The Garden Post

794 Sedge Garden Road Kernersville, NC 27284 March 24, 2023

From Dan's Desk

One of the strange things about working in the church both as a lay leader and as a clergy person is that the work comes out of season. That is to say that the planning for Vacation Bible School must take place in the winter. We will start thinking about Advent and Christmas in August. Sometimes it's hard work just to get in the headspace of a season that isn't here. For me, by the time Holy Week arrives, I'm a little lost because during the week I'm already thinking into Spring and Summer.

All that mismatch is okay because the seasons and the holidays are only practice after all. You might have an experience of the Holy Spirit in November, but if you practice the presence of the Holy Spirit back in May during Pentecost you will be able to recognize what is going on. You might enter a Lenten wilderness in the middle of the Summer, but if you were accustomed to fasting and dwelling in the wilderness during Lent, you will know a little better how to trust God and see what happens.

Holy Week and Easter are indeed our highest holy days. We know, however, that the joy, hope, and promise of Jesus' resurrection are available to us every day. We locate the celebration in Easter, but the power is all year long. So, the next time you face a Good Friday, no matter what month or day of the week it is, you will be equipped by our Easter faith to hold on, because we know that Sunday is coming.

I wish the richest of fullest of experiences for you and your family as we finish our Lenten journey together and relive our rising in Christ on Easter morning. May our worship serve to remind you of what you know at some yet to be determined date.

Peace, Dan

Holy Week Services and Events

Kernersville Cross Walk, Friday, April 7th at noon Good Friday Service, Friday, April 7th at 7:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8th at 10 AM Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 9th at 7:00 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service First Fruits Worship, Sunday, April 9th at 8:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sunday, April 9th at 10:55 AM





UMYF Schedule

- March 25th, 9am-3pm Pine Needle Sales
- March 26th -
 - •9:30-10:45am Youth Small Groups
 - •3-5pm GYM
- •April 1st, 9am-3pm Pine Needle Sales
- April 2nd -
 - •9:30-10:45am Youth Small Groups
 - •3-5pm GYM
- •April 8th @ 9am Easter Egg Hunt
- April 9th -
 - •9:30-10:45am Youth Small Groups
 - •3-5pm GYM
- •April 14th-16th Jr./Sr. Retreat
- April 16th -
 - •9:30-10:45am Youth Small Groups
 - •3-5pm GYM
- April 23rd -
 - •9:30-10:45am Youth **Small Groups**
 - •3-5pm GYM
- April 30th -
 - •9:30-10:45am Youth Small Groups
 - •3-5pm GYM



"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 NIV

Pine Needle Fun

This year the Youth will be going on mission in Wilkesboro, NC, doing home repair for a family in need. The past two years, we have focused on urban missions and working directly and indirectly with people who are experiencing homelessness. This year, we will get to work with one family, working on some home repair projects that they cannot afford to do themselves. In order to make this trip accessible to all of our Youth, we set a goal to subsidize the trip by 50%. We can do that because of our fundraising efforts in the Youth Group. One of the best fundraisers that the Youth does is the pine needle sale, and this year we were able to sell the entire trailer within a month! It's hard work, but we have fun working together! Thank you to everyone

who bought pine needles and who support-

ed the Youth by helping us to deliver pine needles during this year's sale!

Fun at GYM!

Before I Go

Have you ever thought about what you would say to your family and friends if you knew it was the last thing that you would get to say to them? For the next five weeks, the Youth are studying the last things that Jesus said to His

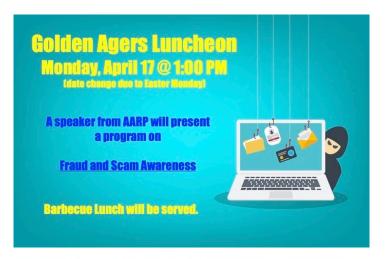


disciples and followers. Jesus taught many things to His followers throughout His ministry, but we can imagine that in the end, the things that He said were of the utmost importance!

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You may drop off your donations by the West Portico of the church. Thank you for your generosity!!

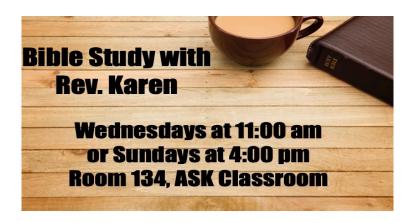




Attention all Outreach Committee Members

There will be a lunch meeting on April 30, 2023 immediately after second service in the fellowship hall. Planning will be focused on the months of May, June, July and August. Please have a representative present from each Sunday school class and all other groups within the church family.

Looking forward to seeing you! Brenda Roth, Outreach Chair





Kernersville Cross Walk

a silent pilgrimage about God's love

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

11:30am Gathering Walk Begins at Noon

Beginning at the Food Lion parking lot at 617 N Main Street and ending at Mt. Gur Cemetery



Sponsored by the Kernersville Christian Ministers Fellowship



Pastoral Care Notes

We extend our Christian love and Sympathy in the passing of:



Don Gordon, January 31, 2023 Betty Peddycord, March 7, 2023 Linda Southern, March 12, 2023



We celebrate the birth of: Ameera June DiGerolamo, born to Desiree on February 24, 2023

Hospitalization and Rehabilitation

Gladys Paschal (at home under hospice care)

Linda Sites (hospitalization)

Jenell Hart

Pat Vogler

Robin Weavil (rehabilitation)

We extend ongoing prayers of petition for comfort and healing to the following:

Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Shirley Ayers Robert Kiser Greg Roth Bryan Staley Lynn Cash Caitlin Little Ellis Rouse Mona Terrell Fran Fiumara Scott Mooney Erline Shelton

Homebound Friends, Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Independent Living Residents



Ann Coffey Myrtis Holder
Dot Sides Peggy Holder

Betty Bryant (Westchester Manor Nursing Home) Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax) Bub and Karen Manning (Salemtowne) Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge) Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ridge) Gayle Hampton (Homestead Hills) Jenny Linville (Arbor Ridge) Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge) Virgil Smith (Heritage Woods)

Church Members Currently on Active Military Duty

Jared Robbins Sam Tice Markus Hamilton Cameron Ashburn *All names above have given permission to the Congregational Care Ministry to be listed.



Easter Morning Music!!

Special Music is planned for 10:55 service on Easter morning.

Jodi Burns, soprano will be singing and there will be a brass quartet.



	Birthdays	4/13 4/14	Blaire Edwards Marlene Smith	4/24 4/25	Jeanette Peace Kathy Hogan
4/1	Fran Amburgey		April Routh	4/26	Cameron Miller
	Steve Hobbs	4/15	Justin Whapham Luke Pike	4/27	Mary Motsinger Cindy Wilson
	Trey Vaughn III	4/16	Ricky Weavil	4/28	Virgil Smith
4/0	Cary Thompson	4/10	Vicky Roberts	4/29	Melissa Klein
4/3	Barbie McLean Star Nowlin		David Strickland	7/23	Cam Bovender
	Kayla Sprague		Belinda Ellington	4/30	April Bocholis
4/4	Vickie Whapham		Zachary Zielinski	., 00	Debbie Ritter
4/5	Jared Joyle		Jimmy Nichols		Michael Berry
4/7	Bill Waibel	4/17	Tammy Candle		,
4/8	Kerry Leetz		Judy Śwain		Anniversaries
4/9	Debbie Talley	4/18	Rev. Karen Smith		
4/10	Amy Henderson	4/19	Justin Kuhlman	4/1	Greg & Brenda Roth
	Nikki Hogan		Thomas Pigg	4/4	Gray & Karen Bovender
4/11	Don Berrier	4/20	Becky Gurley	4/7	Don & Brenda Berrier
	Jessi Idol		Robert Comer	4/11	John & Kelly Buckley
4/12	Alisha Pugh	4/22	Jim Williams	4/22	John & Jenell Hart
	Jan Powell	4/23	Nancy Kluttz		BJ & Ashley Locklear
			Jay Barrett		

Please communicate any Errors and Omissions on the Birthday and Anniversary list to Corine Brouwer in the Sedge Garden UMC office. You may call the office at 336-788-2297 or email her at corine@sedgegardenumc.org. Please be patient with updates...this is a large project with many moving parts!

With deep appreciation Trellis Supportive Care acknowledges your gift of: Pantry Items. By supporting Hospice in this special way, you are contributing to the overall care of our patients and their families. We are sincerely grateful.

Jean Thrower

Dear Sedge Garden UMC,

thank you!

Thank you so very much for the peace lily that you sent in memory of our mother. It was so thoughtful of you to remember her. God bless,

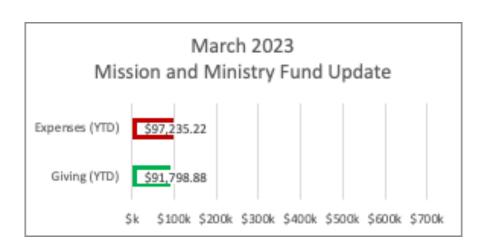
The family of Betty Peddycord

From the Finance Committee...

Needed to meet weekly budgeted expenses: \$11,492.00

Year to Date Expenses: \$97,235.22 Year to Date Giving: \$91,798.88

Giving from Feb 21 - Mar 19: \$42,898.90









Second Annual Cereal Bowl!!

The Outreach Committee and the

Preschool are joining forces for the month
of March to collect as many boxes of
cereal as possible. Join a team —

Preschool, the Garden Kids, the Youth, ASK
class, Manuel class, Fellowship Class,
CAYA, or Monday School/Choir — and help
to build their wall of cereal boxes during
the month of March.
Who will take the trophy this year??











Garden Kids Ministry

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

All About Forgiveness

For the month of March, the Garden Kids are focusing on all things forgiveness: How often do I have to forgive? Who should I forgive? What happens to me when I forgive someone? What happens to them when I forgive others? Why should I forgive? Forgiveness is not always

an easy thing, but it is a spiritual discipline that we can learn when we are young



and practice throughout our lives! Jesus told many stories to help us understand forgiveness and that is our foundation for learning to forgive. We learn that

everyone needs forgiveness when we learn about the woman who anointed Jesus's feet with oil. We learn that we can change someone's life when we forgive them from the story of Zacchaeus. We learn why we should forgive from the story of the king who forgave his servant, but the servant wouldn't forgive another man. And we learn about God's unending forgiveness and love as we learn the story of

the prodigal son.

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GK Volunteers Needed

Ever wonder what the kids do when they leave the sanctuary on Sunday mornings? You can join us as an adult volunteer to find out! No diapers to change, no lesson to teach...just come and sit with the Garden Kids as they sing, dance, play, and learn in Garden Kids' Worship!

Amanda Betters, Director of Garden Kids Ministry 336-624-1423 amanda@sedgegardenumc.org

The Church Council has asked me to provide a synopsis of the United Methodist Church and the issues facing General Conference in 2024. We have scheduled this 90-minute presentation for Sunday, April 16, at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. I have made this presentation to most of our Sunday School classes, and this will be much of the same material but with some updates. You're invited to come and learn a little history, some current events, and see what's on the horizon for the UMC. —Dan Hester

MEMORIALS

<u>In Memory Of</u>

Jim Harrison Tom Martin

General Fund Vonnie Motsinger General Fund Dickie Ellis &

Mac & Charlotte Terri Barnes Britt
McFarland Shirley Matthews

Robert & Cheryl Kiser Michael & Mary Graves

Stephen Ministry Hunter Atkins Loretta Whitt

Mary Stratton

Eugene HooverGolden Agers Patricia Stewart Gregory & Tammy Martin Kave Watts

tricia Stewart Kaye Watts Gale Love

Betty Peddycord Bub & Karen Manning

Golden Agers Richard & Carol Hoover Richard & Beth Stegall Harry & Vicki Jarman

Linda Southern Vonnie Motsinger

General Fund Patti Smothers Helen Lanier

Richard Terrell Dale & Rita Doss
Pamela Martin

Choir Robert & Cheryl Kiser Peggy Reid

David & Jan Marshall David & Jan Marshall

Arthur & Elizabeth Girard

Ron & Barbara Tuttle

<u>In Honor Of</u> First Fruits

Linda Jones

Loyal Wesley Sunday School Class

The Cemetery Committee is asking families to please clean any grave sites (including removing Christmas flowers) before Easter. Thank you!!

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