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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



CHURCH-WIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 10, 6:30 pm, Room C1



Everyone is invited to come and enjoy

great fellowship and homemade ice cream with your church family.

If you have a freezer, fill it with your favorite flavor of ice cream and join us.

Please contact Donna Garcia, 336-708-7495, or Pastor Susan at
ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org.



Wednesday Night OUTSIDE: On August 13, join us on the back field
for dinner at 6:00 pm. After dinner there will be children's and youth
activities and Disciple School for adults. Please bring a lawn chair.

August 13 – Last WNOoutside for the Summer

CROW'S NEST

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Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

An essential component of our Sunday worship is the time during the service when we offer the Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer. When we also have a call to prayer with a short song or chorus that guides us into the time of dialogue with our Lord, it makes it especially meaningful to me. Lifting up the names of those we love and are concerned about, those who we feel inclined to pray for, allows us to pray for them as a congregation and to carry them in our hearts and minds even after we leave the service. You might take note that there is a part in the bulletin where many of the names are printed as well. Some people use the blue attendance pads to write to the pastors about a prayer concern and these are usually read on Mondays. You might have noticed that there is a heart shaped wooden prayer bowl on a shelf in the Narthex. It is placed there for anyone who might like to write a prayer concern on a small card that is available next to the bowl and place it in the wooden heart. The pastors will check the bowl for prayer cards on Wednesdays before we go into noontime prayer.

Praying for others is called intercessory prayer. There are many examples of God's people interceding for others throughout the Bible. The Prophet Isaiah (64:1,2) asks God to "tear open the heavens and come down so that the mountains would quake at the Lord's presence." Isaiah asks God to make the name of the Lord known to the adversaries and he prays that the nations might tremble at the very presence of the Creator. Isaiah prays that although the people have done wrong and turned away from God, may the Lord have mercy, not to be exceedingly angry with the people. Isaiah pleads for God to move in a mighty way to save his people and that it may reach all people from whatever country, language group or culture. I sense that Isaiah understands the dire circumstances of humanity but also has the hope and faith that The Almighty can rescue us from our sin.

This week we will begin reading the Prophet Jeremiah who will offer lament, pairing it always with hope, so that the people of Israel who lived during turbulent times, which included the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians and the exile of God's people to Babylonia, would find strength and deepen their faith. During Jeremiah's time of prayer, he also must listen for the words of the Lord. God said to Jeremiah (32:27) "I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too hard for me?" God's promises to the people include that "They shall be my people and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may revere me for all time, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them, never to draw back from doing good to them; and I will put the fear of me in their hearts, so that they may not turn from me." (Jeremiah 32:38-40) God invites us to pray and talk with him, he said to Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." (Jeremiah 33:3)

As we intercede for those who are hurting, those who need wisdom, those who are in leadership and those who are lonely, let us listen and remember some of God's promises to keep the everlasting covenant that was given to us in Jesus Christ, that the Lord will do good and be faithful to us and our children and the coming generations. Let us be invited into conversation with our Holy Creator and trust that there can be sense made of some of the suffering and challenging circumstances that we are experiencing. Continue to lift up the names of others and share these needs with the Lord. We covenant to pray together with you following the example of the saints who have gone before us trusting that God will act in power and might.

May our hearts be unified in Christ,
Pastor Susan

Caring

Prayer Concerns: David Vanhoy, Val Follo, Martha Fogleman, Maria Maynard, Steve Fennell, Lynette Whitaker, Kathy Raper, Bobbi Peabody, Doris Linker, Marjorie Liles, Charles Heavner, Patsy Wyatt, Harold Proctor, Janet Green, Helen Phillips, Harold Eagle, Margaret Joyce, Gina Murphy, Jim & Nancy Baity, Maria Maynard, Bill Blyshak, David Wasserboehr, Becky Babaoff, Larry & Carole Stevens, Tom Jenkins, Barbara Jones, Lisa Hodges, the WNC Mountains, our nation and world

Sincere sympathy is expressed to Cookie Freese and family, in the death of her brother Frank Payne; to Nancy Furnas and family, in the death of her sister, Amy Longville; and to Pam & Paul Ingram in the death of Pam's mother, Angelika Otte; to Jay Stone and family in the death of his father; to Rick Amos and family in the death of his brother-in-law, Thomas Smith. Sympathy also to Susan & Randy Marshall, in the death of Susan's mother, Patricia Tarlton. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Prayer Concerns – Extended Family: Robert Gullett; Matt Spangard; Jim Cashman; Sammy Rodriguez; Alannah Romano (friend of Bob Garren); Ron Moser; Jim Eldrett (Daryl Watkins' brother); Shilah George; Emily Franco (Jennifer Ward's daughter); Dawn Hand; Judy Journey; Debbie Sexton; Sammy Williams; Mary Lehman Johnson; Y'Suan & H'Lai Mlo & family; Tammy Strickland, Travis Hicks' sister; Kenneth Briggs; Phillip Stone; Azalea Marbury; Sherry Jones; Debra & Dan Rutt; Jerri Ramsey; Roxana Alvarado; Archie Bingham; Shannon Wilson; Jack Miller; Mark Ralls; Steve Troxler

Sunday Morning Transportation

If you or someone you know is unable to transport themselves to worship on Sunday mornings, please call the church office by Thursday each week, and we will be glad to arrange a ride to worship.

Sunday Morning Drivers:

July 20 – Jim Irvin, Richard Blackwelder

July 27 – Richard Blackwelder, Debbie Lambeth

Members In Home and Senior Living Facilities:

TerraBella – Paul Long; **Carolina Estates** – Barbara McLeod, Janie Shell, Lynn Wall; Sharon Kienholz; **Brookdale Lawndale** – Ann Brantley; **Brookdale NW** – Patsy Wyatt; **Clapps Nursing & Rehab, Pleasant Garden** – Sarah Gorham; **Friends Home Guilford** – Karen Lowder, Claudette Kayler, Diana Clark, Ellie Dawkins; Barbara Engle, Ellen Lancaster, Emogene Stewart. **Friends Home West** – Bill & Sarah Brubaker, Barbara Jones, Betty Kirkman, Pat Routh, Terry & Joe Ann Weatherford, Bill & Jan Dowdy; Ray & Judy Harris; **Greenhaven** – Becky Patterson; **Pennyburn** – Roland Sasseville; **Spring Arbor** – Doris Linker; **Abbottswood** – Dot Brogan, Gay Brown; **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, Linda Weaver

SUNDAY MORNINGS for Grades K-6 from 9:45-

10:45 a.m. in Rooms C12 and C14. Devotions, games and fellowship! CHILDREN'S WORSHIP is provided for Grades K-6 children during the 11:00 a.m. worship in Room C14. Children are escorted to C14 after they are dismissed from the Sanctuary and return to the Parlor for parents to pick up at the end of worship. **CHILD CARE** for children age 4 and under in Room C8 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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!

Please go to our church's website to access any links in the newsletter.

Connecting



Thank you to our volunteers and especially to our blood donors as we collected 45 units of life-saving blood on July 10th. Our next Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, August 14 in room C1. To make an appointment to donate, go online to

www.redcrossblood.org. If you have questions, contact David Saunders at 336-337-3126.



GCUMC Weekday Preschool

Please help spread the word about our Preschool and After School programs by following us on social media or by word of mouth. Check out our new website: www.gcumckids.org and follow us on Instagram: gcumcpreschool or on Facebook: GCUMC Preschool or GCUMC Super Kids After School." Thank you!

SnYP (Students and Young Professionals) IN THE SUMMER: If you're a college student or young adult, we need you in SnYP- Students & Young Professionals. This summer we take a break from our weekly Wednesday meetings—but we are even more active than ever! On the docket this summer: small group meetings, bowling, service projects, mission trip, hiking, and more! [Click to view our calendar!](#)

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP for Children – July 21-25, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Register now for an awesome summer music camp for children who have completed Grades K-5 (rising Grades 1-6 for 2025-2026 school year). Music camp provides a fun and enriching opportunity for children to learn, develop, and enjoy music-related activities, including singing and playing various instruments. No cost for camp.

Scan QR code to register.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME PART 2 – Join your GCUMC friends at the Greensboro Grasshoppers game on **Friday July 25th at 6:30pm**. This evening game also ends with fireworks! Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at our link!

[Purchase ticket here.](#)



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

Kids meet Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45 p.m all through the summer! We begin on the playground, weather permitting, or the game room and then move into our groups. Come and join

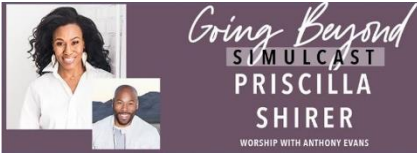
the fun and bring a friend! If you have questions, please contact Donna Ford, dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

Looking for a Wednesday night group this summer? Shirley Ozment's Journey Group meets at 6:45 pm most weeks that do not have Disciple School and is open to all adults who are seeking connection and a forum to discuss *The Bible Year* readings. Summer meetings: August 6, August 20, September 3. For more information or to join the group, contact Laurin Allred at lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

DISCIPLE SCHOOL WITH PASTOR JEREMY – 6:45pm in the Sanctuary on select Wednesdays

- Join us throughout the summer as Pastor Jeremy leads us in discussing and reflecting further on the weekly readings for The Bible Year. All are welcome, and no advanced reading is necessary. Come join us to learn and to grow and to connect with others. Note: Disciple School will be offered on the following Wednesdays: **August 13th, and August 27th.**

Connecting



You are invited to the 2025 Priscilla Shirer Live Simulcast at Guilford

College United Methodist Church on **Saturday, August 23, 2025**. Join other women from around the world for this inspiring one-day event with Priscilla Shirer. You are invited to be part of this global simulcast to deepen your faith in Christ.

The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 4:00 p.m. Doors open and check-in begins at 8:15 a.m. The event contains three teaching sessions featuring Priscilla Shirer and worship with Anthony Evans and the Priscilla Shirer Live praise team.

Tickets are \$30 per person which includes morning coffee, snacks, and lunch. Pre-registration and payment are required. Tickets are non-refundable.

Please contact Donna Ford at 336-292-5833 or dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org with questions.

We look forward to seeing you on August 23 for this spiritual day apart!

Click on the link below to register. We hope to see you for this Spirit-filled day of spiritual renewal! Bring friends!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST](#)



**BOWLING FUN
FOR JOY GROUP
(Just Older Youth)**



**Beat the Heat with Bowling
Thursday, July 31st at 1:00 pm
Spare Time Entertainment
5502 Hornaday Rd., Greensboro**

Cost: \$22.50 per person (includes bowling & shoes)

Looking for a cool way to beat the heat this summer? Come join the JOY Group for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned bowler or just in it for laughs, we'd love for you to come roll with us!

RSVP by July 25th to Cyndi Allen, 703-615-7022 or cyndiandscott818@gmail.com or call the church office to reserve your spot.



JOY (Just Older Youth) Book Club

We're excited to share the upcoming schedule for the **JOY (Just Older Youth) Book Club**—a wonderful way to connect, reflect, and enjoy great stories together. Whether you've been with us from the start or are just thinking about joining, we'd love for you to be part of this special fellowship.

Come join us for fellowship, food, and a great book discussion! All meetings are held at **McAlister's Deli on New Garden Road**. We'd love to have you with us—whether you've read the book cover to cover or just want to listen

July 29, 2025 – 5:30 pm

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni

September 23, 2025 – 5:30 pm

Silver Alert by Lee Smith

November 18, 2025 – 5:30 pm

The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers by Samuel Burr

January 20, 2026 – 5:30 pm

The Poppy Fields by Nikki Erlick

March 24, 2026 – 5:30 pm

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

May 19, 2026 – 5:30 pm

Tom Lake: A Novel by Ann Patchett

Interested in joining?

Please contact **Cyndi Allen**

✉ cyndiandscott818@gmail.com (703) 615-7022

☎ Or call the church office

Youth Update

YOUTH FUN NIGHTS – Wednesday Fun Night for Youth from 6:45 - 7:45pm. Students in grades 7-12 meet for activities, games, and devotion. Join us on the back field or Hilltop Room depending on the weather.

Serving

CREATION CARE

CORNER: *NEW

DATE* Unfortunately our original date (June 25th) was cancelled due to summer storms -- But NO worries --



it's been rescheduled. **Join GCUMC Creation Care Team and the City of GSO- Lake Townsend Kayaking Cleanup**

Make a splash for a good cause! Join us for the **Lake Townsend Kayaking Cleanup** on **Wednesday, July 30, from 6–8 PM** at the Lake Townsend Marina. 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. 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 with Barbara McDonald early and help us keep Lake Townsend beautiful and healthy!

Barbara McDonald at
barbs_baskets@yahoo.com
(336) 686-4060

SERVING WITH A TWIST THIS SUMMER:

On June 30th, a team of volunteers with GCUMC fixed and helped serve a meal for the residents at the Weaver House Shelter. It was a blessing to serve some of the men and women at Greensboro Urban Ministry, our partner organization that our church already supports in a variety of ways. The Serving Team has a Serving Day planned for October 18th, but we invite you to sign up to help with one of the Summer Serving Opportunities that are available during the months of July and August. Please watch for opportunities in the newsletter, bulletin and LINK. Thanks in advance for doing God's work.



Summer Serving Opportunities at Greensboro Urban Ministry

Use link to sign up or contact person listed.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094CAEAB2CA13-57336589-gcumc>

July 25, Fri., 1:00-4:00 pm Food Pantry 305 W. Gate City Blvd.

- 5 people needed age 12 & up
- Sort nonperishable food items-pasta, cans, beans
- Requires some bending, standing, lifting
- Contact Carol Townsend 336-509-9630 or carolmtownsend60@gmail.com

Aug. 2, Sat., 9:00am-1:00 pm – Serve lunch at Potter's House Community Kitchen, 305 W. Gate City Blvd.

- Lunch served 10:30am-12:30 pm
- 5 people needed age 12 & up
- Help prepare lunch and serve through take-out window
- Contact Judy Newlin 336-707-1541 or newlinjf@gmail.com

Aug. 20, Wed., 2:00-5:00 pm – Prepare Weaver House Meal at GCUMC

- 5 people needed to help purchase/prepare simple meal w/dessert
- Meal will be picked up at 5:00 by volunteers who serve dinner
- Contact Pastor Susan, 336-292-5833 or ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

Aug. 20, Wed., 6:00-8:00 pm – Serve dinner at Weaver House, 305 W. Gate City Blvd.

- 8 people needed age 12 & up
- 6:00pm meet at GUM to serve 80 residents
- Contact Judy Newlin 336-707-1541 or newlinjf@gmail.com

Serving

Creation Care Corner

Join the Creation Care Team!



Are you passionate about caring for God's creation? Do you feel called to help our church become more mindful of sustainability, stewardship, and environmental responsibility?

If this is you, join our Creation Care Team -- we would love for you to be part of it! This group will explore ways our church community can live out our faith through actions that protect and preserve the earth—God's creation.

Whether you have ideas for reducing waste, enjoy gardening, or simply want to learn more, there's a place for you on the team.

Interested? Please reach out to Barbara McDonald @ barbs_baskets@yahoo.com or Pastora Susan @ ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org for more information. We'd be thrilled to have you join us on this important journey of faith and stewardship.

Guilford West Missional Network Mission Opportunity

August 2, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Backpack Beginnings
3711 Alliance Dr., Greensboro

Come and help sort incoming donations that will go out to children in Guilford County

Call/text Lynn Alexander at 336-456-6686 to volunteer or just show up on August 2.



BackPack
BEGINNINGS

GCUMC FINANCIAL REPORT June 30, 2025

2025 YEAR PROJECTED vs. 2025 YEAR ACTUAL:

Year to date Operating Budget Contribution analysis:

Total 2025 budget:	\$1,201,449.00
Amount needed to date for 2025 budget:	600,724.50
Amount received as of 6/30/25 for budget:	<u>568,321.32</u>
Difference:	(\$ 32,403.18)
*(amount between projected budget needs to-date and actual received)	

Year to date Operating Budget surplus/deficit analysis:

Amount received for budget as of 6/30/25:	\$ 568,321.32
Expenses as of 6/30/25:	<u>568,479.74</u>
Difference:	(\$ 158.42)

We continue to be blessed by our generous congregation and we continue to focus on our core operating budget. This budget is funded by our planned annual pledges, as well as, unplanned giving and interest/fees. These funds in total sustain our work in the community, our external missions, our internal ministries and needed upkeep of our existing grounds and facilities.

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Mike and Donna Garcia
Mary Jane Gordon

In Honor of Rev. Troxler, Pastor Susan and Staff
Minerva Heavner

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Liddy Davidson Whedbee
Mary Jane Gordon

In Memory of Mary Lehman
Sharon Crocker

In Memory of Amy Longville
(Nancy Furnas' sister)
Sharon Crocker
Mike and Donna Garcia
Carol Ingram
Vicki Kidd

In Memory of Angelika Otte
(Pam Ingram's mother)
Mike and Donna Garcia
Vicki Kidd

In Memory of Frank Payne
(Cookie Freese' brother)

Ellie Dawkins
Mike and Donna Garcia
Carol Ingram
Vicki Kidd
Derek and Robin Young

In Memory of Susan Snyder (Lisa Hodges' sister)
Sharon Crocker

In Memory of Thomas Smith
(Rick Amos' brother-in-law)
Vicki Kidd

A Story about Our Summer Serving Opportunity

The Journey Group, Golden Girls, was asked to help with two of the summer programs. We were asked to sort books and prepare goodie bags which would also have books in them. The bags were prepared for The Arts Camp at Partnership Village for Middle and High School students and the Summer Reading Program for Elementary students.

Six ladies were able to help and we sorted and sorted and sorted books – categorizing them into appropriate grade levels. There were three retired teachers helping which made the sorting much easier and fun. Those of us that were not teachers, saw the joy and love the teachers had for their favorite books as they encountered them. We would hear, “oh, my goodness I used to read this book to my children,” as they hugged the book. There was so much love, joy and memories shared as we sorted what we think was over 500 books.

We pray that these books will bring many hours of reading and fun as the children take them home, open the book, and enjoy the adventures inside.





August Birthdays

Aug. 1	Ken Quintana, Samantha Williams
Aug. 2	Anthony Donato, Sophie Donato, Taylor Meister, Debbie Nelson, Zoe Ruley
Aug. 3	Teri Cheek, Susan Suarez Webster
Aug. 4	David Hastings, Grey Lane, Marsha Phillips, Addie Roy
Aug. 5	Ellen DeSanto, Matt Stump
Aug. 6	Tyrone McDuffie
Aug. 7	Judy Miller, Sandra Pearman
Aug. 8	Becky Babaooff, Lisa Hodges, Bob Stimpson, Frank Williams
Aug. 10	Linda Weaver
Aug. 11	Sharon Crocker, Lindsay McRae
Aug. 12	Kynslee Cox, Dan Dietz, Linda Prevette
Aug. 13	Dan Wall
Aug. 14	Dawn Amos, Jimmy Stimpson
Aug. 15	Charles Forbes, Audrey Martin, Becky Pearce, Ines Perez
Aug. 16	Olivia Barrequeta, Susan Jenkins, Leslie Patterson
Aug. 17	Lisa Thomas, Lucas Woodrum
Aug. 18	Mark Hepler, Jeanne Lohr
Aug. 19	Summer Beasley, June Davis, Joshua McDonald, Casey Ramsey
Aug. 20	Parker Cabiness, Barbara Durham
Aug. 21	Amanda Durham, Leilani Langenfeld, Susan Lennartson
Aug. 22	Stephen Carney, Bobby Davis, Dylan Martin, Caitlyn Polito, Barbara Price
Aug. 23	Cheryl Bullard, Doris Linker, Doug Roberts, Ann Sykes
Aug. 24	Hailey Kota, Christy Manry, Sarah Wood
Aug. 25	Sarah Gorham, Emily Meister
Aug. 26	Mike Garcia, Cathy Pierce
Aug. 27	Pat Browne, Sonny Keene, Chris Knox, Dave Robson
Aug. 28	Don DeSanto, Brian Dietz, Ray Harris
Aug. 29	David Patterson
Aug. 30	Scott Crump, John Prudente, Helen Stone, Victoria Townsend
Aug. 31	Shelton Knox, Ari Perez