry has consolidated its distribution sites and Camp will no longer be needed as a distribution site. If you know of any student(s) who are in need, please direct them to the Matthew's Ministry Facebook page for a list of current distribution sites.



## The Lord's Food Pantry



The number of people who came to The Lord's Food Pantry increased by 26% when compared to last March. At the same time, donations are down, and lower-priced food options are difficult to find. The effects of the COVID-19 outbreak are hurting our ability to assist with basic needs of Brunswick County neighbors in need. Many people are forced to use the Pantry for the first time in their lives.

Please consider making a donation by sending a check made payable to SBIC, with "Food Pantry" on the memo line, and mailing it to

SBIC Treasurer, PO Box 1461, Shallotte, NC 28459

Or, if you specifically want to help fund Camp's Pantry Days, you may send a check to the church also with "Food Pantry" written on the memo line.

Camp will hold a **"Drive Through Food Drive"** on Wednesday, May 13th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Camp members will be asked to drive up to the Pantry so volunteers can take food donations from their cars.

### MOST NEEDED" ITEMS INCLUDE:

Canned Vegetables (low sodium)  
Canned Fruit, Cereal (healthy kind)  
Spaghetti Sauce (no glass, please)  
Spaghetti or other Pasta Noodles  
Pork & Beans, Mac & Cheese,  
Canned Tuna, Rice (1 lb. package - prefer brown rice), Peanut Butter,  
Grape Jelly (no glass, please)



## NEW BIBLE STUDY

Camp UMC Family, you are invited you to join us in a four-week Bible study on the book of Philippians. We will begin this study on Wed., May 6th at 7:00 PM. It will be Preacher Won's final Bible study with us at Camp UMC. The book of Philippians gives us an important word for the time that we find ourselves in. We invite you to a study of one chapter a week along with some Q&A.

Please email Pastor Alex at [alex.parker@nccumc.org](mailto:alex.parker@nccumc.org) so he can invite you on with a Zoom link.

## A Prayer for a World Facing the Coronavirus

Dear God,

It seems like lots of uncertainty around us. Today, I pray For those whose health is compromised by the corona virus or other health issues.

For those who suffer from the economic impact of the virus, in travel, manufacturing, hospitality, energy or so many other industries.

For healthcare workers and first responders, and other public servants who put themselves in harm's way for us. For our leaders of the world, our countries, states, and cities, as they seek to help manage this challenge

God, it can be overwhelming. but you tell us over and over again not to be afraid. Show me how to trust in you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen

*excerpted from [www.umc.org/en/content/a-prayer-for-a-world-facing-the-coronavirus](http://www.umc.org/en/content/a-prayer-for-a-world-facing-the-coronavirus)*

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study ended their Beth Moore study just before Lent, deciding to reconvene with a new study in the Fall. The group expressed the desire to at least stay in touch during our time away because the Monday morning fellowship would be missed. Nita Campbell and RJ McCord "volunteered" to keep the communication lines going among the group. How God knits everything together and in this, we certainly see His Hand. We did not know we would soon be experiencing such isolation as a result of Covid-19.

Each week Nita sends a question to the group to ponder and respond, as led, & RJ keeps the group uplifted with music. The group has shared some of the ways they have been spending their time which include: learning to enjoy cooking again, reading, bird watching, doing crafts, painting, reaching out to friends and family just "to talk", doing their own hair color (HA) and even finding joy in mopping floors. But the most important connection is one of prayer for each other.

The picture is how Nita Campbell made looking at the orange barrier screen behind her house a little more attractive!



"When anxiety was great within me,  
your consolation brought me joy".

Psalm 94:19

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
THE DAYS OF THE WEEK  
ARE NOW CALLED,  
THISDAY, THATDAY,  
OTHERDAY, SOMEDAY,  
YESTERDAY, TODAY &  
NEXTDAY!**

## A Reminisce from Bobby Williamson



When I was a kid, in the 1960's, I went through the BB Gun stage. Me and my friends were big bird hunters. One winter, a huge flock of Cedar Waxwings graced our neighborhood. Us kids had pretty good aim. Too good actually, they were beautiful little birds with striking colors of brown, and yellow, and black. I've felt guilty for hunting them ever since. For over 50 years I couldn't be sure if I'd ever seen another Cedar Waxwing.

One morning, this week, I found one on my back porch. I think he'd flown into the back door thinking it was "clear". He'd paid the ultimate price. Carefully picking him up, I took him inside and Googled Cedar Waxwing. It was a perfect match. I was sad this little guy had fallen, but somewhat relieved, that I had not caused the specie's extinction. I kept him for a little while, but buried him under a crepe myrtle.

The following day, the song " His eye is on the Sparrow" began playing in my head. Along with God's wonderful, loving promises ...I recalled that God cares for this little bird, but how much more for His children?

These are unprecedented times. God has not changed. His eye is on the Sparrow, and I know He watches me.

God Bless, Bobby



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**10th Mother's Day**

**25th Memorial Day (Office Closed)**



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24	25 MEMORIAL DAY  (office closed)	26	27	28	29	30