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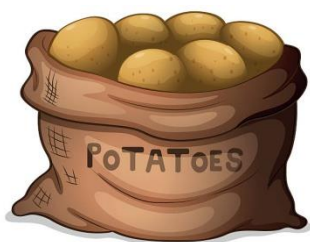
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Guilford College United Methodist Church strives to be a vibrant Christian community that *transforms* lives, *strengthens* believers, and *equips* disciples to *live beyond ourselves* in the light of Jesus Christ.

*Guilford College UMC*  
*Living Beyond Ourselves*



## **POTATO DROP** Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00-8:00 pm

**Everyone is invited to help bag 40,000 lbs. of white potatoes for our hungry neighbors after school on a Monday afternoon and evening. Hosted by GCUMC and partnering with Western Guilford High School. Supper will be provided by the church for those working. Contact Matt Smith for more information at [msmith@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:msmith@guilfordcollegeumc.org) or 336-292-5833. If you have a truck we could use to help deliver bagged potatoes, please let us know.**

## **SUNDAY, MAY 27 – Memorial Day Weekend**

**Sunday School at 9:45 am  
one Worship Service at 11:00 am**

**Church Office closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Note: On June 3, the 8:30 am service will move to 8:45 am.**



**With Honor & Gratitude**  
**We Remember**

# CROW'S NEST

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## Matt's Note....

I was struck by a recent weekend at the church, where empathy seemed to be the overriding theme. On a Friday night, our Children and Family Ministry hosted a movie night where those gathered watched *Wonder*. This movie shows what happens when Auggie Pullman, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader with severe cranio-facial differences, enters school for the first time. You get a glimpse of what life might be like for someone with August's condition, and you see how being exposed to people who are different can bring out the best and worst in others. Moreover, you get to see that pretty much every character in the book has his or her own challenges. Even though they are different from and less obvious than Auggie's difficulties, they have challenges nonetheless. RJ Palacio, who wrote the book *Wonder* is based on, is a wizard at helping you see behind the curtain as to the forces that shape and move human behavior.

The next morning, a group of about 40 people participated in a poverty simulation in the Fellowship Hall. Many participants gathered in family groups in the center of the room. They were given a packet describing their family's circumstances and then were asked to spend 4 fifteen-minute-weeks trying to survive. They had to navigate various community resources around the room like the employer, the school, social services, a leasing office and a payday lender. Just when you thought you had a workable plan to make ends meet, you might get a card telling you that someone in the family is sick or your car broke down. At the conclusion of our time, those participating commented about how hard it must be for many of our neighbors in poverty to manage the difficulties they face on a daily basis. It opened many people's eyes to what others' experiences are.

On Sunday morning of this same weekend, two of our youth shared powerfully about the work our youth did on their spring break mission trip. Our young people did massive home repairs for an elderly gentleman. This man was a brilliant painter and gifted violinist, two passions he shares with Mackenzie Waldron. Mackenzie, who shared at the 11 AM service saw it as unfair that this man, who is so gifted, lives in poverty and obscurity while the youth are being celebrated for their work. She said, "I feel like we're getting the recognition he deserves." That phrase sounded in my head like a gong.

Our hope is that in all we do as a church, we are able to build empathy, bridges of connection between the people in our community that we want to love and welcome and help. We want to help them connect not only with this community, but also the God who loves and welcomes us all. We want to serve people as our equals. They may have less money or face challenges we don't, but they deserve every bit of dignity and respect we can muster. We'll need this capacity for empathy when we get together on May 30 and June 3 to discuss some challenges our denomination is facing regarding sexual orientation, marriage and ordination. You'll read more about those meetings in this issue. My hope is that we will be willing to listen as well as talk, disagree openly while remaining gracious, and continue to regard one another as sincere even if we can't all be right. Our willingness to make these empathetic moves will be vital to finding our way forward together.

Grace and peace,

Matt

## Caring

**Prayer Concerns:** Mike Wagoner; Paul Siders; Bonnie Waynick; Samantha Gullett, Pat Francisco, Florence Hardison, Minerva Heavner, Jim Wilson, Sally Courtney, Keith Gunn; Marie Evans, Lisa Shaw, Rachel Brawley, Marjorie Liles, families facing storms in life, the leaders of our nation and world; flood victims, those affected by violence, and those serving in the military; tornado victims

**Sincere Sympathy** is expressed to Harry and Marcy Lever and family in the death of Harry's mother, Janice Lever, who passed away on May 10; to Brian Turner and family in the death of his father. Blessed are they who die in Christ to live again.

# Caring

## Prayer Concerns - Extended Family

Kristen Porter's Grandmother, Helen Porter Lucille Furr, Barbara Price's sister; Alyssa Rice's mother; Jeff Graham's brother, Steve; Briley Lamon, Melanie Crump's cousin; Christian Carter, Kent Carter's son; Irene Fraver & Trudy Maness, Nancy Munday's mother and sister; Kathy Cosgrove's father, Lynne Beck's aunt, Pat Branch; Terri Hintz, Jeannie Symonds' sister; Debbie Efirid's friend, Katie Ross; Vicki Kidd's friend, Karl; Jeannie Howard's father, Tommy Howard; Luke Roman, friend of Shannon Martin; Sandra Pearman's daughter and son-in-law; Steve Roberts, Barbara McDonald's sister, Nancy Neese; Ybion Mlo's brother, Suan Mlo ;our sister church in Kinanduba, Kenya

## In Home and Senior Living Facilities:

**Blumenthals** – Shirley Stout; **Countryside Manor** – Jim Wilson **Friends Home Guilford** – Pat Kittrell, Rachel Brawley, Sue Geringer, Florence Hardison, Blanche Rogers; **Friends Home West** – Betty Kirkman, Don Beam, Barbara Jones; Walter & Esther Jones - **Pennybyrn** – Roland Sasseville; **Greensboro Retirement Center** - Y'Wing Enuol; **Richland Place** – Mike Dawkins, **Whitestone** – Laura Tew **Abbottswood** – Dot Brogan; **Heritage Green** – Ellen Lancaster, Polly Scott, Gay Fischer; Anne Mullis; **Brookdale** , **High Point** – Beth Carter, Jean Wilson, George Holmes; **Brighton Gardens** - Jean & Harry Tangen; Walter Zur; **Well Spring** – Barbara Ebert, Lib Connell; **In Home** –Edna Derrick, Terri Hastings, Jack Kayler, Chris Perkins, Barbara Leadbetter

## OUR GUESTS IN WORSHIP

**May 6:** Jackie Dougherty; David & Kelly Bowman; Marla Barnes; Beth & Dennis Creamer; Amy & Chloe Jacobs; Jeff & Diana Tedrick; Matt & Shelley Langenfeld; Karen & Dalton Haynes; Jay, Hannah & Camden Stone; Melissa & Maddie Shearer; Matt, Rebecca, Connor, Cara & Ava Stein; Bryan & Deann Gilliam; Dianna Swift; Charlie Henson; Joyce Mitchell; Tom Waynick; Michael & Cari Ruley; Diana Clark; Marion Box; Mike & Harriet Smith; Chase Charles; Carson West; Rose Mallard

**May 13:** Sarah Arthur; Nancy Taylor; Ann Murphy; Diana Clark; Becky & Dwight Thomas; Tom Johnson; David & Michele Mallard; Dixie L. Brady; Charlie Henson; Joyce Mitchell; Tom Waynick; Linda Martin; Dorothy Floyd; Grace Murphy; Will Sullivan; Gwen Parker; Lynn R. McCloskey; Kaye Grove; Jackie Hardcastle; Tim, Jessica, Jacques, Kyra & Keisha Dalton; Zoey Payne; Beth & Dennis Creamer; Bonnye Harris; Arlene Tout; David & Kelly Bowman; Bryan & Deann Gilliam; Michelle, John, Caroline & Lauren Hilton; Matt, Shelley, Josh, Emily & Liam Langenfeld; Andy Anderson

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Debbie and Scott Hancock on the birth of their grandson, Lawrence James Hancock, born on April 11. Parents are Robbie and Rebecca Hancock.

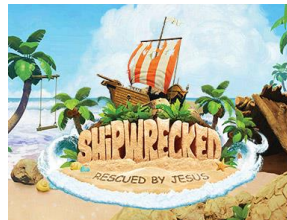
# Connecting

## CHURCH VEHICLE ORIENTATION

Anyone interested is invited to attend a Church Vehicle Orientation meeting on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm. It has come to our attention that the newer vehicles and bus have some features that are not easy to figure out while driving. Richard Blackwelder will lead us in a GCUMC Vehicle 101 class so that things like heat, air, radio, DVD player, seat removal, locating tire irons, etc. are easier for all drivers. If you are a part of a ministry that has several regular drivers, please invite ALL drivers you are aware of to join us for this informative session. We will meet by the bus shed at 5:00 pm. Call Amy Wall if you have questions.

## WNO COORDINATOR OPENING!

As many of you already know, Chrissy Black will be stepping away from the WNO Coordinator position in May. We are thankful for her dedication to this great outreach position and as a church we are well positioned to move forward because of her leadership these past two years. We are planning to move forward in finding a replacement, and if you are interested or know someone interested, they can submit their resume now. Please contact Amy Wall at 336-292-5833 or [awall@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:awall@guilfordcollegeumc.org) for further information.



**Vacation Bible School  
Is just around the  
Corner!**

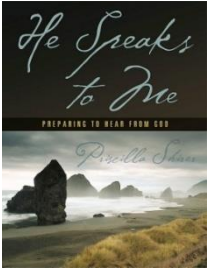
**June 24-28**

**Supper 5:15-5:45, VBS 5:45-8:30 pm**

If you haven't registered already, now is the time to do so! This will be a fun-filled week! Registration forms are available online, in the Information Center and the church office.

# Connecting

## WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



### HE SPEAKS TO ME: PREPARING TO HEAR FROM GOD

This study by Priscilla Shirer includes six weeks of in-depth, interactive daily assignments and seven small-group sessions. Priscilla draws life lessons from the account of God speaking to

the boy Samuel found in 1 Samuel 3.

Priscilla relates six characteristics found in Samuel that are applicable to women today as they tune their hearts to hear God's voice. These characteristics are: A Simple Relationship, A Set Apart Holiness, A Still Attentiveness, A Single-Minded Worship, A Sold Out Hunger, and A Servant's Spirit. By listening to God's voice and obeying Him, women will be drawn into a closer relationship to God that brings a deeper desire to serve Him faithfully.

Study Book \$13

Leaders: Sara Hardin, [hardinx4@bellsouth.net](mailto:hardinx4@bellsouth.net), and Susan Jenkins

Thursday mornings June 21-August 9 - 9:30-11:30 a.m. – Room A4

## YOUTH UPDATE:

May 20 - Final UMYF for Summer

May 23 – Senior Banquet (6:00-8:00 pm)

June 3 – Graduation Sunday Brunch (9:45 am)

11:00 – High School and College graduates will be recognized in worship service. Matt will deliver the message and our praise team will be joining in worship

June 10 – Move-Up Sunday. New 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents will be welcomed to our Youth family. ALL parents and youth are encouraged to attend as this will be an informational meeting about Summer activities.

June 19 – Carwinds/Wet & Wild

June 22-29 – Youth Works Trip

July 8-14 – ASP

July 27 – Lockout

August 10-12 – SpiritUS

August 12-18 – Consignment Sale

August 26 – Back to School Bash

## CHURCH SOFTBALL

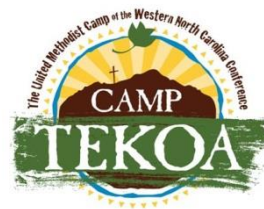
Our new season of church softball has begun. Please come out and cheer for the GCUMC team. All games are either at Revolution Field (2200 Yanceyville Street) or Rankin Elementary School (1501 Spry St).

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
Fri, May 25,	8:30 pm	Rankin	Muir's Chapel UMC
Fri, June 1,	6:30 pm	Revolution	Evangel Fellowship
Fri, June 8,	9:30 pm	Rankin	Life Community Church
Mon, June 10,	7:30 pm	Revolution	West Market St. UMC



## EARLY ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP AT CAMP GUILROCK July 9-12, 2018

Rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Registrations now being accepted until May 31.  
Contact Donna Ford for more information on this AWESOME day camp!



## CAMP TEKOA RESIDENTIAL CAMP - Hendersonville, NC Current Grades 3-6 Children (and older youth who wish to return ☺) July 29-August 4, 2018

**Spaces are extremely limited!** If you plan for your child to attend this

outstanding summer camp experience, register today!  
Please contact Donna Ford if you have questions.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Dedication, and for supporting the youth here at GCUMC!

# Serving

Proctors needed at Guilford Elementary School for EOG testing May 30, May 31, and June 5, 6, & 7. Please contact Mrs. Daughtrey at 336-316-5844 to sign up or if you have questions. Proctor training dates:

May 23 - 2:45pm – 3:30pm

May 24 - 8:00am – 8:45am

May 29 - 8:00am – 8:45am

# Serving



**The Kenya Team** is gearing up for their mission trip in late June. They are collecting gently used **eyeglasses and INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED**

**SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES** for distribution by our friends at the Methodist Hospital in Maua. Collection boxes are located in the Information Center. Contact Cathey Miller with any questions at 336-202-9883 or [catheyamiller@gmail.com](mailto:catheyamiller@gmail.com).



**Our Adult Mission Team** is headed to work in Eastern NC over Memorial Day weekend. They will be repairing damage from Hurricane Matthew. We'll depart on Thursday evening, May 24 and return on Monday, May 28. Please contact Dave Lehman, Sr. at [davelsr@bellsouth.net](mailto:davelsr@bellsouth.net) or 336-292-4515 if you are interested in going.

## **HELP!**

Many of us look forward to the tasty Brunswick stew each year in October that has been a tradition at GCUMC for more than 35 years. Annual proceeds from this event have helped support one of the Church missions. Most recently we have helped build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

Regretfully the future of this important tradition is in jeopardy due to an inadequate number of able-bodied volunteers and a decreasing number of sales in each of the last few years. A recommendation was made to the Church Council in April that this event be discontinued until solutions are identified to overcome these concerns. A vote on that recommendation was tabled pending an appeal to our congregation for help.

We are seeking a new group with new ideas to lead and rejuvenate the annual Brunswick stew tradition. Are you interested in accepting that challenge to help support church missions? GCUMC needs your talents! For more information please contact David Andress at 336-457-3079. Thanks in advance for responding to our appeal.

## Volunteers for May 20, 2018

### 8:30 service

Lay Reader: Pat Browne  
 Stephen Minister: John Hanner  
 Ushers: Larry Glover, Captain; Bob Beasley, Ron Frazier, Tyrone McDuffie, David Saunders, Terry Weatherford, Terry Wert, Derek Young

### 11:00 service

Lay Reader: Confirmation Youth  
 Acolytes: Zac Wall, Collin Hicks  
 Children's Worship Shepherds: Liana Adrong Mlo, Cindy Steen, Mike or Amy Moriarty  
 Stephen Minister: Becky Archer  
 Ushers: Jim Drum, Captain; Phil Black, Mark Gorham, David Grove, Paul Ingram, Nick Lindsay, Andy Manry, Tom Patterson, Michael Stone, Larry Strader

Counters: Pam Beck, Sandy Lucas  
 Van Driver: Charlie Groves, Bob Beasley  
 Altar Guild: (May 21-27): Carrie Gowen, Nancy Munday

## Volunteers for May 27, 2018

### 11:00 service

Lay Reader: Hank Bullard  
 Acolytes: Ryan Patterson, Simon Hudson-Smith  
 Children's Worship Shepherds: Mike Garcia, Monica Bush, Beth Price  
 Stephen Minister: Nancy Munday  
 Ushers: Jim Drum, Captain; Phil Black, Mark Gorham, David Grove, Paul Ingram, Nick Lindsay, Andy Manry, Tom Patterson, Michael Stone, Larry Strader

Counters: Mike Ballard, Bob Beasley  
 Van Driver: Mike Garcia, Charlie Groves  
 Altar Guild (May 28-June 3): Eleanor Keene, Judy Piper

## OUR GIVING

Budget for 2018.....	\$ 1,014,495.00
Amt. needed weekly.....	19,433.00
Amt. needed to date.....	349,794.00
Amt. received through 4/29/2018.....	364,273.78
Difference.....	14,480.00

## OUR ATTENDANCE

### May 6, 2018

Worship.....	402
(8:30 – 107.....Prayer Ser, - 30.....	11:00 - 265)

### May 13, 2018

Worship.....	439
(8:30 – 113 .....	11:00 – 326)

## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Gene Beaver

*Natalie L. Allen  
Charles and April Bocholis  
Johnny and Susan Carter  
Linda Chappell  
Duane & Madeleine Dassow  
Ruth and Michael Davidson  
Charles and Katherine Forbes  
Mike and Donna Garcia  
Eugene and Mary Grubb  
Scott & Debbie Hancock  
Shawn and Deborah Johnson  
Joseph L. Johnson  
Teri Larocque  
John and Dru Long  
Mary Wall  
Terry and Joe Ann Weatherford  
William and Christine Wilson*

### In Memory of Jim Courtney

*Keith and Pat Gunn  
Tyrone and Carolyn McDuffie  
Mary Wall*

### In Memory of Janice Lever (Harry Lever's mother)

*Keith and Pat Gunn*

### In Memory of Morris Newlin's sister, Susan

*Charlie and Loretta Eichhorn  
Scott and Debbie Hancock  
Tyrone and Carolyn McDuffie*

### In Memory of Eddie Waynick

*Tyrone and Carolyn McDuffie  
Mary Wall*

## Calendar for May 20-June 3, 2018

### Sunday, May 20

8:30 am Early Worship  
9:45 am Learning Groups  
9:45 am Starting Point (Parlor)  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Confirmation Lunch (FH)  
1:30 pm Bunong Worship Service (A3)  
3:00 pm Jim Courtney Memorial Service  
Guilford Memorial Park Cemetery  
Courtney Visitation & Reception (FH)  
4:00 pm UMYF (Rock)  
5:30 pm

### Monday, May 21

4:00-8:00 pm Potato Drop – GCUMC  
7:00 pm Evangelism (A6)  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (C10)

### Wednesday, May 23

9:30 am Daniel Study (A1)  
6:00 pm Senior Banquet (FH)  
6:30 pm Daniel Study A1  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 24

11:30 am UMW Executive Board (A10)  
5:00 pm Mission Team Leaves  
6:00 pm Priscilla Shirer Simulcast (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm New Directions Nar-Anon (A1)

### Sunday, May 27

9:45 am Learning Groups  
11:00 am Worship  
1:30 pm Bunong Worship Service (A3)

### Monday, May 28

Church Office Closed  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

### Wednesday, May 30

6:30 pm Way Forward Meeting (FH)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 31

7:00 pm New Direction Nar-Anon (Rock)



**Commission on a Way Forward**  
Council of Bishops

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As a reminder, we will be hosting two identical presentations in the church Fellowship Hall to discuss the work of the Commission on a Way Forward. This commission, representative of 11 million United Methodists around the world, was convened as a result of General Conference in 2016 and our denomination's impasse on some questions of human sexuality.

On one hand, our United Methodist Book of Discipline affirms that all people are of sacred worth - no matter their orientation - and all are, therefore, welcome to participate in the life of the church. On the other hand, the Book of Discipline says that homosexual practice is incompatible with Christian teaching and, therefore, we do not ordain self-avowed practicing homosexuals and we don't allow our clergy to perform or our churches to host same-sex unions or weddings. Arguments about whether to keep, change or drop this language from the Book of Discipline has consumed a great deal of The United Methodist Church's time and energy for nearly 50 years. We're asking everyone to consider joining us on either Wednesday, May 30 from 6:30-8:00 or Sunday, June 3 from 3:00 to 4:30.

We will look at how the UMC has articulated its position over the years. We'll watch a video that shows how endless debates over marriage and ordination are affecting churches of every type. And we'll have some time at our table to graciously express what we believe, why we believe it and talk about our hopes to chart a hopeful way forward together. Please join us as you're able.