

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



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YOUTH MINISTRY

24/7

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



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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April Food of the Month



Oatmeal and Grits



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

Golden Agers Luncheon

Monday, April 17 @ 1:00 PM

(date change due to Easter Monday)

A speaker from AARP will present a program on

Fraud and Scam Awareness

Barbecue Lunch will be served.



Bible Study with Rev. Karen

**Wednesdays at 11:00 am
or Sundays at 4:00 pm
Room 134, ASK Classroom**



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, March 26th
7 am
Fellowship Hall**



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



Sedge Garden UMC Youth Pine Needle Sale

**March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th,
April 1st, & 8th
9am-3pm**

**Call to ask about prices, place orders,
and schedule pick-up/delivery date.**

To order please call 336-624-1423

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

April 1

**Church Work Day
9:00 AM**

**Bring your muscles and your green
thumbs to spruce up the church grounds.
Hot dog lunch will be served.**



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)
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
Dot Sides

Myrtis Holder
Peggy Holder

Jenell Hart
Pat Vogler

Betty Bryant (Westchester Manor Nursing Home)
Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax)
Bub and Karen Manning (Salem towne)
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

4/1 Fran Amburgey
Steve Hobbs
Trey Vaughn III
Cary Thompson
4/3 Barbie McLean
Star Nowlin
Kayla Sprague
4/4 Vickie Whapham
4/5 Jared Joyle
4/7 Bill Waibel
4/8 Kerry Leetz
4/9 Debbie Talley
4/10 Amy Henderson
Nikki Hogan
4/11 Don Berrier
Jessi Idol
4/12 Alisha Pugh
Jan Powell

4/13 Blaire Edwards
4/14 Marlene Smith
April Routh
Justin Whapham
4/15 Luke Pike
4/16 Ricky Weavil
Vicky Roberts
David Strickland
Belinda Ellington
Zachary Zielinski
Jimmy Nichols
4/17 Tammy Candle
Judy Swain
4/18 Rev. Karen Smith
4/19 Justin Kuhlman
Thomas Pigg
4/20 Becky Gurley
Robert Comer
4/22 Jim Williams
4/23 Nancy Klutz
Jay Barrett

4/24 Jeanette Peace
4/25 Kathy Hogan
4/26 Cameron Miller
4/27 Mary Motsinger
Cindy Wilson
4/28 Virgil Smith
4/29 Melissa Klein
Cam Bovender
4/30 April Bocholis
Debbie Ritter
Michael Berry

Anniversaries

4/1 Greg & Brenda Roth
4/4 Gray & Karen Bovender
4/7 Don & Brenda Berrier
4/11 John & Kelly Buckley
4/22 John & Jenell Hart
BJ & Ashley Locklear

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 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

March 2023 Mission and Ministry Fund Update





Monday, April 3rd @ 10:00 AM

**Wee Care!
Cereal Drive**



March 1-31, 2023

United Methodist Men's Breakfast on Easter Morning

**April 9th, Easter Morning
After the Sunrise Service
Everyone welcome!!!**



**Widows' & Widowers'
Luncheon**

**Wednesday
April 26th @ 11:45**

**Captain Tom's Restaurant, Kernersville
Please join us for a time of fellowship!**



Sedge Garden United Methodist Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hear the story of Easter told through eggs!

Pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Crafts, Duck Donuts...Egg Hunt!

April 8th, 2023 @ 10am



**SGUMC Scholarship
Now accepting applications!**

**Deadline
May 15!!**

**Call the office
336-788-2297
for an
application**



**For those who will continue to attend schools
of higher education in the Fall of 2023.**



**Worship Service
to celebrate 50 years of
Crisis Control**

**April 3, 2023
7 o'clock pm
First Baptist Church on Fifth**

**To reserve your seat:
call 336-724-7875 ext 1042
or visit
www.crisiscontrol.org/50years**



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.



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

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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

In Memory Of

Jim Harrison

General Fund

Vonnie Motsinger

Mac & Charlotte

McFarland

Robert & Cheryl Kiser

Stephen Ministry

Hunter Atkins

Eugene Hoover

Golden Agers

Patricia Stewart

Betty Peddycord

Golden Agers

Richard & Carol Hoover

Linda Southern

General Fund

Patti Smothers

Richard Terrell

Choir

Robert & Cheryl Kiser

David & Jan Marshall

In Honor Of

Loyal Wesley Sunday School Class

Outreach

Linda Jones

In Memory Of

Tom Martin

General Fund

Dickie Ellis &

Terri Barnes Britt

Shirley Matthews

Michael & Mary Graves

Loretta Whitt

Mary Stratton

Gregory & Tammy Martin

Kaye Watts

Gale Love

Bub & Karen Manning

Richard & Beth Stegall

Harry & Vicki Jarman

Vonnie Motsinger

Helen Lanier

Dale & Rita Doss

Pamela Martin

Peggy Reid

David & Jan Marshall

Arthur & Elizabeth Girard

Ron & Barbara Tuttle

First Fruits

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

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