



# The Circuit Rider

July 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.



## A MESSAGE FROM BOBBY WILLIAMSON



It's the summer solstice, and the year's half-over. So far, 2020 hasn't been much to "write home about". Not that much hasn't been written; 2020 is destined for historical status. I think one word sums up this year - **FEAR**. Fear that causes extremely powerful and negative emotion! Fear paralyzes, debilitates and sucks the life out of everything. Being afraid is never pleasant and will never be viewed as "fun". In 2020, FEAR has been promoted! . . . marketed, arguably manufactured like the weather channel and as Jim Cantory does in a hurricane, and infused into every facet of life.

You folks must be tired of it, hearing about it, thinking about it, I know I am. But, each day stuff happens . . . look at all the football players at Clemson, 23 of 28 players tested positive and many are asymptomatic . . . it tells you what a bomb shell COVID-19 is. Just drop it in a mix of athletes and you've got a mess. Pray that none of them ends up in the hospital!

What's more, Jesus repeatedly teaches: fear NOT! "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Fear is the opposite of faith! But, we need faith in each other, faith in our government, faith in our church family, faith in our spiritual lives.

Being careful isn't about not having faith! COVID isn't the angel of death come to cull out the wicked among us. It's a sneaky thing. It could take you or me by surprise, but I'm not gonna live in fear of it! I'm going to have FAITH. I hope you do too!

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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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## Bobby's Message Continued

President Roosevelt proclaimed "We have nothing to fear, but fear itself." That's doubly true for Christians.

Take courage my friends and follow the safety protocols that make the most sense to you and protect others, too!

We will find a way to meet again "in the sweet by and by".

### **Fourth of July Fun Facts and Trivia**

When the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, 2.5 million new people lived in the U>S>. Now, 244 years later, 311 million people live.

The favorite American song, Yankee Doodle, was originally written by officers of the British army to make fun of back woods Americans.

Three United States presidents died on the Fourth of July: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

In 1781, Massachusetts became the first state to declare Independence Day a holiday.

The original Declaration of Independence dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776" is written upside down on the back of the Declaration of Independence.

### **FIREWORKS**

In one year, \$600 million is spent on fireworks alone in the U.S.

More than 14,000 firework displays are put on across the country on Fourth of July!

Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks Display is the largest in the United States.

*odysseyonline.com*

### **A Prayer for the 4th of July**

Heavenly Father,

There is much happening with our nation at the moment, and we are facing a time of crisis. The nation seems to be teetering on the edge of destruction, and our government seems to have little ability or will to reverse what is coming upon our land and its citizens. Lord, there is increasing unrest and we ask that You guide our nation through this difficult period.

We pray for all in authority over our land and ask that You would lead and guide the decisions they are to make in this time of crises. .

Protect all those that are in any way at risk or are suffering from the lack of things or from fear of what is happening in this time of national crises. May we as a people unite together under Your banner of truth, to support and encourage each other, as we face this national crises together, as one nation under God. Amen



**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

## SAYING FAREWELL

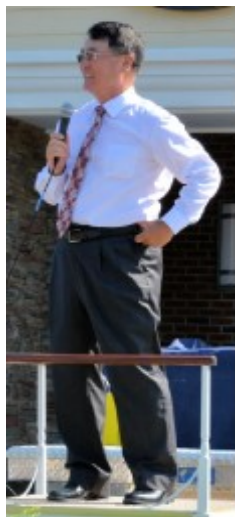
**DRIVE-BY PARADE - JUNE 3, 2020** About 70 cars with around 200 people paraded by the parsonage sharing the love for Won and Mee Young. It was wonderful to see members in person during this time of social distancing.



**FAREWELL SUNDAY - JUNE 21, 2020** Camp members gathered at Planet Fun for a special celebration for Pastor Won and Mee Young. Though it wasn't an outdoor church service, there were some church elements: song, prayer blessing on Pastor Won and Mee Young and Pastor Won blessing the people.



Mee Young addresses the gathering..



Pastor Won fields questions



New fishing rods for the Namkoongs

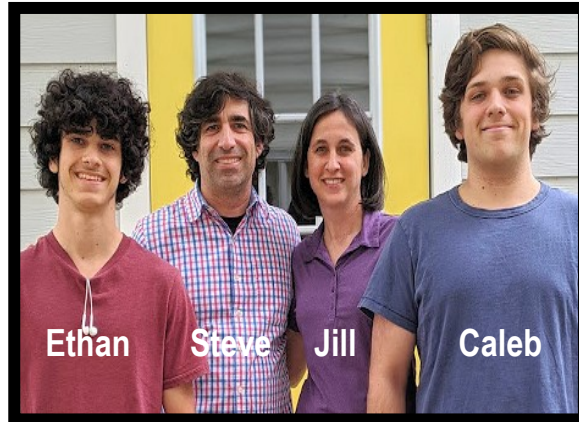


Pastor Won receives blessing

**On June 23rd, 2020 a chapter in Camp's history ended as Preacher Won and Mee Young went on to serve another church.**



## THE MURPHYS ARE HERE!



### PARSONAGE YARD

A group of Camp men worked to prepare the yard of the parsonage for our new Pastor Steve Murphy and his family. Some of the workers were: Keith Compton, Ronnie Markum, Zack McGougan and Jaxson McGougan (Zack's son), Aaron Black, Larry May, Larry Harrelson, Michael Nelson, Jim Wallace, Burt Weiner and Alan Lewis.



Larry May  
Trustee Chair

### PARSONAGE

Parsonage Renovation has started. A huge THANK YOU to Steve Dare, Ralph Kendall, John Cox for all of the hard work you did on the first morning. We could not have made it without you! Thanks so much to Carl Votik for providing much needed buckets to use to remove debris and providing additional labor. Our contractor, Mike Goad (Triple Tree Construction) was most impressed with all of the help. The entire demolition was completed in one day. Also a big shout out to Don Eagle for coming by to evaluate the master bathroom plumbing with our contractor. Don you are always such a pleasure, and we appreciate all you do!

Please pray for our bathroom project(s) as we press forward to provide our new pastor and his family with an updated, safe and comfortable home. If you are in the area (and have a mask) you are welcome to come in and see what is being done.

This is Camp's parsonage and it belongs to all of the great members past and present. And even more importantly, future!

Bonnie Tibbals and Liz Boyer  
Proud Trustees of  
Camp United Methodist Church

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."  
Helen Keller*



## CAMPFIRE MEETINGS WITH PASTOR STEVE

Meetings will be held during the month of July on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for four weeks. We are scheduling meetings at different times of the day to work with Pastor Steve's schedule as he begins his time at Camp. We are planning to hold these meetings at the church. Due to the need to maintain safety and social distancing during this time of Covid 19, the meetings will be limited to 20 people for each session. The in-person meetings will be contingent on the reopening of the church and the recommendations of the reopening task force with the approval of the Trustees. The meetings may also be zoomed. Please look at the dates and times below and email Pastor Alex ([alex.parker@nccumc.org](mailto:alex.parker@nccumc.org)) or Jill Bryant ([jillbry1@aol.com](mailto:jillbry1@aol.com)) to reserve a day and time.

**Monday** meetings will be at **6:30 PM** on July 6, 13, 20 and 27

**Wednesday** meetings will be at **10:00 AM** on July 8, 15, 22, and 29

**Thursday** meetings will be at **3:00 PM** on July 9, 16, 23, and 30.

Jill Bryant, Chair  
SPPR Committee

## MEET PASTOR STEVE & JILL AT OCEAN ISLE BEACH

**When:** July 1st at 6:30 PM

**Where:** Ocean Isle Beach Cross

**Parking:** Free at the pier 1 W 1st Street

We encourage all who come to wear masks and practice social distancing.

## STAFF PROFILE – AMY MOORE



Amy Moore, nursery worker, was raised in Lumberton, NC and first moved to Shallotte in 1998 for a short while. In 2000 she moved to Greenville, NC and returned to Shallotte in 2004.

After graduating from Robeson Community College in 1995 as a Registered Nurse, Amy worked in multiple hospitals as a critical care ICU nurse, a CATH lab nurse, GI lab nurse and a hospice nurse. In 2008 she began a career in nurse management and she currently works for AF Group Insurance.

Amy is married to Ty Moore, who is also from Lumberton. They attended the same Jr/Sr high schools together. They were married in 2012 after reconnecting as friends on social media in 2010.

Ty and Amy have children with 4 legs: 4 dachshunds, 1 shepherd mix and 1 cat. Dachshunds are her very favorite breed since she starting getting them when she was six years old.

Amy joined CUMC in 1999 and has been serving in the nursery for just over a year. She considers it “an honor and privilege to provide care and a Christian environment for Camp’s children. I can truly feel the love of Christ through their smiling faces.”

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy July to all of you! I pray that you have a safe and fun 4th of July. July is a very exciting month for Camp as we welcome Pastor Steve, and (drum roll), we will finally be back together in worship! I sure have missed seeing all of your beautiful faces on Sunday mornings!

Our Young Disciples welcomed summer vacation with a Goody Pail. Tamy, Pastor Alex, and myself traveled to see each of our kiddos. See their excitement below!

Tamy and I continued visitations by baking cookies and venturing to see our entire church family. We have baked well over 700 cookies to share with each of you. Thank you Thommi Hendriks and my mom, Beth Hunter, for assisting us with baking. We are continuing to visit you, so be on the lookout for the church bus. It has been such a joy to see so many familiar faces, along with meeting new ones. Please continue to pray for us on this venture, specifically our church family.

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for the year. Kelly Littlejohn and I are preparing a back to school event, pending the current pandemic situation.

Safe Sanctuary policies have been updated and approved. We will have training sessions for all of our children and youth volunteers in the near future. If you are interested in volunteering with the children, please let me know.

I am working on developing an Acolyte training class for several of our young disciples. My hope is to have a training class in the fall.

I hope you have had a wonderful month of transition and have felt the Holy Spirit in your presence. God is with each and every one of us, and I'm so thankful for that reminder as I see and hear from each of you! Ephesians 5:2

In Christ,

Allison Hunter  
Director of Children's Ministry



Happy children received buckets of fun.



Happy adults received plates of cookies.



# YOUTH MINISTRY



## GRADUATION SUNDAY

The graduates did a wonderful job on Graduation Sunday. I would like to thank all the people who made it a huge success! First a big thank you to Bob Hibbard as he did all the recording, splicing, editing and delivery of the finished product! Pastor Alex was my "Go To" for everything, and he totally encouraged me every step of the way. My committee that assisted me consisted of Sian Chipley, Debbie Donoghue, Julie Harrelson, and Becky Hewett. Thank you for all the grunt work

from planning, setting up and cleaning up! Praise to Larry Harrelson who first brought Graduation Sunday to my attention and what Camp has done in the past. He was also my anchor for all things musical - working with our graduate musicians and also enlisting the amazing talents of Betsy Tusai and John Braddy. Tamy Munns was my in-house photographer and I cannot thank her enough. She was inside, outside, up on chairs and everywhere in between to get great shots of all of our graduates and their families. There are also the unsung heroes who added that extra pizzazz like Sue Wells and Barbara Varnum who provided those big beautiful ferns for the front of the church that added depth and warmth. This year COVID has taken many things away from many people and especially our graduates. I reached out to Martha Worsley to see if

she would be willing to provide masks for the youth to wear, at least in a photograph for the graduates and boy did she deliver with many colors and fabrics to choose from. Last, but certainly not least, is Keith Compton and the UMM. Luncheons are a lot of work and



since ours was outside, countless tables and chairs had to be moved outside to the grassy area and then come back at the end to take them down and put them all away. So many thanks to all of you mentioned above, all of our amazing graduates and their families that I loved working with and getting to know. I also want to thank all of you that have prayed for these youth and our Graduation Sunday Event!

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday, June 24th, we hosted an event for our graduates to discuss the transition from High School to college.. Pastor Alex & Mallory, Pastor Steve, Kevin and my daughter Kristin, who works for Campus Outreach, all shared their stories and advice. It was a wonderful evening.

Summer has officially arrived and I hope all our youth are staying safe and healthy but still making time for fun! Our next youth event is on July 15<sup>th</sup> when we will go out for supper and Go Cart riding. More details to follow but we will meet at church and take the bus! Hope you are planning to attend! Hope you are planning to attend!

Kelly Littlejohn, Director of Youth Ministry

## REOPENING TASK FORCE

The Task Force is continuing to work on the many details that must be addressed before we open the doors for our first service with Pastor Steve and that when we do it is done in as safe and thoughtful way as possible.

There are so many people working behind the scenes to make this possible that it would be impossible to mention all the names for this article, besides as one of the Task Force members so eloquently said "we don't do it for the recognition" they just do it because they love Camp.

Just a few of the details being worked on are: cleaning of the sanctuary (lots of steps here that occur before, during and after all services); registering to attend services will be required as only 80 will be permitted to attend each of the two Sunday services (new online registration process being put into place-more to follow on how to do this); new roles and responsibilities for ushers (they will meet and greet members at the front sanctuary door) and seat everyone; and so many other details that I haven't captured here. Suffice to say that for those who still do not feel comfortable in attending in person, on line streaming is still a wonderful way to participate in the service!

**UPDATE 6/26/20:** The task force has decided that the church will not reopen on July 5th due to the rise of COVID-19 cases nationally and within our state. John Wesley's first rule of life was to "do no harm" so, in that spirit and in an act of loving our neighbor, we have postponed our re-opening date.

Larry May, Task Force Chair



Because of Covid for the first time since 1945 the National Spelling Bee is cancel... cancel... cancel...

It's been called off.

People are scared of getting fined for congregating in crowds. As if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death wasn't enough of a deterrent.





## LOCAL MISSIONS



We will be collecting items for Brunswick County Streetreach during the month of July. They need water, Gatorade, snacks, paper products and hygiene items in small containers. A green container is in the library area for the collection or you can call me (910-619-5504). Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Just make out a check to Camp UMC and memo "Streetreach"



On August 13th, from 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM, we will have a blood drive in the Youth and Family Center. You can sign up at

[redcrossblood.com](http://redcrossblood.com)

or call me at 910-619-5504. There is a critical shortage of blood available nationwide due to COVID-19

Barbara Varnum

## THE LORD'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your ongoing support of The Lord's Food Pantry! The Pantry is having a problem getting enough paper bags for packing. If you have paper bags from grocery or other shopping, please donate them to The Lord's Food Pantry on any Wednesday in June from 4:00-6:00, or bring them to church when services start again.

A Drive-Through Food Drive will be held on Wednesday, July 1 from 4:00-6:00. We are still unable to place bulk orders, and grocery store inventories are not back to normal. Please help by donating items on the "most needed" list, especially 1-pound bags of rice, canned fruit, and soup.



Amelia and her mother

Amelia Steffen, the 11-year-old granddaughter of Hal & Cheryl Mills, made a great contribution to the Lord's Pantry. She and a neighbor recently formed a band, and they donated their tip money from neighborhood concerts to the pantry. They also collected food. What an amazing young lady!

Carol Kendall

## HATI MISSION

I'm happy to report that the items for Haiti have been delivered to the Port of Miami. I found the driver through the friend of a friend of a friend. The shipping will include the following:

Sewing supplies

Sewing machines (60 many new)

Sewing kits which include:

3 yards of fabric

1 pair of scissors

1 package of needles

1 spool of thread

5-8 buttons

1 gallon size plastic bag

Fabric

Pillow case dresses

Reusable feminine hygiene kits

THANKS to the many UMW groups that provided sewing machines and sewing kits, Sandy Braddy and Pam Batchelor for making many pillow case dresses, and thanks to all the Camp members who provided monetary donations.

Martha Worsley

## SALT MINISTRY & SHEPHERDING

We have been going to visit members of the church. Our Motto is "Since you can not come to us, we will come to visit you (*at a distance*)". It was great to see those we have visited so far. We are still visiting and have quite a few more places to visit!

I have spoken to a couple of the SALT ministry volunteers and we hope to have a cookout in September. The cookout is in the planning stages at this time.

I miss you all and hope to see you soon. If you need anything please call one of these numbers: 910-274-2506 or 910-754-4840.

In HIS service,

Tamy Munns

## ALTAR GUILD



The Altar Guild is ready to receive sign-ups for Altar or Narthex flowers beginning on July 5th. The only date already taken for the Altar is Sunday July 12th. Please call me (910 640 7708), if you are ready to sign up for a particular Sunday. Please **do not** put names on the Flower Chart until further notice. Thank you.

Sue Wells

## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our current Journey to Freedom note balance is \$221,000. We have only 8 months remaining on the campaign. Thank you to everyone that has met and continues to meet his/her pledge obligation.

Tom Adams, Finance Chair.

## Did you KNOW?

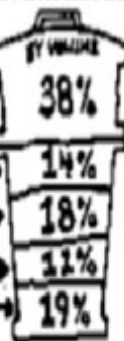
### LOOK - WHAT'S IN THE LANDFILL?

The landfill is where most waste ends up. If only people would recycle more, we wouldn't need so much landfill.

### WHAT'S IN OUR GARBAGE?

Most of the garbage volume is paper!

There is some metal,  
some plastic,  
a little yard waste,  
and a mixture of  
other things.



If you have never driven up to the Brunswick County Landfill located at 172 Landfill Road NE in Bolivia, check it out. We are fortunate to have it located so close to us and it is still free all year round for disposing and/or recycling

Items accepted include:

Alkaline and Lithium Batteries

Used Oil/Fuel/Antifreeze

Latex Paint

Electronic and Computer Equipment

Clothing and Shoes

Fluorescent and CFL bulbs

Tires

Metal and Appliances

*"The World we all share is given to us in trust. Every choice we make regarding the earth, air, and water around us should be made with the objective of preserving it for all generations to come."*

*August A. Bush III*



## a birthday prayer for you

May God bless you with His boundless love, calming peace, and heavenly joy throughout the coming year.

*Happy birthday, child of God!*

1 Bobbie Steve	8 Alisa May	13 Maggie Steve	22 Betty Arnette
2 Larry Boyer	9 Jimmie Cox	14 Carol McCreedy	22 Jill Greene
3 Matt Owens	9 Keith Fillman	15 Jeff Mintz	23 Jerry Campbell
3 Betsy Tusai	10 Kenneth Harrell	15 Steve Taylor	23 Jimmy Durham
4 Diana Green	10 Wendy Milligan	16 Kyle White	23 Nancy Greiner
4 Robert Morris	11 Andrew Bland	16 Lynne Wiggins	23 Jane Linnell
4 Mason Tart	11 Denise Concelmo	17 Cray Milligan	25 Ramie Cushman
5 Morris Hall	11 James Hendricks	18 Jim Miller	25 Samuel Steve
5 Elijah Steve	11 Glenda Morton	19 Ethan Chappell	27 Alice Bryan
6 Mike Alderson	12 Madeline Chandler	19 DeWayne Oakes	27 Ken Clugston
6 Ron Markum	13 Don Bartholomew	20 Judy Deaver	30 Joyce Erickson
6 Monroe McCullough	13 Evette Blackwell	20 Lynn Hurley	30 Jessie Martin
7 A.J. McCullough	13 Suzannah Harrelson	21 Dean Anderson	30 Everette Milligan
8 Zacariah Black	13 R.J. McCord	21 Nita Campbell	

Kate & Mike Alderson	1 (1)	Rae & Gary Matthews	17 (38)
Peggy & Jim Antunes	19 (6)	Ann & Bia Medley	15 (42)
Betty & Tom Arnette	14 (57)	Marlene & Mat Mellis	30 (48)
Kelly & Poli Barefoot	8 (30)	Sue & Wayne Mumford	8 (53)
Lou & Ray Bell	3 (65)	Kathleen & Albert Parker	3 (65)
Julie & Calvin Chandler	20 (24)	Wendy & Marc Scharen	12 (34)
Mary Jo & Jean Craft	20 (46)	Taylor & Derrick Thompson	7 (8)
Susie & Don Green	17 (49)	Betsy & Mike Tusai	10 (38)
Nancy & Steve Greiner	6 (32)	Meghan & Matt Williamson	26 (6)
Maggie & Richard Holcomb	24 (44)	Clarie & TJ Yoder	31 (10)
Jessie & Bill Martin	15 (53)		







## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 Praise & Worship 11:00 Traditional Service		Bulletin Deadline	4:00-6:00 Food Drive Drop off		4:30-6:30 Soup Kitchen/FH	10:00 Food Pantry/FH/BA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Meet at the Beach-OIB	2	3	
5	6 6:30 Campfire Meeting	7	8 10:00 Campfire Meeting 7:00pm Bible Study	9 3:00 Campfire Meeting	10	11
12	13 6:30 Campfire Meeting	14	15 10:00 Campfire Meeting	16 3:00 Campfire Meeting Youth Outing	17	18
19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 Campfire Meeting	21	22 10:00 Campfire Meeting	23 3:00 Campfire Meeting	24	25
26	27 6:30 Campfire Meeting	28	29 10:00 Campfire Meeting	30 3:00 Campfire Meeting	31	