



# The Circuit Rider

May 2022

## Nails to New Life

Nails. How many nails have been used over the years to build furniture, swing sets, treehouses, homes or other structures. How many times have nails and wood been used to make something useful or something beautiful? Once a nail is set deep in the wood it can be impossible to remove especially without tearing up the wood around the nail.

On Good Friday we heard the sound of nails hitting flesh and wood, not to build something up, but to nail someone down. Evil, doing what it does best, taking something like a nail, something meant for good, and using it in a diminished way to stop the good news of God. On Good Friday we each left with a nail in our hand and were invited to listen to the Holy Spirit reveal where evil has distorted and diminished the good image we were created in. Then on Easter Sunday we are reminded of resurrection. In the hands of our savior the very nails that were used in a way to demonstrate the power of evil, became a witness of what God does in resurrection. Jesus takes what was twisted, and distorted and meant to bring death is transformed into a sign of life. The hope is that the impossibly dark, broken, distorted places of our lives are the very places where resurrection reveals new possibilities, new life, new creation.

I invite you to look at this picture and ponder the sculpture constructed of the nails of Good Friday transformed into a sign of new life. Easter is more than a day - it is a season of the Christian year. A season to ponder the mystery of how Christ is bringing new life to you, me, the church and the world. What places of your life are you hoping that resurrection will be transformed into something beautiful?

Peace in Christ,

*Pastor Stan M.*



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#### Sunday Services

8:30AM Praise & Worship  
9:45AM Sunday School  
11:00AM 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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## HOLY WEEK

What a wonderful Holy Week it was with every service helping us encounter the living God. There are so many people who make Holy Week the special time of reverent celebration that it is each year. I am grateful for the musicians, the organizers of all the logistics, and to our neighboring church friends of Sharon, Concord, and Dixon Chapel. For all those who participated and made this week possible, Pastor Steve and I give you thanks. To God be the glory as we live as Easter people in light of the resurrection. May the grace of God be with you now and forevermore. Pastor Alex



Children Waving Palms



Gathering after Good Friday Service



Carrying the cross on the walk.



### A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with your spiritual blessing today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to children under her care. Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father. Amen

### BIBLE VERSES ABOUT MOTHERS

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her"

Proverbs 31:24-28

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck."

Proverbs 1:8-9

## Pastoral Change Announcement

Camp United Methodist Church is part of a denomination where clergy are provided to local churches using an appointment system. In the appointment system, the bishop oversees the placement of clergy. Since early this year, the Staff Parish Relations Committee has been interacting with the district superintendent, on behalf of the bishop, to help understand the pastoral needs of Camp UMC. During a multifaceted-faceted process of consultation and discernment, the bishop and superintendents support congregations with clergy who hold skills and strengths to empower local churches to flourish as well as align with present missional opportunities.

Bishop Leonard Fairley and the superintendents of the North Carolina Conference have discerned that we will receive a new pastor at the end of June. Our new pastor will be Terry Williams, Senior. Terry and his wife, Jane, will come to us from Englewood UMC of Rocky Mount, NC. The SPRC recently met with Pastor Terry and Jane and we are very excited about their ministry at Camp moving forward.

We give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Steve Murphy and Pastor Alex Parker who have served among us as our shepherds, teachers, and spiritual guides. Pastor Steve and Jill Murphy will be moving to Durham, NC and will be serving at Aldersgate UMC. Pastor Alex and Mallory Parker, and their newly baptized son Julian, will be moving to the Raleigh area. Alex will be serving as Associate Pastor at North Raleigh UMC.

We pray for continued blessings upon Steve and Alex and the lives of their families. We pray that God will prepare Terry and prepare us for this new season of ministry.

Hart Merriman, Chair  
SPRC

## Camp UMC's Sacred Bundle

In the April newsletter, we mentioned the concept of a "Sacred Bundle". Our sacred bundle will be a document that includes memories, traditions, and practices that are important to Camp. This document would be used to tell others about our culture or "DNA". It will be one of the many ways we introduce our new pastor to Camp UMC in July.

The following are examples of input that we have received so far:

1-We participate in small groups, bible studies, and Sunday school classes, seeking God's Word as the authority in our lives.

2-Camp is a loving and welcoming church.

3-The name "Camp" United Methodist Church gets its origin from the early late 1700s when there was on our present land, a campsite along the Shallotte River. Camp meetings were held on the riverbank. Francis Asbury, one of the Methodist Church founders, preached at one of these camp meetings. Our rich history is an important part of our sacred bundle.

4-Our music program is very important.

We have received input from a couple of adult Sunday school classes but would love to have input from the rest of the church. Please send an email with your suggestions to the church office or a member of SPRC no later than May 7th. Your SPRC will consolidate the information into common themes, forming our sacred bundle to share with our new pastor and others.

Blessings,  
Camp UMC SPRC Members  
**NOTE:** Committee members and contact information on next page.

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## A SHORT BIBLE QUIZ

What Bible figure is most closely associated with leading the Exodus from Egypt? A-Daniel, B-Elijah, C-Moses, D-Joseph

Which of the following is NOT one of the Ten Commandments:

- A-Do not commit adultery
- B-Keep the Sabbath holy
- C-Do not steal
- D-Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

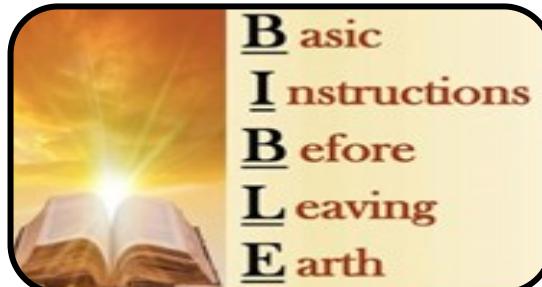
Which Bible figure is most closely associated with willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience to God? A-Jacob, B-Cain, C-Lev, D-Abraham

Which of the following best describes the Christian doctrine of the Trinity?

- A-There are three patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob)
- B-There is one God in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)
- C-The coming of Christ was foretold by three prophets (Elijah, Ezekiel and Zechariah)
- D-There are three Gods (Father, Mother and Son)

According to the Bible, where did Jesus live during much of his childhood and young adulthood? A-Bethlehem, B-Jerusalem, C-Nazareth, D-Jericho

**Bible Quiz Answers: 1=C, 2=D, 3=D, 4=C, 5=A**



## MILITARY CELEBRATIONS IN MAY

### May 8th - V-E Day or VE Day

V-E Day stands for Victory in Europe Day which commemorates the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany to the Allied forces on May 8, 1945, in Great Britain, Western Europe, the United States and Australia, and on May 9 in the Soviet Union and New Zealand.

[www.militarytimes.com](http://www.militarytimes.com)



Americans celebrate V-E Day

### May 21st - Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day was created on August 31, 1949 to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the Armed Forces' unification under one Department of Defense by then-President Harry S. Truman when he signed the National Security Act into law on July 26, 1947.

[www.uso.org/stories](http://www.uso.org/stories)

### May 30th - MEMORIAL DAY

Originally called Decoration Day, this holiday originated during the American Civil War, when citizens would place flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle. After the Civil War, many cities held observances in May for the families of both Confederate and Union soldiers who had died serving their cause. In 1868, John A. Logan, the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, promoted a national holiday on May 30th "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of those who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion." After WWI, the day came to be observed in honor of those who had died in all U.S. wars and its name changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day. Since 1971 Memorial Day has been observed on the last Monday in May.

[www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Camp UMC provided our children and their families with multiple opportunities to experience the **Easter story**. We kicked off the month of April with our community Easter Egg Hunt. It was absolutely beautiful to see so many from our community come out to participate. I want to extend a special thank you to the Youth group and the Parents group who volunteered and cooked the food for the event! Our children participated in the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services. Thank you Camp UMC for loving our children and providing opportunities for them to grow on a deeper level with God.



We will wrap up our weekly Camp Kid meetings on May 25th with an **end of school year celebration!** Our amazing parents group will be cooking dinner for us on the grassy knoll! All children ages birth-5th grade and their families are invited to attend!

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for June 19th-23rd from 5:00-7:30PM! We will host two volunteer informational meetings: May 18th from 6:30-7:15PM in the Salmon Classroom and May 22nd immediately following the 11:00AM service in the Youth and Family Center. During these sessions, you will learn about different opportunities to volunteer with Vacation Bible School. Please plan on attending one of these meetings! A final planning meeting will take place in early June to give out job assignments and final questions.

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good!  
Have a wonderful May, Camp family!

Allison Hunter  
Director of Children's Ministry

## YOUTH

The Confirmation finished their class, and it was a wonderful celebration on Easter Sunday. The following students and Mentors were awesome to work with and we are excited to see where this new journey will take them: Jake Anderson and Aaron Black, Lexi Anderson and Martha Pope, Jax McGougan and Kevin Littlejohn, Zeb McGougan and Art Jacques, and CJ Nelson and Dean Anderson. Congratulations!



In other news, it is hard to believe that we are wrapping up another school year! Youth Group will have their End of Year Party on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, during our regular scheduled time, 5:30PM-7:30PM. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs for our meal and “make your own sundae” bar for dessert. We are inviting parents and grandparents of the youth to join us for our meal, after which we play our new game of **9 Square in the Air**. It will be a fun time for all!

Our summer plans are underway and will be finalized soon. The plans will appear on the Camp UMC website once they're completed.

Thank you all for your prayers and support of these awesome youth!

Kelly Littlejohn,  
Youth Director



## BRUNSWICK COUNTY STREETREACH

The Local Mission Team received a note from Donna Phelps that described the current, dismal situation regarding the current homeless situation in Brunswick County.

There is NO Permanent Shelter, NO public transportation system.

There is a lack of ANY housing & more & more people are moving in.

Currently motel prices are back to summer rates.

For the last 2 weeks, Streetreach has received 4-5 calls daily from individuals seeking emergency help. due to evictions and the influx of new residents.

Many families are trying to hold on until their tax refunds arrive, hoping they can find housing then.

Many individuals doubling up in rentals. Rental amounts have skyrocketed. The rent for some single wide trailers is over \$1500. a month.

Streetreach is stretched to the limit and literally cannot shelter anyone else.

Because many individuals are sleeping in their vehicles, Streetreach is distributing an unbelievable number of restaurant cards, gas cards and \$45 Straight Talk phone cards. **Note:** These homeless individuals and families can receive items from food pantry, but have no way to cook. Without phone cards they can't contact jobs, housing & other needed resources.

The Local Mission team sent Streetreach a \$500 check to help. We are hoping Camp members will assist by donating phone cards, restaurant cards, gas cards or money. If you would like to help, you can place the cards or checks in the collection basket.

Barbara Varnam, Co-chair,  
Local Mission Team



The blood drive on April 7th, yielded 44 pints of life-saving blood. Next blood drive will be in July.



Snacks and beverages were delivered to the Sunset Beach Fire Department on April 8th. The men were pleased with the delivery.

At its April meeting, the Joy Circle of the UMW prayed for and sent Easter cards to all the people on the prayer list.



May 14th 8:00AM-10:00AM

SBIC Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at the Hwy 55 Restaurant in Shallotte. Cost will be \$7.00. For more information, contact Jim Antunes (252) 904-2326.



For over a year now, The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina located in Wilmington has provided The Lords Pantry with literally tons of food on a complimentary basis. This has saved the our food pantry thousands of dollars. Now this food source has severely dried up. Between supply chain issues and the war in Ukraine, the Wilmington Food Bank often finds their warehouse empty.

We are sure that your household have seen your expenses rise recently. Our clients face the same issues and the number of families coming to The Lords Pantry has shown a steady increase. In fact, a recent report from the Wilmington Food Bank stated that 15% of Brunswick County's population is considered to be "food insecure".

One bright spot has been the food donations we receive through PORCH in Brunswick County. PORCH stands for People Offering Relief (POR). It started as a neighborhood food collection in Chapel Hill (CH) and has now grown throughout North Carolina, including Brunswick County. Many local food pantries, including The Lords Pantry, benefit directly from these monthly neighborhood food collection drives. Last month PORCH supplied The Lords Pantry with over **1600 pounds** of food!

PORCH is constantly adding neighborhood food collection points. If anyone is interested in becoming a PORCH site, please contact Jim (252) 904-2326 or Peggy Antunes (910) 579-3288 . They will be happy to explain what is involved.

Finally, we continue to collect clean empty egg cartons and paper grocery bags. Just drop them off in the bin located at the church entrance.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Marlene, Gary and Jim  
(Peggy and Denise too!)

#### **TEN TRUTHS TO REMEMBER**

- 1 Faith is the ability to not panic.
- 2 If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
- 3 As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
- 4 Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.
- 5 When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
- 6 God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
- 7 Dear God: I have a problem. It's me.
- 8 Laugh every day, it's like inner jogging.
- 9 There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
- 10 A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.

Author Unknown

## Ladies On The Bus



This ministry is one that visits members of the Camp family. The ladies (and Pastor Alex) get together and make gift bags for the people they visit. We pray with them, listen to their stories and offer communion. This group of ladies make a difference in the lives of those they visit.

Recently, the ladies visited: Ms. Vergie, Jay Combs, Odell & Pat Hurst, Beverly Carlisle, Doug Burrows and Ms. Birdie.

If you would like a visit or want to add a name to the prayer list, contact Tamy.



The ladies and Alex visited with Odell and Pat

### SCOTTISH PEACE BLESSING



If there is righteousness in the heart,  
there will be beauty in the character.  
If there is beauty in the character,  
there will be harmony in the house.  
If there is harmony in the house,  
there will be order in the nation.  
If there is order in the nation,  
there will be peace in the world.

IN A  
WORLD  
OF PUTINS  
BE A  
ZELENSKY



Our May planning meeting will be May 2nd at 4:00PM in the YFC.

Our May SALT event will be held on May 16th at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a cookout. Anyone that would like to bring a dessert please let me know. We hope to have a trivia event also that night. Please sign up to attend.



Larry Harrelson and Shay Godwin display their slings.



**Next Meeting: May 23rd @ 6:00PM**

RSVP by Monday to May 16th to Jim Wallace (910-880-270) if you plan to attend to ensure we have enough food.

On the April 30th & May 1st, a group of UMM men built a handicapped ramp for a family.

**Our Mission**

"To Help Men Grow in Christ,  
So Others May Know Christ"



Two of our basket weaving ladies, Kathy Holland and Eileen Markum, have a basket on display at the Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington. Great work ladies.



Eileen's basket



Kathy's basket

## TRUSTEE PLANS

We will be adding to the path of the handicapped ramp going into the old sanctuary. We plan to have it going to the parking lot and placing handicap parking signs for easy access.

We are going to get the Marque lights fixed.

Ronnie Markum, Chair  
Trustee Committee

**Susanna  
Wesley  
Circle**

### Attention Camp Church Women

Are you interested in a morning circle of the United Methodist Women? If so, please join the members of the Susanna Wesley Circle at 10:00AM on Tuesday, May 10th in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, call Lynda Eagle at 910-620-4589

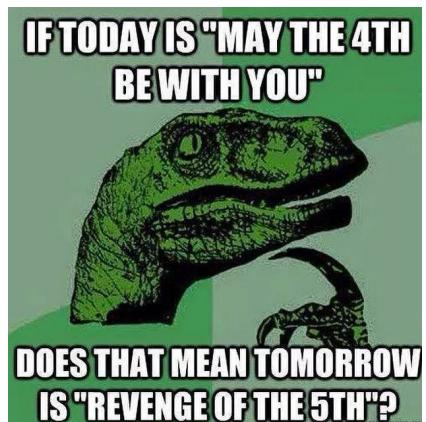
**Welcome**  
New Members



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## MAY GRINS AND GROANS

**Teacher: What is  
the shortest  
month?  
Student: May, it  
only has three  
letters.**





*Celebrating  
the blessing you are  
& the joy you bring*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
INSPIRED BY PHILIPPIANS 4:4

1	Thelma Herring	11	Sally Robinson	23	Beth Willis
2	Terry Bland	14	TJ Yoder	24	Beth Nelson
2	Birdie Frink	16	Jack Scarborough	24	Lynda Troutman
3	Teresa Walker	18	Sandy Braddy	25	Carol Grantham
4	Fran Hecht	18	Martin Callender	25	Diane Smith
5	Thomas Frederick	18	Larry Harrelson	25	Bill Waples
5	Daniel Page	18	Kathy Kyzer	26	Susan Newton
6	Jane Morris	18	Summer Powell	29	Jackson McGougan
7	Ethan Winship	19	Mary Hampton Dowdy	29	Zebediah McGougan
8	Charlotte Evans	21	Julie Chandler	30	Cindy Howell
8	Betsy Fatzinger	23	Susan Forrester	30	Ted Troutman
8	Ramona Parker	23	Elijah Page	31	Bonnie Verzella

Gary & Martha Pope

1 (41)

Hart & Susan Merriam

20 (33)

W.A. & Calley Myatt

2 (2)

Corki & Steven Jarvis

20 (44)

Jeff & Charlotte Evans

8 (33)

Elaine & Burt Weiner

24 (48)

Jeff & Lisa Mintz

10 (36)

Buckey & Judy Deaver

26 (53)

Chris & Alice Bryan

13 (22)

James & Irene Bryant

28 (62)

Odell & Pat Hurst

16 (28)

Alex & Mallory Parker

28 (5)

Tony & Diane Smith

16 (63)

Gary & Sondra McDaniel

31 (41)

Rick & Cheryl Pinson

16 (19)

Dean & Anna Anderson

31 (8)

Stephen & Diane Sowder

17 (42)

Gary & Trisha Poulos

31 (58)



## DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY

May 5th

Cinco de Mayo

May 8th

Mother's Day

May 16th

SALT Activity

5:00PM

May 21st

Parents Night Out

May 23rd

UMM Meeting

6:00PM

May 30th

Memorial Day



### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

Discipleship Class	6:30 Prayer & Communion	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 9:30 Prayer Shaw 2:00 Basket Weavers	5:00 Youth & Children 5:30 Kid Singers 5:45 Aaron Black Small Group 5:55 Adult Choir 7:30 Bell Choir	11:00 Disciple 4	4:30-6:30 Friday Night Community Meals/FH	10:00 Food Pantry
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### Additional Events Listed Below

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:00 SALT Planning Mtg.	<b>3</b>	4 10:00 Amazing Grace 6:00 Introduction to Discipleship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> 6:00 Trustee Mtg. 6:00 Joy Circle 6:30 Lay Leadership Meet	<b>10</b> 10:00 Susannah Wesley UMW	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:00 SALT Activity	<b>17</b> 6:30 SPRC	<b>18</b> 6:00 Introduction to Discipleship	<b>19</b> MMOM Graduation 7:00 Mulberry Park Prayer 6:30 Finance Mtg	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 4:00 Parents Night Out
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 UMM Mtg.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Children & Youth End of year party 6:00 Introduction to Discipleship	<b>26</b> 6:30 Church Council Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	30 Office Closed  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>31</b>				