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Guilford College United Methodist Church
strives to be a vibrant Christian community
that **transforms** lives, **strengthens** believers,
and **equips** disciples to **live beyond ourselves**
in the light of Jesus Christ.

Guilford College UMC
Living Beyond Ourselves

Faith in
Action

SERVING DAYS
APRIL 16-26

Join us in reaching out!

See insert in this newsletter listing projects available on which to serve.

Please plan to come on Saturday, April 25 to serve in an area that you choose.

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Caring

Prayer Concerns: Carolyn McDuffie, Tom Patterson, Ellen Lancaster, Brooke Follo, Barbara McLeod, Debbie Jenkins, Mike Ballard, Dorothy Zur, Lynette Whitaker, Maria Maynard, Greg Matthews, Katherine and Charles Forbes, Helen Phillips, Bill Blyshak, David Wasserboehr, Tom Jenkins, Lisa Hodges, Jim & Nancy Baity

Sunday Morning Transportation

If you are unable to transport yourself to worship on Sunday mornings, please call the church office by Thursday each week, and we will be glad to arrange a ride for you to worship.

Sunday Morning Drivers:

Apr. 19: Sandy Pearman, Jim Irvin

Apr. 26: Charlie Groves, Bryan Cobb

Prayer Concerns – Extended Family: Wyatt Daufeldt; Nanette Price, friend of Elizabeth Moser; Landon Cottrell (Barbara Price's grandson); Bonnie & Mildred Caldwell (Ronica Bowen's parents); Lee Hicks; Nancy Davis; Darla Freeman; Sarah Lemon, Fay Holliday; Carla Morgan; Heather Taylor; Kathie Williams; Tammy Smith; Peggy Conaway; Jim Cashman; Jim Eldrett (Daryl Watkins' brother); Shilah George; Judy Journey; Y'Suan & H'Lai Mlo & family; Tammy Strickland, Kenneth Briggs; Azalea Marbury; Debra Rutt; Shannon Wilson

Sincere sympathy to friends and family of Diana Clark, who passed away on April 3 and to friends and family of Alannah Romano. Sympathy to Mary Eagle and family, in the death of Harold Eagle, who passed away on April 12. Services for Harold will be held on Saturday, April 18, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Visitation will begin at 9:30 in the Sanctuary and a reception after the service in the fellowship hall. Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted.

Members In Home and Senior Living Facilities:

TerraBella – Paul Long; **Carolina Estates** – Barbara McLeod, Lynn Wall; Sharon Kienholz; **Brookdale Lawndale** – Ann Brantley; **Brookdale NW** - Patsy Wyatt; **Carolina Pines** – Janie Shell; **Clapps Nursing & Rehab, Pleasant Garden** – Sarah Gorham; **Countryside Manor** – Margaret Joyce; **Friends Home Guilford** – Bill & Sarah Brubaker, Karen Lowder, Claudette Kayler, Ellie Dawkins; Linda Metcalf, Barbara Engle, Ray & Judy Harris, Wes Kirkman, Ellen Lancaster, Marilyn & Scott Radley, Emogene Stewart, Rak Kreager; **Friends Home West** – Barbara Jones, Pat Routh, Terry & Joe Ann Weatherford, Bill & Jan Dowdy; **Greenhaven** – Becky Patterson; **Spring Arbor** – Doris Linker; **Abbottswood** – Dot Brogan, Gay Brown; Betty Gordon, Barbara Price; **Heritage Green** - Carrie Gowen, **Well Spring** – Barbara Ebert; **Westchester Manor** – Susie Love, Tina Bell Midgett; **In Home** – Sue Causey, Terri Hastings, Helen Phillips, Betty Siders, Marion Sharpe

Easter Mission Offering



Thank you for your generous giving to the Easter Mission Offering. \$25,700 has been collected to help the Client Choice Pantry at Greensboro Urban Ministry to purchase a walk in cooler for storing the donations of fresh vegetables, fruit, meats and dairy products that are donated each month. Our faithful Lord, through the church family of GCUMC has provided once again for the Food Pantry!! Many hungry families will enjoy some nutritious meals because you gave to the Easter Mission Offering.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

Connecting

Wednesday Welcome Table

April 22, 5:45-6:45 pm

\$7.00 per meal

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli,
Rolls, Salad Bar, Dessert
Kids' Meal: Pizza

April 29

Spaghetti, Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar.
Dessert
Kids' Meal: Chicken Nuggets, Apple Sauce, Chips

COLLEGE GRADUATES - If your family has a Dec. 2025 or 2026 college graduate, we would like to celebrate with you. Please send Randy Wall their name, school, major, and a photo of the graduate to rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org by Monday, April 27.

Youth News



The youth are looking forward to this weekend's Spring Fling luncheon. They came up with some great table questions and activities.

In March, Raegan Gillman attended the Peace Conference at Lake Junaluska. The Peace conference brought people

together from across NC to reflect with others the intersection of faith, theology, and the current realities of our world. This was the first time youth participated in this conference. Here is Raegan's reflection:

"All of the people that I met were very welcoming and accepting. I felt like my presence was very appreciated. I had an incredible time learning and reflecting on myself."

In the future, I hope to find more opportunities for youth to experience conferences alongside adults, so all ages can be part of the conversation.

I had the opportunity to attend an intergenerational ministry workshop recently. We talked about the difference between multi-, cross-, and inter-generational ministries.

Multi-generational = in the same room, but not much interaction with each other

Cross-generational = one generation is presenting/serving another

Inter-generational = multiple generations engaging together in shared practices where everyone contributes

The challenge in ministry is to have a balance of the three. Multi- and Cross-generational activities are easier to achieve, but how do we make activities inter-generational?

-Randy Wall



Come join us for a meaningful, low-stress weekend to connect as families and grow in faith together! Family Camp at Camp Guilrock

(May 1–2) will be filled with campfires, canoeing, crafts, worship, and time to simply rest and play. Tent and cabin options are available, and all ages are welcome. We'd love for you to come with us! Visit <https://campguilrock.org/retreats/family-camp> for more information. Contact Laurin with questions.

Register here:

<https://onrealm.org/GuilfordCollege/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZWE0NDRmOTAtZDc2Zi00ODBILTg0MTItYjQyYjAwZjU0MWMw>

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP – Age appropriate Children's Worship is provided during the 11:00 am worship for children in Grades K-6. Children are dismissed to Children's Worship after the children's message in the Sanctuary and remain there until the end of worship. Parents may pick up children from the Parlor just outside the Sanctuary. Child care for younger children is available in room C8, first floor children's building.

SUNDAY KIDS ZONE for Grades K-6 is provided in Room C14, Second Floor Children's Building from 9:45-10:45 am. Children explore a devotional message and connect through games and activities.

Connecting

SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN -

Please consider donating to the church's Education Scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund allows children the opportunity to attend events and camps which they otherwise would not experience without this financial support. Donations may be deposited in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, directed to the church office, or online by selecting Education Scholarships. Please mark your donations "Education Scholarship Fund" for proper distribution. Thank you for this valuable support

Room/Space Reservations

If you or your group would like to use any space in our church facility, please contact Amy Wall in the church office so it can be scheduled and proper forms filled out. Thank you for your cooperation.

Possible Columbarium Information

Recently GCUMC has been approached about the possibility of creating a columbarium here on site at the church. A columbarium is often an outdoor structure, wall, or room designed to respectfully store urns containing human remains. It consists of small recessed compartments called niches, typically sealed with a commemorative plaque. Each columbarium space represents a vision of love, loyalty, and a legacy that provides future generations with a glimpse into the life story of the departed: a permanent memorial that stands the test of time.

A form to gauge interest will be available on Sunday, April 26.

PASTOR JEREMY'S DISCIPLE SCHOOL All are welcome to join us in the sanctuary beginning at 6:45 pm for an hour in which we focus on how we can become better followers of Jesus together. Disciple School meets roughly every other Wednesday, with future sessions planned for 4/22 & 5/06.

The Eve Rebekah Circle is inviting everyone to attend their meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at 10:00 am. Max Carter, a local historian, author, and expert on everything Quaker will be sharing an engaging and meaningful presentation in our fellowship hall. The presentation will include a discussion about the Underground Railroad and the Witness Tree located on the campus of Guilford College, the Battle of New Garden/Guilford Courthouse and its effect on the surrounding community that we now call home, as well as other topics of interest.

Come and enjoy a time of learning, reflection, and fellowship together. The event will begin at 10:00 and conclude around 11:30. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Praise and Worship Line Dancing at GCUMC

Psalm 149:3 – Let them praise His name with dancing
2 Samuel 6:14 – David danced before the Lord with all his might
Ecclesiastes 3:4 – A time to mourn and a time to dance

If line dancing is something that you've been wanting to try, now is the time! It's a great way to get exercise, push away the blues, and meet some new friends. It's good for all ages and you don't need a partner. We will start off with a 15-20 minute devotion and then learn some fun and easy line dances that will be done to Christian music like Mercy Me and Zach Williams. We'll meet in C1 on the first floor of the Children's Building on April 19, May 3 and May 17 from 3:30-5:00. Contact Sara Hardin at hardinx4@bellsouth.net with any questions or for more information.



Join the Joy Book Club

We will meet on Monday, May 18 at 5:30 pm at McAlisters on New Garden Rd. Come join us to talk about *Tom Lake: A Novel*, by Ann Patchett.

If you can't make it this time, but are interested in joining another time, here is the list of the books we have scheduled:

July 14: *Where the Rivers Merge*, by Mary Alice Monroe

Sept. 14: *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans

Nov. 10: *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*, by Allison Pataki

We look forward to seeing you there! Feel free to contact Cyndi Allen cyndiandscott818@gmail.com.

Connecting

Paths of Welcome ~ Prayer, Compassion, Awareness: A Day of Solidarity with Immigrants



Sunday, April 26th
3-5pm



Marvin United Methodist Church
4401 Indiana Ave
Winston Salem, NC 27105



Contact for more info:
Rev. Dr. Luke Edwards
ledwards@wnccumc.org
704-714-2322



We invite you to

PRAY with immigrants

HEAR first person stories of immigrants

LEARN facts about immigration and how you can
advocate for the wellbeing and rights of immigrants

FELLOWSHIP with immigrants and other advocates

Please join with others after the service for conversations and refreshments in the Church Parish Hall.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-24, 2026

Age 3 as of June 1 through
completed Grade 6

Dinner 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Activities 6:15-8:05 p.m.

No cost for dinner and activities

This is a family friendly event for families to participate and enjoy the fun together! There will be shepherds for children who do not have an adult attending with them (please advise need). Scan QR code to register.



CAMP GUILROCK DAY CAMP

- Current Grades K-5 children during 2025-2026 school year (Rising Grades 1-6 children during the summer 2026) – A five day experience (July 13-17)! Monday

thru Thursday will be at Camp GuilRock. Friday, July 17, is a fabulous fun Friday held at Kaleideum in Winston Salem. Children will gather at 8:10 a.m. to travel to camp or the Friday location. We will return to the church each afternoon by 3:45 p.m. Extended afternoon care is available, and advance notice is required. Please let Donna know if you anticipate needing extended care on the registration and consent form. Scan the QR code to access online registration and required health form

Registration deadline is May 31.



FAITH FRIENDS (GRADES K-3) AND FAITH FILES (GRADES 4-6) – Both

groups meet each Wednesday, from 6:45-7:45 pm. Both groups provide an environment for children to pray for each other, encourage each other, learn about

God and each other, and have great fun together! Faith Files (Grades 4-6) is enjoying "Bible Explorers" where we learn about the Bible through games, music, activities, and digging into their own Bibles given to them by the church. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ford, dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL – Registration is

now open for the 2026-2027 school year.

For enrollment information go to

www.gcumckids.org or contact Shelby

Hallquist

preschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org



KID'S MUSIC

CLUB – The Kid's Music Club for grades 1 - 6 meets on Wednesdays at 6:10 pm

in the choir room. Our focus during the Spring will be on Hand Chimes. Children will be transported to Faith Files or Faith Friends after Music Club if the parents wish. Come join us!

PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST WOMEN'S DAY APART – Save the date of Saturday, August 22,

for a full-day women's spiritual renewal day at GCUMC. We will soak in uplifting worship and Bible teaching as we encourage and fellowship together. It will be good for your soul.

Serving

GCUMC Mission Team to Spruce Pine – April 23rd – 26th, 2026

We are forming a work team of about 20 people who will travel to the Spruce Pine area in the mountains of Western NC to continue to help with the rebuilding effort following Hurricane Helene. We will be leaving on Thursday evening after work and returning on Sunday afternoon. If you would like more information, or are interested in joining the team, please contact Team Leader Jim Sandknop at jim.sandknop@leoterradevelopment.com or 336-362-1716.

Needs for Kenya Trip



-Reading Glasses (No Prescription glasses)



-Individually wrapped toothbrushes



-8-pack Crayons

-Wooden Pencils (not mechanical)



Please bring your items and place in the designated receptacles in the Information Center.

Invitation to Adults:

Youth Snack Supper. We need people to help us with Sunday night youth dinners. You can cater or cook the meal. We also ask that you stay and eat with us. This is an excellent opportunity for adults and youth to connect over food. Please contact Randy Wall or Lindsay Fusaiotti to sign up. We need volunteers on 4/26, 5/3, 5/17 and 5/31.

Trip Chaperones for Youth

We need adult men and women to journey with the youth on our mission trip to Asheville June 22-28. If you can come for the whole week or just a couple days. We need people to help with transportation, projects, chaperoning, and meals. Please contact Randy Wall (rwall@quilfordcollegeumc.org) if you are interested in helping.

Familites in Transition Team – Because of your generosity, Families in Transition can continue setting up apartments for individuals and families transitioning from homelessness, as well as refugees building new lives. Our most urgent needs right now include:

- Twin comforters
- Small trash cans
- Small cooking pots
- Baking dishes
- Mixing bowls
- Small paring knives
- Lamps

If you have furniture you would like to donate, please contact Judy Piper (336-312-5562) or Ronica Bowen (336-202-0460). We are especially in need of couches, dining room tables & chairs and beds—but every donation makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and compassion. Your support truly changes lives and brings hope to the families we serve.



Our next blood drive will be held on Thursday, May 21. If you would like to donate, please, go online to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment

to donate. Should you have any questions, call/text David Saunders at 336-337-3126.

HONORARIUM

*In Honor of Mary and Harold Eagle
Carol Fossett*

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Diana Clark

*Minerva Heavner
Barbara Jones
Vicki Kidd*

In Memory of Harold Eagle

*Richard and Nancy Blackwelder
Minerva Heavner
Vicki Kidd
Morris and Judy Newlin
Terry and Joe Ann Weatherford*

In Memory of Nickey Hart

*(Lewis Wilson's sister)
Morris and Judy Newlin*

In Memory of Harold Proctor

Morris and Judy Newlin

In Memory of Lorraine Sandknop

*Morris and Judy Newlin
Steve and Tina Sumner*



- April 16 Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall
- April 18 Collect food for GUM at the Food Lion
- April 22 Restock the GUM Food Pantry
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- April 23-26 Western North Carolina Rebuilding Team to Spruce Pine
- April 25 Serve Breakfast at Potter's House 6 am -8 am
- Trash Traps clean-outs with the Creation Care Team
- Reconsidered Goods Saturday
- Assemble Hygiene Bags and Cleaning Kits for Families in Transition
- Organize Family in Transition Room
- Fluff playground mulch
- Clean playground equipment with soapy water
- Wash the mailboxes and parking signs
- Cleaning vans at Sanctuary House
- Splitting wood, Painting fence gates and Planting the garden at Camp Guilrock
- April 26 Organize Warehouse for NCASC (afternoon)
- April 27 Make and Serve a meal at Pathways Shelter

Register to participate outside of Pastor Susan's office, through Realm events or through our church website: www.guilfordcollegeumc.org.

Creation Care Clean Up Day



Join GCUMC Creation Care Team and the City of GSO to clean up Lake Brandt at a Kayaking Cleanup Event! Make a splash for a good cause! Join us for the **Lake Brandt Kayak Cleanup** on **Wednesday, May 6, from 6–8 PM** at the Lake Brandt Marina ([5945 Lake Brandt Road, Greensboro, NC 27455](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5945+Lake+Brandt+Road,+Greensboro,+NC+27455)). This free event is open to participants **ages 10+** (with adult supervision) and is a great opportunity to help protect one of our local drinking water reservoirs and celebrate Drinking Water Week.

We'll be paddling out to collect litter in hard-to-reach areas — kayaking experience is **required**. Don't have a kayak? No problem! A limited number of boats are available for use, but we encourage you to bring your own if you can. All cleanup supplies, including **buckets, trash bags, gloves, vests, and grabbers**, will be provided. Just bring your paddle power and passion for clean water!

Space is limited, so sign up early and help us keep Lake Brandt beautiful and healthy! If you have any questions or want to register, please contact Barbara McDonald at barbs_baskets@yahoo.com or 336-686-4060.

Creation Care Corner



Powering a Cleaner Future: From remote controls and toys to flashlights and phones, batteries power much of our daily lives. But when they're tossed in the trash, they can become an environmental hazard. Recycling household batteries is a simple step that makes a big difference—for our communities and for the planet. Recycling household batteries: protects the environment; conserves valuable resources; reduces fire risk; and supports a circular economy. The Creation Care Team will make this a bit easier for you to recycle your household batteries if you do not already have a recycling system. We have placed containers in the Information Center and upstairs in the balcony. You may bring in your household batteries (A, AA, AAA, 9 Volt, hearing aid/watch, C, D only). We will monitor the container and recycle the batteries appropriately. If you'd like further information on where you can personally recycle your batteries, contact Carol Randecker at cjrandecker@msn.com or stop her in the hallway.

By taking a few simple steps to recycle household batteries, each of us can contribute to a healthier environment and a more sustainable future.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PASTOR ANDRÉS

Dear GCUMC Family,

As I sit down to write this letter, I find myself in a moment that feels both familiar and entirely new. Almost four years ago, I wrote to you with a sense of wonder and anticipation, trying to grasp what it would mean for my family and me to join you in Greensboro. I remember describing that moment as surreal—unsure of how all the pieces would come together, yet trusting that God was already at work ahead of us.

Today, I write to you again with that same sense of awe—but this time, it is accompanied by deep gratitude and a weight I carry with me as I write this.

From the very beginning, you welcomed the Pérez family with a generosity and warmth that we will never forget. Before we even arrived, you made space for us. You prayed for us, cared for us, and invited us into your life as a church family. What we hoped for in that first letter—that we might “know you and be known by you”—became a reality in ways we could not have imagined. Together, we stepped into something new, and I am deeply grateful for the ways you embraced that journey.

In recent weeks, I was approached about an opportunity to serve in a new pastoral role in Atlanta. This invitation came from the same church that our core planting team visited in 2023, before Brazos Abiertos began—a place that helped shape some of our early imagination for ministry. After being approached, I received our Bishop’s blessing to explore this opportunity. And after much prayer, discernment, and many conversations with my family and mentors, I have decided to accept this call.

I have accepted the role of Lead Pastor at The Nett Church in Atlanta, part of the North Georgia Conference—a multicultural community seeking to grow in faith and life together. I will begin this new appointment on July 1.

This was not an easy decision. Guilford College UMC has been more than a place of ministry for us—it has been a place of belonging. You have walked with us through seasons of transition, growth, and uncertainty. You have been there in moments of joy and celebration, and also in times that were heavy, complicated, and difficult. In all of it, you showed up—with care, with patience, and with a kind of steady love that carried us more than you probably realize. You have loved our family well. You have been our family away from home. And for that, we are deeply grateful.

At the same time, I hold onto the same conviction I shared when arriving: this has always been God’s work. We have had the privilege of participating in it together, but the story does not begin or end with any one person. What God has started here will continue.

In the weeks ahead, there will be time to say goodbye more personally, to celebrate what has been, and to look ahead together. My final Sunday with Brazos Abiertos will be May 24, a day that marks both Pentecost and the third anniversary of that community—a meaningful moment to close this chapter.

Thank you for welcoming us.
Thank you for trusting us.
Thank you for walking alongside us.

We carry you with us into this next season.

Con gratitud y esperanza,
Andrés, Ari, and Inés y Helena.

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A BRIEF POSTSCRIPT FROM PASTOR JEREMY

Dear Church,

The important news which Andrés shares above is emotional and bittersweet for us. We grieve saying good-bye to such a special family. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for Andrés' friendship, for his ministry among us, and for how God has used him as an agent of transformation in our church. At the same time, we understand the nature of God's calling, and we trust Andrés' discernment. We are proud to be sending him on, in strength, to another important mission field. In the grand scope of the kingdom of God, nothing is lost: the cause of our grief will lead to blessing and joy for others. It will also open a space for the Spirit to work in new ways not only in Atlanta, but here as well.

Even as Andrés departs, our church and our Annual Conference remain deeply committed to the development of our sister Brazos Abiertos bilingual faith community, which Andrés has so wonderfully helped us to begin. That mutual partnership, and that life-giving relationship, will continue. Over the next weeks our church leaders will be talking together with members of Brazos Abiertos to discern what leadership model will best enable that precious community, which God has planted through Andrés, to continue to grow and to thrive and to blossom – and to identify what leader or leaders will help us to continue to walk in accompaniment together. As we enter into this time of transition, please pray for us all, and please pray for Andrés and his family. Let us live with trusting faith, and abiding hope, and tender love – so that we may see the goodness and grace and glory of God revealed again in this Easter season of change and new life.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeremy