



# The Circuit Rider

October 2021



## THE FIVE DIMENSIONS OF CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Numerous times this past year, with joy and delight, we have watched a group of people of all different ages stand before our church family in worship to either be baptized or to remember their baptism and join Camp UMC. By the great gift of God's love, offered to us in Christ without price, the Holy Spirit has incorporated those who joined as well as all of us into God's ongoing mighty acts of salvation. There are five dimensions of our lives that we commit to participating in God's ongoing acts of salvation. Do you remember hearing the question: "Will you faithfully participate in the ministries of this congregation by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" These five dimensions can be seen in the life Jesus modeled. Christ invited those original disciples, as well as all of us, into this life of love.



**Prayers**.....Jesus often spent intentional time in prayer as well as teaching the disciples how to pray.

**Presence**...the disciples gathered together, ate together, went to synagogue and worshiped together and they shared life together with Jesus.

**Gifts**..... Jesus gave of himself, and the early disciples intentionally followed His example as they sold their possessions and gave their money to the work of God.

**Service**..... Jesus and the disciples allowed their progress to be interrupted to heal, feed and address the needs of individuals and groups.

**Witness**..... Jesus sat by a well with a woman, listened to her story, saw the reality of her life without judgement and offered her living water.

There are many amazing stories here at Camp of how these five dimensions of discipleship are being lived out in our lives together. From the amazing generosity and service that empowers

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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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the missions of this church as well as how prayer is central to so many in our congregation. It is in these five dimensions of discipleship we can explore the infinite mystery of loving God, self and neighbor and grow deeper and deeper in this way of love.

I wonder how God is inviting you to go deeper in exploring, experiencing, and sharing God's divine love through these five dimensions. Maybe it is a time to try something new or revisit an old practice that brought you life. Maybe you haven't explored all five of these dimensions and you sense the Spirit stirring you to try. In the coming month I invite you to listen to the Holy Spirit and make a plan of encountering and exploring God's love in these five dimensions.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Steve

#### DECIDE TO FORGIVE

*Decide to forgive  
For resentment is negative  
Resentment is poisonous  
Resentment diminishes and devours the self.  
Be the first to forgive,  
To smile and to take the first step,  
And you will see happiness bloom  
On the face of your human brother or sister.  
Be always the first  
Do not wait for others to forgive  
For by forgiving  
You become the master of fate  
The fashioner of life  
The doer of miracles.  
To forgive is the highest,  
Most beautiful form of love.  
In return you will receive  
Untold peace and happiness.  
Here is the program for achieving a truly forgiving  
heart:  
Sunday: Forgive yourself.  
Monday: Forgive your family.  
Tuesday: Forgive your friends and associates.  
Wednesday: Forgive across economic lines within  
your own nation.  
Thursday: Forgive across cultural lines within  
your own nation.  
Friday: Forgive across political lines within your  
own nation.  
Saturday: Forgive other nations.  
Only the brave know how to forgive. A coward never  
forgives.  
It is not in his nature.*

— by Robert Muller

## QUOTES ON FORGIVENESS

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

Mahatma Gandhi,

"Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart."

Corrie Ten Boom

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

C.S. Lewis

"Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude."

Martin Luther King Jr.

"When you forgive, you love. And when you love, God's light shines upon you."

Jon Krakauer

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

Lewis B. Smedes,

"Sometimes what a person needs most is to be forgiven."

Jennifer McMahon

"Life is an adventure in forgiveness"

Norman Cousins

goodreads.com



This holiday commemorates the 'the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492. The first Columbus Day celebration took place in 1792, when New York's Columbian Order (*better known as Tammany Hall*) held an event to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the historic landing. Taking pride in Columbus' birthplace and faith, Italian and Catholic communities in various parts of the country began organizing annual religious ceremonies and parades in his honor.

<https://www.biography.com>

**MANDATORY 10 DIGIT DIALING  
STARTS THIS MONTH.**

Calls using 7 digits will still go through until 10/24/21. After that date, no 7 digit calls will be completed.



## Sign of the times?

## The History of Halloween Activities

The early pagan holiday of Samhain involved a lot of ritualistic ceremonies to connect to spirits, as the Celts were polytheistic. While there isn't a lot of detail known about these celebrations, many believe the Celts celebrated in costume (*granted, they were likely as simple as animal hides*) as a disguise against ghosts, enjoyed special feasts, and made lanterns by hollowing out gourds (*hence, the history of jack-o'-lanterns*). Over time, as Christianity took over and the pagan undertones of the holiday were lessened, the basic traditions of the holiday remained a part of pop culture every year; they simply evolved and modernized.

The mystical rituals of earlier times evolved into more light-hearted fun and games. Bobbing for apples became popular as a fortune-telling game on All Hallows' Eve: Apples would be selected to represent all of a woman's suitors, and the guy (or apple) she ended up biting into would supposedly represent her future husband. In fact, Halloween previously posed a huge (albeit rather superstitious) matchmaking opportunity for young women in the 19th century.

Another popular All Hallows' Eve ritual was mirror-gazing, as people hoped to catch a vision of their future by looking into the mirror. There are reports of fortune-cookie-like favors being given out during earlier times. People wrote messages on pieces of paper in milk, and the notes were then folded and placed into walnut shells. The shells would be heated over a fire, causing the milk to brown just enough for the message to mystically appear on the paper for the recipient.

<https://www.countryliving.com/>



## WORLD SMILE DAY

**we shall  
never know  
all the good  
that a simple  
smile  
can do**

mother teresa

October 1<sup>st</sup> is World Smile Day. Smiling is what you do with your face to let others know when you are happy. It either expresses joy or it says hello. A smile has been called the universal language. No matter which part of the world you may be in, the quickest way to overcome any barrier and create a connection is through a smile.

The image of God's smiling face first appears in the priestly blessing of Aaron "May the Lord bless you and protect you; May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." *Numbers 6:24-26*

[www.oakcreekag.org](http://www.oakcreekag.org)

You're never fully dressed without a smile."

from a song in "Annie" Lyrics by Martin Charnin.

"Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day." *H. Jackson Brown Jr.*

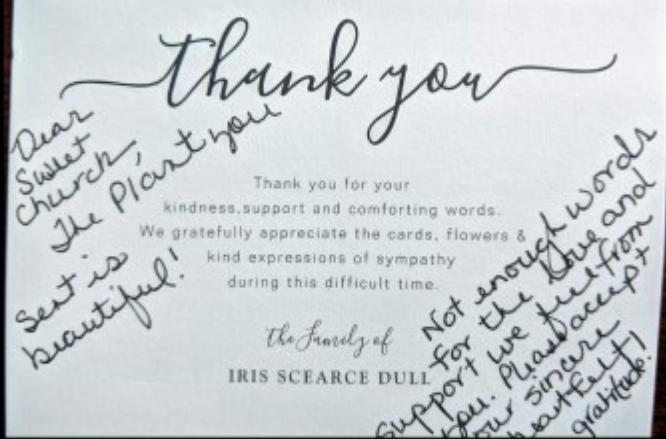
### thank you notes

Dear all Camp Family  
thank you for the thoughtful words. I've seen.  
It's truly been a hard summer.  
thank you for the prayers, gifts and cards!  
I love all of y'all.

Bree Swann

Dean Dull would like to thank everyone from the bottom of his heart for all the calls, cards and letters and to the Seekers and Altar Guild, for the beautiful letter and the "All Saints Tree" to honor and remember our precious Iris.

*Lou Bell would like to thank everyone for all the calls, cards, letters and food.*



**DON'T FORGET  
CHANGE YOUR CLOCK**



**CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**

**November 7th**

**SALT**

The SALT Ministry program for October is cancelled due to Covid concerns. We are looking forward to November when, hopefully, we can possibly gather again. Until then reach out to your neighbors and check on them.

## ALTAR GUILD



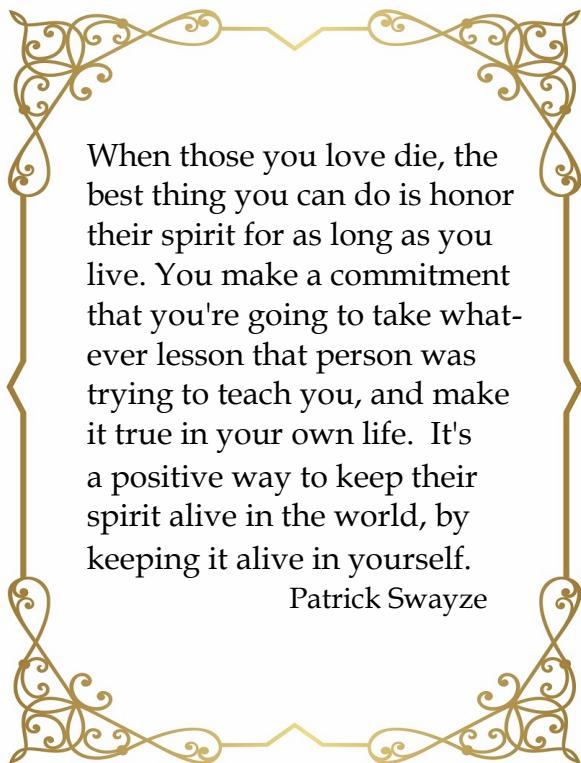
All Saints Tree

The Altar Guild has had a busy month, but it was a “Joyful” busy. In case you have not noticed the “All Saints” tree in the narthex, which was donated by the Seekers Sunday School Class in memory of our precious Iris Dull, then it’s time you take a look. The altar guild hoped that when you saw the crosses with those beautiful names, your memories would bring you back to the love you shared with so many of them, and give you a time for quiet reflection and peace.

If you aren’t familiar with how you can have a cross put on the tree, please talk with any altar guild member. If you don’t know the members, please call me at 910-640- 7708. This has been, and will continue to be, very special for the altar guild to be a small part of our “All Saints” tree.

Thanks again sweet Lord for allowing this to happen...in Your time.

Sue Wells  
Chair, Altar Guild



### Iris's Coconut Pie

2 cups sugar  
5 beaten eggs  
1 stick melted  
margarine  
1 cup buttermilk

1 cup coconut (or more)  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 regular pie crusts

Add sugar to melted margarine and cream together. Add eggs and cream. Add buttermilk and vanilla. Mix. Add coconut and mix. Pour into 2 piecrusts. Bake @350 for 32-33 minutes. Should be lightly browned on top. Enjoy!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Camp Kids has officially returned and our children and parents have been ecstatic to gather again. We are spending time in the Creation story and learning about God's power and love! Camp Kids will continue to meet weekly on Wednesday nights from 5:30pm-7:00PM until Covid restrictions are lifted.

Our Kids' Singers are back in action. We are excited to announce that we have 3 classes and will be sharing some of our musical talents with the church in the near future.

On October 23rd from 4:00-6:00PM, Camp's Children's Ministry will host a Community Wide Trunk or Treat event. We are in need of candy donations, along with volunteers to decorate their cars. If interested in supporting this great event, please reach out to Allison Hunter.

During Camp Kids on October 27th, our children will spend time together, in fellowship, with a Fall Festival. Families, you do not want to miss out on this fun event!

In October, I would like to highlight two programs that take place in our children's ministry.

**Camp's Children Staff:** I am blessed to have two loving and nurturing women who work alongside me each week. Marlene Hall and Kara Martin, our "nursery workers", participate in Sunday morning, Wednesday night, and all "extra" children's activities throughout the year! If you haven't met them, I encourage you to drop by the nursery/toddler rooms on Sunday mornings and introduce yourself! I am beyond thankful that the church allows our ministry to have support staff as great as them!

**Acolytes:** Camp's acolyte team has grown tremendously in 2021. 19 children, varying in ages from 1st- 8th grade, have stepped into this role of service at the church. It is humbling to watch how God works through this ministry. Our 19 acolytes are: Zac Black, Madison Yoder, William Yoder, Jax McGougan, Zeb McGougan, Olivia Dowdy, Maggie Gray Garner, Aiden McBride, Addie Lewis, Kate Dycus, Nova Chambley, Elliott Page, Ethan Page, Kayden Ratcliffe, Wyatt Gibson, Michael Gibson, Taylor McEntarffer, Camden McEntarffer, and Lexi Anderson.



Friends, God is moving at Camp UMC and making disciples of Jesus Christ. Our children and their families are on fire for Christ and eager to learn more. If you need a ministry to witness, I encourage you to join the children's ministry through volunteering on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights.

**Have a wonderful October!**

In Christ,

Allison Hunter, Director of Children's Ministry

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We are so excited about another year of Youth Group! We held our Olympic Themed Kick Off party at the church and the photos below are from our party.



Then we jumped into our "Filtered". We are discussing our addiction to technology and how it's time we get serious about loving the Lord our God by knowing how we can interact with the digital world and glorify God. We look forward to learning more in this series and spending time in the next series learning about Prayer. Our youth have been amazing at inviting friends to join us and everyone is wonderfully accepted into the fold.

first 4 week series,

We did have to miss teaching one week and Tamy and Shay covered for us playing Bingo for prizes! SO FUN! Our absence was due to the arrival of our first grandson on September 21st to our daughter Kelsey in Greensboro. His name is Leandro Juanito Gomez. (See page 10)

On another note, I wanted to remind you that we will be leading a **Confirmation Class** this year starting in November. If you are interested in learning more about it or signing up to participate in it, please reach out to me.

Kelly Littlejohn 910-712-4565 or [Krlittlejohn@gmail.com](mailto:Krlittlejohn@gmail.com)

# Local Missions

**October Mission Focus:** police and first responders. These individuals keep us safe and provide medical help when needed. What would we do without them?

**First Responders:** Linda Callender has been delivering donations of bottled water and snacks to Shallotte Police and Fire Departments. We could use another person or two to aid in this endeavor.

**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL:** Thanks to you, our generous church family, we delivered boxes and boxes of school supplies to Union School and Shallotte Middle School. We also delivered a check for \$300 to both schools for school supplies for needy children.

**POWER WALKING MINISTRIES:** PWM had 50 shoe requests from Cedar Grove School and also shoes for a family with 5 children after a home fire. Besides BC schools, PWM is also focusing on Columbus County's neediest schools (*Old Dock, Chadbourn ES, Tabor City ES and Middle Schools*). Requests will be coming in soon from our BC schools, Including Head Start, for Christmas. We will help support them with our Angel Tree in November.

**HOPE HARBOR:** Our Committee was a Corporate Sponsor for HH's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Women's Golf Tournament, Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Crow Creek Golf Course in Calabash.

**BUILDING PROJECTS:** We recently got a request from a disabled lady for clean-up yard work. Glenn Humbert and Calvin Chandler most graciously accepted the challenge. Thank you guys. We heard there may have been snakes involved.

## Friday Night Community Meals

### October Menu

#### October 1st

Ham, green bean casserole, corn, bread

#### October 8th

Chicken salad croissants, marinated 3-bean medley, chips

#### October 15th

Chicken biscuit casserole, salad

#### October 22nd

Meatloaf, mac & cheese, corn, bread

#### October 29th

Chicken Pot Pies, veggies

Many thanks to all of you for donations and help with our Community Friday Night meals. This mission would NOT be possible if not for all of YOU!

Blessing to all of you,

Brenda Register, Coordinator

I ALONE CAN NOT  
CHANGE THE WORLD.  
BUT I CAN CAST A  
STONE ACROSS THE  
WATERS TO CREATE  
MANY *RIPPLES.*

MOTHER TERESA

## NEW MEMBERS IN AUGUST



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"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Eph. 2:19

### Attention Camp Ladies



Due to the current restrictions of Covid, the Women's Retreat on Forgiveness has been postponed until March, 2022. At that time we hope to have fun, fellowship and FOOD

### LOOKING AHEAD



Camp United Methodist Church will gather virtually for this year's Charge Conference on Sunday November 14th at 5:00PM.  
*(Please note the time has been adjusted because of the shift to a zoom meeting.)*  
The Zoom Link will be made available at a later date.

## MEET OUR MEMBERS

### Mary Lee Nance



Mary Lee grew up in Bedford, Virginia, a town between Roanoke and Lynchburg VA. Bedford is a small quaint town steeped in history and the home of the D Day Memorial for the town folks killed in WWII. Mary Lee and her siblings were born and raised in Virginia.

Mary Lee graduated from Sante Fe Community College in Gainesville, FL with a degree in business, and spent most of her working career as a secretary/and or administrative assistant. That career led her to work with the FBI in Washington DC, where she actually got to meet J. Edgar Hoover and have her picture taken with him.

After living and working in Belgium, Germany and Gainesville FL for 20 years , Mary Lee decided for early retirement to help care for an aging parent and eventually ended up in Shallotte NC.

Her hobbies include basket making, Prayer Shawl Ministry, volunteering every week for Cat Tails, and Pet Smart and taking care of her furry friends, Leo, Gabby and Mello. She also loves to play tennis.

After searching for a Methodist Church, Mary Lee ended up at the 11:00 worship service on a Father's Day. A very friendly red- haired lady asked her if she would mind if she and her son sat with her on that pew. That was Pastor Rich's wife! The next day Pastor Rich called Mary Lee and she knew Camp was her church.

“So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” Romans 12:5

Congratulations to Kevin & Kelly Littlejohn on the birth of their grandson, Leandro Juanito Gomez



### DID YOU KNOW THESE BIBLICAL FACTS?

There are 594 chapters before Psalm 117 and 594 chapters after it (KV) making it the center chapter in the Bible.

The longest word in the Bible is:  
Maher-shalal-hash-baz. Isaiah 8:1

Methuselah is the oldest man on record:  
969 years old. Gen. 5:27

The Bible is the best-selling book in history.  
About 50 Bibles are sold every minute.

The last word in the Bible is Amen.

# OCTOBER

1	Roy Herring	10	Doug Campbell	24	Carl Calhoon
1	Reid Miller	10	Art Jacques	24	Don Ballou
2	Matt Spencer	12	Shay Godwin	24	Gloria Bland
2	William Hooks	12	Jill Bryant	27	Bob Hibbard
3	Kim Spencer	13	Bob Newton	27	Bill Oliver
6	Rebecca Allen	13	Emma Sellers	28	Rosie Scarborough
8	Junior Reedy	14	Deborah Carter	28	Addie Lewis
8	Helen Bunch	15	Betty Oakes	30	Jim Pope
8	Robin Farmer	16	Kara Martin	30	Zac Inman
9	Rebecca Redd	21	W.J. McLamb	30	Julia Steve
9	Harrison Smith	21	Ethan Page	30	Jim Tibbals
10	Terry Stephens	22	Beth Elliott	31	Irene Bryant
10	Eunice Inman	23	Camden McEntarffer	31	Ken Greene



Ted & Marlene Hall	1 (33)	John & Kay Cox	11 (30)
Aaron & Cindy Black	3 (12)	Thomas & Peggy Coda	13 (42)
Bernie & Barbara Babcock	4 (7)	Brandon & Katie Mae Garner	15 (10)
John & Sandy Braddy	4 (41)	Ricky & Lou Byrd	17 (23)
Gordy & Michelle Lewis	4 (13)	Doug & Mary Bergere	17 (23)
Gerald & Diana Green	6 (42)	Ray & Becky McKinnon	21 (43)
Ken & Cindy Clugston	6 (31)	Roy & Thelma Herring	22 (26)
Brad & Terri Crowell	6 (3)	Dave & Monica Gilotty	23 (16)
Shawn & Mel O'Daniels	7 (21)	Kelly & Kevin Littlejohn	24 (34)
Michael & Beth Nelson	9 (22)	Jimmie & Kimmie Durham	25 (25)
Zach & Kasey McGougan	9 (17)		



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### October

Oct. 11th	Columbus Day
Oct. 24th	10 Digit phone calls only
<b>Oct. 17th</b>	<b>Laity Sunday ... 1 service at 10:00 a.m.</b>
Oct. 23rd	Community Trunk or Treat

4:00-6:00PM

### November

Nov. 6th	All Saints Day
<b>NOV. 7th</b>	<b>TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR</b>



### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 Praise & Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Service	1:00 Methodism Class	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> 9:30 Prayer Shaw 2:00 Basket Weavers	5:30 -7:00 Camp Kids 5:30 Youth 5:30 Kid Singers 5:30 Small Group at Wings & Fish 5:55 Adult Choir 7:30 Bells	9:00 Prayer Group 9:30 MMOM Music 9:30 Disciple 4	4:30 Community Meal	10:00 Food Pantry/ FH/BA

### CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion	4	5	6 10:00 Amazing Grace	7	8	9
10	11  4:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Trustee Meeting	12 11:00 Grief Support Group	13	14	15	16
17 Laity Sunday	18 6:30 Finance & Budget	19 6:30 Safety Team 6:30 SPRC	20 10:00 Amazing Grace	21	22 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	23 4:00-6:00 Trunk or Treat
24	25 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 UMM	26 11:00 Grief Support Group	27	28 11:00 Grief Share 8:00 MMOM Fall Festival 6:30 Church Council	29	30
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