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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



PRODUCE DROP 2025

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Come and help sort and bag 40K lbs. of produce for
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Pastor's Pen

Dear Church,

Imagine that every morning, when you wake up, you are handed a full pitcher of water. The water in the pitcher represents your life, all that is given to you: not only your time, your talents, and your treasure, but also your thoughts, your energy, and perhaps most importantly, your attention.

All day long, as you carry your daily pitcher, you encounter many empty cups into which you can choose to pour that precious water from your supply. Imagine the empty cups are labeled things like WORK, SPOUSE, WORRY, CHILDREN, EMAIL, EATING, EXERCISE, CHURCH, NEWS, FAMILY, REGRET, SCROLLING, FRIENDS, PRAYER, RECREATION, SHOPPING, PEOPLE IN NEED.

Now imagine that, given the limitations of your container, you only have as much water each day as you find in your pitcher. On many days the pitcher is completely full, while on others perhaps it is only half-full – each day is a little different. And as you go throughout your day, you can only pour water out of your pitcher into one cup at a time – that's how a pitcher works. But otherwise, for the most part, you have a great deal of freedom to choose which cups you pour your water into.

The challenge, of course, is to pour our daily supply of water into the right cups – into the cups which are truly best for us and most important to us. Choosing the right cups is really difficult – it requires us to be thoughtful and intentional. In the words of Derek Thompson, too many people “spend hours, days, and even decades watering cups that they were never meant to water, and leaving empty other vessels that they always meant to fill.”

What labels are on the cups around you? Which of these cups are most important to you? In your life right now, at the end of the day, which of the cups around you are the most full? Which have you honestly poured the most of your physical and mental energy and attention into? Which cups have been given only a drop or two? Which cups have been neglected and sit dehydrated, or even empty altogether?

Examining what we've done with our pitcher, and noticing which cups we've given the most attention to, offers us a kind of diagnostic test of what our true priorities are. After all, another name for where we direct our pitcher is “stewardship.”

There is a beautiful Gospel hymn which is also a kind of prayer – the words go, “Fill my cup, Lord – I lift it up Lord.” The hymn expresses the truth that God is always pouring into us, providing us with living water, handing us a new pitcher of love and life each day.

But there is a second prayer we need to pray, after we have prayed for God to fill our cup. That prayer is, “Lord, where would you have me pour the love and life you have given me today? What cups would you have me fill?”

Today God has filled your pitcher once again- what will you do with it?

May your cup runneth over – and may God make us all faithful and generous stewards of the water of life we've been given.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeremy



NOTE: Daylight Savings Time Ends. Don't forget to

Change your clocks this weekend!

Caring

Prayer Concerns: Sandy & Jamie Pearman, Kathy Raper, Scott Blackwell, Vicki Kidd, Barbara Price, Barbara Jones, Gay Brown, Susan Whitesides, Suzy Padgett, David Saunders, Jenn Miller, Ben Brothers, Doris Linker, Marjorie Liles, Harold Proctor, Harold Eagle, Maria Maynard, Gina Murphy, Wilder Rodriguez, Bill Blyshak, David Wasserboehr, Tom & Debbie Jenkins, Lisa Hodges

Prayer Concerns – Extended Family: Heather Taylor; Wayne Sykes; Lynn Bowman; Kathy Williams; Tom Winger (Cheryl Bullard's brother); Tammy Smith; Peggy Conaway; Sue Yeeles; Jim Eldrett; Jim Cashman; Steve Haines (Petersen's son-in-law), Alannah Romano, Ron Moser; Jim Eldrett (Daryl Watkins' brother); Shilah George; Emily Franco (Jennifer Ward's daughter); Dawn Hand; Judy Journey; Debbie Sexton; Sammy Williams; Joanne Burgener; Y'Suan & H'Lai Mlo & family; Tammy Strickland, Kenneth Briggs; Azalea Marbury; Joanne Burgener; Debra Rutt; Jerri Ramsey; Roxana Alvarado; Archie Bingham; Shannon Wilson; Jack Miller; Mark Ralls; Steve Troxler

Members In Home and Senior Living Facilities:
TerraBella – Paul Long; Linda Weaver; **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; **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; **Spring Arbor** – Doris Linker; **Abbottswood** – Dot Brogan, Gay Brown; **Heritage Green** - Carrie Gowen, Bobbi Peabody; **Well Spring** – Barbara Ebert; **Westchester Manor** – Susie Love, Tina Bell Midgett; **White Stone** – Barbara Price; **In Home** – Sue Causey, Terri Hastings, Helen Phillips, Betty Siders, Marion Sharpe

Note of appreciation

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your concern and support before, during and after my surgery. Your encouraging words, cards and calls were comforting and uplifting.

Also, I want to thank Pastor Jeremy and Pastor Susan for the visits and prayers. Thank you for being there for Len and me.

It is truly a blessing to be part of such a loving and caring church.

Sandra Myers

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:

Nov. 2: Cindy Johnson, Terry Weatherford

Nov. 9: Mike Ballard, Val Follo

CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, November 16, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY MORNINGS for Grades K-6 from 9:45-10:45 am in rooms C12 & C14. Devotions, games and fellowship! Bring a friend. **CHILD CARE** for children age 4 and under in room C8 from 9:30 am-12:00 pm.

Prayer Chain Emails

If you would like to be included in our Prayer Chain Emails to receive notifications when church family members are requesting prayer, please contact the church office to let us know you would like to be added to the list.

Connecting

Welcome New Members!

A sincere welcome is extended to the following members who joined GCUMC on Sunday:

Margaret Hawkins - 522 College Rd. Unit 207, Greensboro 27410, #336-314-7972

Sydney Hull – 3807 Miller Dr, Greensboro 27405, #336-707-9275

Rie Ingold – 3308 Northbrook Dr., Greensboro 27410, #336-207-5110

Gayle Knight – 7004 Montague Rd., Greensboro 27409, #919-353-1508

Don & Kathy Madren – 712 Oldsquaw Dr., Greensboro 27455, (D) #760-803-1669 (K) #442-898-2278

Jacob O'Rork – 6004 Buckhorn Rd., Greensboro 27410, #336-690-9042

From Stewardship Committee

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2026 SERVING COMMITMENT FORM and GIVING COMMITMENT CARD. We have had a strong response so far, for which we are very grateful. We still are waiting to hear from about 40% of people who pledged last year, so we urge you to consider responding for the upcoming year. Your pledge is vitally important as we plan for 2026. GCUMC is continually striving to broaden and expand areas of ministry that will impact our community and beyond with the love of Christ. Our 2026 Ministry and Operations Budget is the foundational source of numerous ministries within our church that fund education programs, service and outreach projects, congregational gatherings and fellowship, worship experiences, and the operational requirements of our church buildings and campus, plus the financial compensation and benefits for our pastors and staff. If you have not returned your Serving Commitment Form and Giving Commitment Card, please do so as soon as possible, either to the church or on-line. Our current 2025 Ministry and Operations Budget is just over \$1.2 million. We project next year's Budget to increase at least 7% (around \$75,000 to \$85,000). We ask that you reflect on our focus themes of being a grateful and generous steward of the Time, Talents, and Treasures that God has entrusted to you. **We Gain When We Give.** The 2026 Stewardship Committee thanks you!!

Wednesday Night Meals in the Fall

Meals are offered every two weeks,

5:45-6:45 pm in A Hallway

Cost is \$6.00 per meal.

Park in the rear parking lot & enter through the Adult Ministry Hall doors.

Wednesday, November 5

Beef Tips, Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

Please go online and pre-register for the meal. You do not need to pay at that time, and you are not obligated to come. This will help estimate the number of meals to prepare. Thank you.



BSA Troop, 149 Annual Brunswick Stew Fundraiser

Saturday, November 1

12:00-2:00 pm at the church

Warm up with a quart or two of our famous wood-fired Brunswick Stew—handmade by Scouts and volunteers. Each quart is \$10 and all proceeds support local Scouting activities and adventures. Tickets will be available at church on Sunday. To reserve your stew or ask questions, contact Tom Kobrin at 336-558-1299. Thank you for supporting our Scouts!

LADIES LUNCHEON

Friday, Nov. 7, 11:30 at Sarah Kabob's, 5340 W. Market St.

Sign up by contacting Sandy Riffe, 336-664-1087 (home) or 336-255-7078 (cell) or email at sandyriffe@hotmail.com. All ladies are invited to attend and meet someone you don't know, and enjoy food and fellowship. There is room or space for the first 35 who sign up.

LOST AND FOUND - There are a few insulated bags, a carry bag from Cone Health and a 13 x 9 cake pan which were left at the Troxler farm after the church picnic. If you are missing something, see Pastor Susan who has them in her office.

Connecting



NOVEMBER 13, 2025

2:00-6:30 PM, in Room C1

If you would like to be a donor, you may make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. If you have questions contact David Saunders at 336-337-3126.

Thank You from United Women of Faith

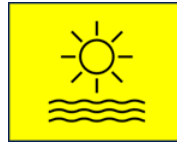
Thanks to everyone who helped make our Fall bake sale a tremendous success! We had so many delicious cakes, pies, cookies, breads, and other sweet treats donated! We are truly thankful for the wonderful participation of our church family in this United Women of Faith fund-raising venture. We could not have done it without your help!! So many of you contributed your time, your baking talents, and your monetary "treasures" towards this project. It was such a joy to witness your stewardship in action! Every dollar made will help the United Women of Faith support various missions to spread God's love in our community and around the world. Thank you, again, for giving so generously!

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.

Young Adults & College Friendsgiving:

We are gathering in gratitude for our connection on November 23rd at 5:00 pm. If you're a young adult or involved in Students & Young Professionals (SnYP), Messy Bun Book Club, Navigators Sunday School, Breakfast Bunch, or part of our college connection, be sure to mark your calendars! Spouses, friends and kids are also welcome. Prepare to bring a dish to share that makes you happy—maybe something a family member cooked for you or that favorite comfort food that always makes you smile. Location Room C1. RSVP here: [Friendsgiving RSVP](#) or contact Laurin Allred, lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org.



JOY (JUST OLDER YOUTH)

We have some exciting gatherings Planned to close our the year—moments of fun, fellowship and opportunities to give back in service.

We can't wait to share in all that's to come together!

Field Trip to Southern Supreme Fruitcake

Join us on Tuesday, November 11 for a sweet adventure to the famous Southern Supreme Fruitcake Co. in Bear Creek, NC! We'll enjoy a tour at noon, with plenty of time to sample & shop. The church bus will leave at 10:45, so please arrive a few minutes early.

Contact Cyndi Allen to reserve your spot.

cyndiandscott818@gmail.com

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing

Friday, November 7 & Friday, November 14, 4:00-6:00 pm in the Adult Hallway.

All items will be purchased in advance, so all you need to do is come and help assemble the boxes.

We need donations to cover shipping costs and to help reimburse the cost of the items.

Service Opportunity at Senior Resource Center

Wednesday, December 3 & Thursday, December 4. 1:00-3:00 pm, at the Senior Resource Center .

Volunteers will help pack gift bags filled with personal care items for Meals on Wheels recipients.

Contact Sandy Riffe at sandyriffe@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

JOY Book Club will meet on November 18, at 5:30 pm at Cyndi Allen's home, 5907 Beckenham Way, Oak Ridge. Come and join us to talk about the *Fellowship of Puzzle Makers* by Samuel Burr.



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

groups meet every Wednesday from 6:45-7:45 p.m. We begin on the playground or game room, depending on the weather, and move to the

second floor of the children's building for group time. Bring a friend! If you have questions, please

contact Donna Ford,

dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

Serving

GCUMC FINANCIAL REPORT September 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:	901,086.75
Amount received as of 9/30/25 for budget:	856,490.90
Difference:	(\$ 44,595.85)

*(amount between projected budget needs to-date and actual received)

Year to date Operating Budget surplus/deficit analysis:

Amount received for budget as of 9/30/25:	\$ 856,490.90
Expenses as of 9/30/25:	874,069.59
Difference:	(\$ 17,578.69)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

Thanks to all who served during our recent Serving Day on October 18. There were 107 volunteers helping with 13 unique projects: painting, building a ramp, marking storm drains, making & serving a meal at a shelter, sorting food at the food pantry, packing shoeboxes, sorting donations, landscaping, power washing & fluffing mulch. You who participated gave of your time and the community has been impacted. You followed Christ's example of humility and service. May our Lord be honored by all these efforts.

Food Collection at Food Lion

Thank you to Teri Cheek and all the volunteers who collected food at the Food Lion on Saturday, Oct. 25. The food pantries are in dire need of food at this time in the Triad. 1027 lbs. of food and \$97 in donations were collected for Greensboro Urban Ministry. One person stopped to tell them that GUM saved his life about 7 yrs. ago. He was grateful that he now has a job and a place to live.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Every Campus a Refuge invites us to collaborate with them on a tutoring program with students from the Avenue Apartments and New Garden Friends Meeting. If you are able to volunteer any day Monday thru Thursday from 2:30-4:30 pm, please let Pastor Susan know if you are interested in helping.
ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

Hello Church,

A fund has been created to collect enough money to restore the pew from the original Friendship Methodist Church, where some of our charter members were. If you are interested in making a donation, please write on the memo line of your check "pew restoration" and make your check out to GCUMC. Thank you for your support to preserve a piece of history of our church.



Shoebox Season is here!

We are hopeful that many individual members, Sunday School classes, Journey groups, Bible Study groups, etc will commit to physically packing shoeboxes to bring to the altar, or elect to pack boxes online. Pamphlets will be available that will guide you in your packing journey. Boxes are available for pick up in the Narthex. The shoeboxes will be blessed on Sunday, November 23, 2025

Blessings to all who can help with this worthy cause!



AFTER SCHOOL MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed to assist the teachers and engage with the children from 2:00-6:00 p.m. one day per week. Excellent kiddos who are fun to be with! Please contact Donna Ford,

dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org or Shelby Hallquist,
afterschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

Thank you to all who volunteered to make our Boo Bash a monster mash graveyard smash! What a party! Congratulations to the winners of the Trunk or Treat Trunk Decorating contest. If you had the Skeleton Graveyard or the Frozen trunks, look for your prize in the mail. If you baked, decorated a trunk, ran a game, sold pumpkins, read a story, set up, took down, or donated candy—it takes all of us to make such a fun fellowship event happen. Thank you!



November Birthdays

Nov. 1	Aleta Hayes
Nov. 3	Cary Kirkman
Nov. 5	Nic Bradham, Michael Igo
Nov. 6	H'Nghus Buonkrong, Tim Gray, Marjorie Liles, Samuel Shope
Nov. 7	Chad Benoist, Elizabeth Fogleman, Ryan Patterson, Bill Prevette, Evelyn Strader
Nov. 8	Bob Glenn
Nov. 10	Nancy Blackwelder, Jim Sandknop
Nov. 11	Kaden Boylan, Alex Raper
Nov. 12	David Vanhoy
Nov. 14	Ty Goller
Nov. 15	Courtney Gray, Greg Matthews, Eric Redfern
Nov. 16	Lindsay Fusaiotti, Melissa Kobrin, Gina Murphy, David Stump
Nov. 18	Sandy Lucas, Levi M'lo, Carol Randecker
Nov. 19	Mike Ballard, Zack McRae
Nov. 20	Katie Moore, Suzie Padgett
Nov. 21	Samuel Enuol, Tom Patterson, Kathy Raper, Ken Rehg
Nov. 23	Sarah Brubaker, Brandon Davis, Elise Pigue, Nathan Rider, Gretchen Waldrop
Nov. 24	Michele Foster, William Gonzalez
Nov. 25	Sherry Groves. Nathan Porter
Nov. 26	Elizabeth Heydary, Bruce Rearick
Nov. 27	Michele Draper, Lisa Kobrin
Nov. 29	Joe Brenner, Landon Perry
Nov. 30	Angie McIntosh, Kim Minor

HONORARIUM

In Honor of Jeremy and Susan
Dan and Lindsay Fusaiotti

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Steve Fennell
Harold and Mary Eagle

In Memory of Mary Jane Gordon
Vicki Kidd
Susan Wells

In Memory of Charlie Heavner
Bob and Jimmy Stimpson

In Memory of Paul Lehman
(David Lehman's brother)
Mike and Donna Garcia
Vicki Kidd
Bob and Jimmy Stimpson

In Memory of Harvey Mosher
(Cliff Mosher's brother)
Mike and Donna Garcia
Vicki Kidd