

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction of the Scripture
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ Scripture Reading
2 Corinthians 9:1-15 (NRSVue)

Sermon
The First Church Stewardship Letter – Part 2
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Sending Hymn
We Plow the Fields and Scatter

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

Our worship services may be recorded and/or live streamed to YouTube, Facebook, and the church's website. Should you need a hearing device, please ask an usher for assistance.

FOR NEW FOLKS:

WELCOME TO GUILFORD COLLEGE UMC!

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us this morning. GCUMC is a place for all who long to grow closer to God and others. You are loved and accepted here. **Please take a moment to fill out our attendance pad with your name and contact information and leave it in the pew.**

JOIN US FOR “COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS”

Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **on October 18th** for “Coffee with the Pastors.” This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about how you might become more involved.

WE LOVE CHILDREN

If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have childcare available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am worship service, and a separate children's worship experience at 11am that begins after the children's message for children in grades K-6.

PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE

To learn more about us, please visit us either at our website, guilfordcollegeumc.org, through our YouTube Channel, or on our Facebook Page (just search “Guilford College UMC” for each). You may also use your phone's camera or QR app to scan the QR code to the right:



GIVE

MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH

- 1 - Text GiveGCUMC to 73256. Then click on the link to give.
- 2 – Visit our website www.guilfordcollegeumc.org to use your credit card or to set up an automatic draft. Immediate receipts are available. You can even use the GCUMC QR code in this bulletin.
- 3 – Log into your REALM account to give through your profile's giving page.
- 4 - Checks can be made out to “Guilford College UMC” and placed in the offering plate and cash is always a good form of giving.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is on October 15th in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30 until 6pm. Give the gift of life. Please make a reservation at www.redcrossblood.org.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The only fundraiser for Women in Faith this year will be a Bake Sale on Sunday, October 25. We will be in the Lobby area of the Fellowship Hall. We are prayerfully hoping, that you can help by donating goods as well as purchasing Bake Sale items on Sunday, October 25. Funds raised are used to support worthy missions in our church, state, nation and internationally. We will receive items such as cakes, pies, cookies, dessert bars, trail mixes, breads, jams, relishes, pickles, etc. on Saturday, October 24 from 3:00-6:00 in the Fellowship Lobby. Please park in the front parking lot and use the entrance to the Fellowship Hall to drop off your items.

PRESALE: Sunday, October 25. Items will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall's Lobby prior to the 8:30 worship service, Sunday School, and after the 11:00 worship service.

BOO BASH BAKE SALE: Sunday, October 25, 4:00-6:00 pm weather permitting under the portico or in the Narthex.

POTATO DROP

The Potato Drop needs volunteers on Saturday, October 24th from 9 am to 12 pm to help sort and bag potatoes. These potatoes (around 40,000 pounds) are gleaned by the Society of Saint Andrew volunteers and generously given to us. Our mission will be to get them bagged and distributed to food pantries in our area in the span of a few hours. Bring your friends to help us with a Potato Fiesta on October 24th! You can sign up online or look for sign up sheets in the Information Center on Sunday.

PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER

We will sell pumpkins from Oct 4 to Oct 31. We need at least two adult volunteers for each shift, so ask a friend to sell with you and sign up. This is a great opportunity to interact with the community. You can sign up on the calendar in the Information Center, call the church office or sign up online through The LINK email newsletter.

CONNECT AND GROW

INTERNET SECURITY TRAINING

Primary Audience: Parents, Teens, and Anyone Interacting with Children
When: Sunday, Oct 25th at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall
Description: This is a training on best practices for using social media to keep you and your family safe. It provides an overview of concerning internet trends related to children's internet use and how to best mitigate the effects on the children you interact with. It will be followed by a question-and-answer time with a security professional.

BOO BASH

Join us for an afternoon of games, decorated trunks, fellowship, candy and fun! Sunday, October 25 from 4:00 until 6:00pm.
How you can help:
Donate Candy - fill the Jack-o-lantern box in the Information Center with bags of individually wrapped candy.
Decorate a Trunk - Sign up to decorate your car trunk and share it with us during the event.
Volunteer - Sign up to volunteer at the event. (examples: Parking attendant, lead a game, pass out candy, set up/clean up, etc.)
Contact Cyndi Allen to help, cyndiandscott818@gmail.com.

PRAY AND WORSHIP

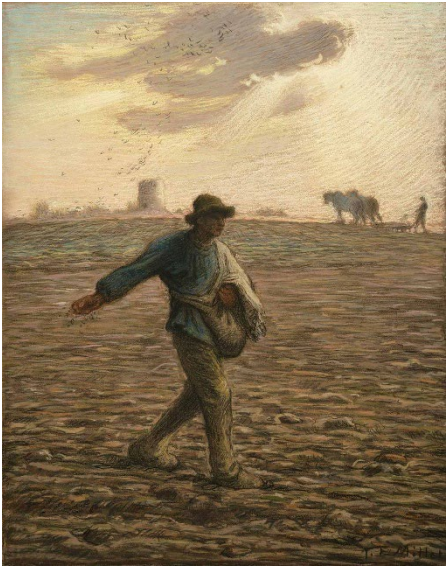
AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: Those who are Grieving: The Friends and Family of Ellen Lancaster; The Family and Friends of Ben Brothers; The Friends and Family of Margaret Joyce; all those who have lost a loved one; Healing: JoAnne Muire (surgery went well, recovering); Dave Wasserboehr; Donna Garcia; Robyn Martin; Sandra Myers; Tom Jenkins; Mike Ballard; Brooke Follo; Mike Duncan; Lynette Whittaker; Surgery and Awaiting Tests: Mike Duncan; Barbara McDonald (10/13); Tom Patterson (10/19); Strength & Faith: Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); Those With Cancer: Becky Pearce; Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Sustaining and Guidance: Helen Phillips; Dot Brogan; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings;

Extended Church Family: Grieving: Reggie and Jim Reid on the sudden passing of their son; The Family and Friends of Patrick; All those who have lost a loved one; Cancer: Jan Soper George; Roger Lewis; Pam Foil; Chip Tanneberger; Wally Jarrell; Freddy Foshay; Heather Rittner; Sean Sullivan; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Sutton Phillips; Linda Payne; Carla Morgan; Tim Vail; Sharon Guarino; Carey Rongitsch; Tammy Smith; Emily; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; Surgery and Awaiting Test Results: Joe Pedalino; Martina (brain tumor); Connie Reynolds; LaTonya Callaway; Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); Healing: Johnny Ramsey; Debbie Lazenby(Trisha Moore's sister); Zion Johnson; Steve Troxler; Patty Ritter; Mo Scalf; Pam Foil; Jasmine (stroke victim); Jim Eldrett; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; Strength and Guidance: The Tyson Family; Sharon Forst; Kiara; Pat Whitt; Lisa T. (employment); Jenny Clapp (brain tumor); Peggy Conaway; Jason Morgan; Y'Suan Mlo and H'Lai, H'Jina, H'Sally, Bunlim and Darwin Leng; Missionaries: Liz and David Gamble; World: our ministry partners in Kenya; all who suffer in war zones; famine, drought, fires, and earthquakes

SERMON NOTES

Today in worship at 11am we will be honoring Gloria Brown for her eighteen years of faithful service as our Church's Finance Director, while also introducing and welcoming her successor in part of her role, Joel Pollard. We will also continue our focus on faithful stewardship giving by reading II Corinthians Chapter 9, which forms the second half of the "First Church Stewardship Letter" that we discussed last week. The Apostle Paul's appeal to the Corinthian Christians reminds us of what faithful stewardship looks like – and why the followers of Jesus give of ourselves for others.



"The Sower" by Jean Francois-Millet (1850)

Today's Scripture:
2 Corinthians 9:1-15 (NRSVue)
KEY VERSES:

"⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, "He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. . . ."

NOTES:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sunday, October 11**
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Youth Group (Grades 7-12) in Room C11 from 5:00-7:00pm
SnYP Bible Study (Navigators) in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm
- Monday, October 12**
Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening
Messy Bun Book Club, offsite at 7:00pm
NA in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm
- Tuesday, October 13**
Eve Rebekah Women's Circle meets in the Rock at 10:00am
Women's Bible Study: Colossians & Philemon via Zoom at 6:00pm
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm
Trustees Meeting in Room A4 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, October 14**
Women's Bible Study: Colossians & Philemon in Room A4 and via Zoom at 9:30am
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon
ESOL in Rooms B5 & B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Youth Fun Night meet on the back field from 6:45-7:45pm
Faith Files/Faith Friends Rooms C13, C14 from 6:45 - 7:45pm
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm
- Thursday, October 15**
Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am
Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30 – 6:00pm
Stephen Ministry Training in the Rock at 6:00pm
Stephen Ministry Supervision in Room A4 at 6:00pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm
- Saturday, October 17**
Funeral for Ellen Lancaster in the Sanctuary at 2:00pm
- Sunday, October 18**
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Breakfast Bunch at the Highwoods Panera at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
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Guilford College United Methodist Church October 11, 2026 – 11:00am

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gloria Brown, in appreciation of her 18 years of service as GCUMC's Financial Director.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

- Prelude**
Ginny Williamson
- Chiming of the Hour**
- Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer**
Laurin Allred
- ^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn**
This is My Father's World, UMH #144

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

- Honoring the Service
of Our Finance Director, Gloria Brown**
- Doxology, UMH #94**
- Children's Moment**
Donna Ford
*At the 11am service, Children in Grades K-6 may exit for Children's Worship on the 2nd floor of the Children's building. They can be picked up from the church Parlor after the service.

- Offering**
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster
- Choral Offertory**
He Hideth My Soul
- Prayers of the People
& The Lord's Prayer**

^ = Please stand as you are able.