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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*



## **BRINGING IN THE HARVEST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Everyone is encouraged to bring a bag of groceries with them to worship on this Sunday for Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Bank. The demand for food assistance through GUM is at an all-time high. In July, GUM provided food assistance for 2,130 households and 4,071 individuals. Shopping list is included in this newsletter.



## **DAY OF SERVICE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Make plans to come join in one of three great projects designed to touch and bless our neighbors. 20 volunteers are needed to help re-plant our community garden for the Fall, others are needed to bake casseroles for our outreach at Partnership Village, and 20 people are needed to help paint one of the tornado-damaged houses. Sign up for the Day of Service on the next two Sundays or Contact Debbie Inman at [debchan@triad.rr.com](mailto:debchan@triad.rr.com) or 336-456-1766

# CROW'S NEST

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## Pastor's Pen...

Over the past week, either on television or the internet, you probably caught portions of the honors in remembering the life of Senator John McCain. No matter your political persuasion, the stories revealed the heart and focus of the man. It led a national columnist to ask this question:

"Do you ever think about your own funeral? The question is not meant to be morbid, it's only human to wonder how you'll be remembered once you exhale for the final time. Indeed, Martin Luther King famously mused about his funeral just two months before he was killed. He told his congregation, 'Every now and then I ask myself what it is that I would want said?' The band, Crash Test Dummies, pondered the question in a ballad called "At My Funeral." The singer intoned, "When my coffin is sealed and I'm safely six feet under, perhaps my friends will see fit then to judge me." (Pitts 9/3)

That is the point I was hoping to make last Sunday in worship. The decisions we make, the core beliefs that shape our character, define our purpose, and determine the eulogy at our funeral will be the priorities that have been set in our souls to guide the days allotted to us. As we spend this month examining "*A Life That Matters*", the first reality is that the foundation for a purposeful and fruitful life is established in the priorities we embrace to guide the choices we make. What are the priorities in your life? Does the way you spend your time, energy, and resources clearly reflect your priorities, or do those areas show the need for recalibration?

The word "legacy" comes to mind – but if you are not in the "golden years" of living you probably haven't thought much about that. You don't go to too many funerals. So maybe the word "impact" speaks across the years. What kind of impact do you want to make in the world? What impact do you want to have in your family; in the lives of your children or grandchildren; in the lives of friends and co-workers? I want to suggest that aligning your priorities in a way that honors your Creator is important for two reasons. One, so that you can fulfill God's purposes in your life, and second, because when we do that, we enjoy the very best of life.

When God was establishing a pattern of living for his people coming out of bondage, he used Moses to speak his words: "I have set before you a choice between life and death, blessing and curse; choose life that both you and your descendants may truly live." (D. 30:19) Of all the decisions and choices you will make today, this is the most crucial one of all. When we choose the path of God and make that our #1 priority, we won't have to worry what folks will say at our funeral. We probably won't have to worry as we lie down every night at the end of the day.

Purposeful living begins with priorities – and it's followed by living truthfully – which is why that's the focus this coming Sunday. See you in worship. I hope you choose to make that a priority.

## Caring

**Prayer Concerns:** Melanie Chamberlain; Gay Brown, Bill Sharpe, Ruthie Deviney; Mike Turner, Bonnie Waynick; Patty Elkins; Pat Francisco, Ken Sykes, Marlene Ingram; 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, our sister church in Kinanduba, Kenya.

**Congratulations** to Caroline Grace Heilig, daughter of Bryant and Paige Heilig, who was baptized on Sunday, August 26. "Blessed are the little children for of such is the Kingdom of God."

**Prayer Concerns - Extended Family** Robert Messer; Jennifer Sumulsi, Ellen Lancaster's friend; Louise Markle; Mildred Mallard's son, David; Kim Goldbach, friend of Tom & Sandy Riffe; Lucille Furr, Barbara Price's sister; Jeff Graham's brother, Steve; Briley Lamon, Melanie Crump's cousin Irene Fraver & Trudy Maness, Nancy Munday's mother and sister; Vicki Kidd's friend, Karl; Jeannie Howard's father, Tommy Howard; Steve Roberts, Barbara McDonald's sister, Nancy Neese; Ybion Mlo's brother, Suan Mlo; our sister church in Kinanduba, Kenya

# Caring

## **Members In Home and Senior Living Facilities:**

**Blumenthals** – Shirley Stout; **Countryside Manor** – Pat Francisco **Friends Home Guilford** – Pat Kittrell, Rachel Brawley, Florence Hardison, Blanche Rogers; **Friends Home West** – Betty Kirkman, Don Beam, Barbara Jones; Walter & Esther Jones - **Pennybyrn** – Roland Sasseville; **Greensboro Retirement Center** - Y'WingEnuol; **Richland Place** – Mike Dawkins, **Whitestone** – Laura Tew **Abbottswood** – Dot Brogan, Cletis Richard, Jim Wilson **Heritage Green** – Ellen Lancaster, 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** – Terri Hastings, Jack Kayler, Chris Perkins, Barbara Leadbetter

## **Welcome New Members!**

A warm welcome is extended to Chet, Renee, Emma and Virginia Carpenter who joined GCUMC on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Chet and Renee joined by Profession and Baptism, and Emma and Virginia will be added to our Preparatory roll. Their address is 5703 Silver Sky Way, Greensboro 27410, phone #336-549-9353. Welcome to our church family!

## **Thank You Note:**

Dear GCUMC Family,

I want to thank you for spreading God's love to mother over the past few years through your cards, calls & visits. They meant so much to her and would always brighten her day.

Though she had not been able to attend church in quite some time, she often prayed that God's blessings would be upon GCUMC and all of its activities.

Mother is now with our Heavenly Father. She has had a joyous reunion with loved ones and friends who have gone before. Though it is difficult because she is no longer with me, I rest in God's promise that we will be together again someday.

Please continue to lift my family in prayer as we go through this difficult time.

Love in Christ, Diane Derrick, Rodney & Donna Derrick

# Connecting

**COMING OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>!  
ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**

Crafters and Bake Sale. This is a fundraiser for UMW to support their mission work so make plans to attend.

## **OUR GUESTS IN WORSHIP**

**Aug. 26:** Betty Maher; Michelle, Caroline & Lauren Hilton; Sherray Sneed; Joyce Norris; Linda Martin; Grace Murphy; Tom Waynick; Joyce Mitchell; Charlie Henson; Becky Thomas; Diana Clark; Marion Box; Kay Rankin; Jessica & Kyra Dalton; Zoey Payne; Jackie Hardcastle; Li Luo; Viola Zibguo; Jackie Dougherty; Joe & Anne Heilig; Joan & Danny Barrett; Jennifer Burcham; Pamela Steinert & Ken Quintana; David & Kelly Bowman; Christina & Michael Hull; Beth & Dennis Creamer

**Sept. 2:** Jackie Dougherty; Li Luo; Lorin & Suzy Wingate; Ed Harlin; Andrew Ingram; Nancy Taylor; Ann Murphy; Jeff, Lauren & Lindsay McRae; Bryan & Deann Gilliam; Jessica & Jacques Dalton; Emily Rhoades; Susan Michaux Rumley; Carol Fallon; Lisa, Kevin & Grant Williams; Brad & Sara Smith



## **GUILFORD COLLEGE UMC MAGNETS**

4 x 6 inch oval magnets perfect for car, refrigerator, file cabinets, and any metal surface! **Proceeds**

### **support Children's Ministry**

Magnets will be available on Sunday morning, weekdays in the church office, and from any Children's Ministry team member! Contact Donna Ford with questions.

## **Wednesday Night Out**

**5:30-6:30 pm**

**Cost: Adults \$5.00, Child \$3.00,  
\$15 max per family**

### **September 15**

Homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, salad bar, banana pudding

**Volunteer Group: New Beginnings Class**

### **September 19 – Fajita/Taco Night**

Fajitas/tacos with toppings, Nachos with salsa, rice and black beans, chocolate pudding cake

**Volunteer Group: 2/90 Journey Class**

## **UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:**

Eve Rebekah will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the Rock.

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the Rock.

All women are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship by being a part of these groups.

# Connecting



## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Dave Ramsey's life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than 1 million families have attended FPU with amazing results. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your life forever! Contact Tom Gibson at 336-292-5833 or [tgibson@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:tgibson@guilfordcollegeumc.org) to sign up.

Leaders: TBA

Sunday evenings beginning September 9 - 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Room A4 - Study kit \$100

[*The Journey*: Financial Gifts - Beginning Level]

## YOUTH UPDATE:

**Fall Consignment Sale 2018:** Thank you everyone who came and worked the sale with us! We had such a great time, and we raised a good chunk of money for trips!

**Journeys for Christ – Sept. 7-9:** Fall backpacking trip with Richard Blackwelder. You may contact Richard to discuss needs and with any questions at 336-299-5937 or [rblckwld4@aol.com](mailto:rblckwld4@aol.com).

**Small Groups:** Starting Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, we kick off our small groups! Small groups are divided by age and gender, so there is a place for everyone to come and go deeper in their faith with other students. Please let Matt know if you would like more info about specific grades or gender groups!

**UMYF:** Starts back on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm. All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend, and we encourage students to bring friends! This is a great time for everyone to come and have a great night of food, fun and fellowship!

**Contact Info:** Please e-mail Matt if any information has changed this year. We want to keep updating our system to make sure everyone is up to date!

**Fall Retreat 2018:** November 9-11 @ Camp Weaver! Our theme this year is "Anchored". Be on the lookout for more info and chances to sign up!

## COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES

As soon as you receive a current mailing address for your college student, please let the church office know so we can update their information. The church will be looking to send care packages in the Fall and we want to make sure we have all current mailing information. #336-292-5833.

# Learning

## FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDIES More to come!



### FINDING I AM

Is there an ache in your heart that keeps you up at night? A prayer you pray over and over again? Jesus wants to meet you in those moments of struggle and help you through. This study takes you to the ancient streets

of Israel to find Biblical truth that speaks today. You'll explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John and in doing so become empowered to trade feelings of depletion and hurt for wholeness in knowing who Jesus is like never before. Study Book \$15

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

Monday mornings – September 10-December 3 – 10:30 am-12:00 Noon – Room A4



### JOHN PART 1 - THE WORD BECAME FLESH

How well do you know the Son of God? Are you convinced that what He said about Himself is true? From beginning to end, John reveals Jesus as the Son of God.

Study Book \$23

Leader: Donna Ford, [dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org)

Wednesday mornings – September 19-December 5 – 9:30 am-11:30 am – Room A4

OR

Wednesday evenings – September 19-December 5 – 6:30-8:30 pm – Room A4



### WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

This new women's study group will provide three important components of our spiritual life with Christ:

1 – INWARD in self-reflection, application and interacting with others in the group,  
2 – OUTWARD in loving and serving others outside of the group and walls of the church, and  
3 – UPWARD in participating and discussing Biblical passages to grow in our relationship with Christ. Study Book \$15

Leader: Vita Alligood, [vita.alligood@gmail.com](mailto:vita.alligood@gmail.com)

Wednesday evenings beginning September 12 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Room A6

[*The Journey*: Connecting - Beginning, Growing & Christ-Centered Levels]

# Learning



## **NEW TIME!! CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES**

Wednesday evenings beginning September 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. as follows:

**FAITH FRIENDS** (Kindergarten-Grade 3) Room C15

**FAITH FILES** (Grades 4-6) – Room C11

Games, Bible story, activities, and more ! Tons of fun!!

# Serving

**Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 pm in room A4.

**Church Council** will meet on Tuesday, September 18, at 6:30 pm in room C1.



## **NEW TIME!! CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** resumed Wednesday, September 5, in Room C14 as follows:

5:25-5:50 pm – Joyful Noise – age 4 through Grade 4  
6:00-6:30 pm – Jubilee Kids – Grades 2-6

### **Habitat for Humanity of Greensboro**

Our church is teaming up with other area churches to build a home for a deserving family that would otherwise not be able to afford it this Fall. We've contributed more than \$5,000 to help this project happen and wanted to give you the opportunity to also put in some labor. The Framing Day is **Saturday, September 29**, and we would like to send a small team to represent us that day. If you want to know more, contact Matt Smith at 336-292-5833 or [msmith@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:msmith@guilfordcollegeumc.org)

### **URBAN MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE**

Our church will be responsible for furnishing volunteers at Lowe's Foods on New Garden Rd. on **October 5 & 6**. If you would like to sign up for a shift, please call Karen Stone at 336-210-8489 or Annette Lasley at 336-292-0497. Thanks for volunteering!

## **MUSIC Notes**

- Rehearsals for Children's Choirs resumed on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Interest meeting for teens considering Teen Jazz and/or Teen Praise Band is scheduled for Sept. 11, 6:00-6:45 pm, in the Rock
- Handbell rehearsals resume on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm
- Want to request a favorite hymn/contemporary song or assist in leading worship through music? Email Melanie Crump at [mcrump@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:mcrump@guilfordcollegeumc.org)

## **Worship Calendar**

September 2 – The Adult Choir  
September 9 – GCUMC Praise Band  
September 16 – The Adult Choir  
September 23 – The Adult Choir  
September 30 – The Adult Choir

## **Praise Team Dates**

September 9  
October 7  
October 28  
November 18  
December 30

## **Ensemble Rehearsals**

Tuesdays  
Teen Music – 6:00-6:45 pm  
Handbells – 7:00-8:30 pm  
Wednesdays  
Joyful Noise - 5:25-5:50 pm  
Jubilee Kids – 6:00-6:30 pm  
Adult Choir – 7:00-8:30 pm  
Sundays  
Adult Choir – 8:15 am  
Adult Choir – 10:30 am

*He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God ...Psalm 40:3*

### **Rebuild Greensboro**

We're excited to offer some hands-on ways to help our neighbors in East Greensboro who were struck by the tornado this Spring. We can help those neighbors rebuild their homes and lives in conjunction with Community Housing Solutions.

We will have a team making external home repairs on the following dates:

Wed., Sept. 12	Wed., Sept. 19
Thurs. Sept. 13	Thurs., Sept. 20
Fri., Sept. 14	Fri., Sept. 21

Also on Saturday, September 22, we need 20 volunteers, ages 14 and older, to help paint one of the damaged homes. If you can help out with any of these efforts, contact David Saunders at [dsaunders13@triad.rr.com](mailto:dsaunders13@triad.rr.com), or 336-644-1678.

# Serving

## Volunteers for September 9, 2018

### 8:45 service

Lay Reader: Jim Sandknop

Ushers: Larry Glover, Captain; Bob Beasley, Ron Frazier, Tyrone McDuffie, David Saunders, Terry Weatherford, Terry Wert, Derek Young

Stephen Minister: John Hanner

### 11:00 service

Lay Reader: Julian McKinney

Acolytes: Zac Wall, Simon Hudson-Smith

Stephen Minister: Becky Archer

Children's Worship Shepherds: Monica Bush, Beth Price, Mike or Stephanie Stone

Ushers: Jim Drum, Captain; Phil Black, Mark Gorham, David Grove, Paul Ingram, Nick Lindsay, Larry Strader

Counters: Mike Ballard, Bob Beasley

Van Driver: Phil Colvard, Mike Garcia

Altar Guild: (Sept. 3--9): Judy Harris, Barbara Jones

## Volunteers for September 16, 2018

### 8:45 service

Lay Reader: Daryl Watkins

Ushers: Larry Glover, Captain; Bob Beasley, Ron Frazier, Tyrone McDuffie, David Saunders, Terry Weatherford, Terry Wert, Derek Young

Stephen Minister: Tom Southerland

### 11:00 service

Lay Reader: Cathy Bentsen

Acolytes: Taylor Meister, Katie Gillman

Stephen Minister: Nancy Munday

Children's Worship Shepherds: Chris or Jodi Knox, Nedine Stump, Tim or Elizabeth Kota

Ushers: Jim Drum, Captain; Phil Black, Mark Gorham, David Grove, Paul Ingram, Nick Lindsay, Andy Manry, Tom Patterson, Michael Stone, Larry Strader

Counters: Vicki Kendrick, Bobbi Peabody

Van Drivers: Richard Blackwelder

Altar Guild (Sept. 10-16): Carol Ingram, Pam Ingram

## Yokefellow Prison Ministry

Yokefellow is a relation-based Christian ministry active in prisons across our state. Many lives have been changed forever through Yokefellow's mode of winsome evangelism and support. You'll have the chance to learn about their work in prisons and (now to former inmates on the outside) through a mission moment on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can learn even more about this ministry during the Wednesday Night Out meal on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The dinner that evening is going to be a benefit for Yokefellow. Our own Vita Allgood is Yokefellow's executive director. You can contact her to find out about volunteer opportunities and more at 336-724-0801 or [yokefellowprisonministrync@gmail.com](mailto:yokefellowprisonministrync@gmail.com).

## Calendar for Sept. 9 -Sept. 22, 2018

### Sunday, Sept. 9- Bringing in the Harvest

8:45 am Early Worship  
9:45 am Learning Groups  
11:00 am Worship  
1:30 pm Bunong Worship Service (A3)  
4:30 pm Financial Peace (A4)  
5:30 pm UMYF  
6:00 pm Trustees (A10)

### Monday, Sept. 10

10:30am Finding I Am Study (A4)  
6:30 pm Finance Committee (A4)  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

### Tuesday, Sept. 11

10:00 am Eve Rebekah Circle (Rock)  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministers (A2)  
7:00 pm Handbells

### Wednesday, Sept. 12

10:00 am Dementia/Alzheimers Support (A2)  
5:25 pm-5:50 pm Joyful Noise Choir  
5:30-6:30 pm WNO (FH)  
6:00-6:30 pm Jubilee Kids Choir  
6:30 pm Youth Small Groups (Rock)  
6:30 pm Women's Study Group (A6)  
6:30 pm Children's Small Groups (c11, C15)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Sept. 13

7:00 pm Nar-Anon (A1)

### Sunday, Sept. 16

8:45 am Early Worship  
9:45 am Learning Groups  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Choir Retreat  
1:30 pm Bunong Worship Service (A3)  
4:30 pm Financial Peace (A4)  
5:30 pm UMYF

### Monday, Sept. 17

10:30 am Finding I Am Study (A4)  
7:00 pm Evangelism (A6)  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

### Tuesday, Sept. 18

10:00 am Sarah Circle (Rock)  
6:30 pm Church Council (C1)

### Wednesday, Sept. 19

9:30 am John Part I Study (A4)  
5:30-6:30 pm WNO (FH)  
5:25-5:50 pm Joyful Noise Choir  
6:00-6:30 pm Jubilee Kids Choir  
6:30 pm John Part I Study (A4)  
6:30 pm Children's Small Groups (C11,C15)  
6:30 pm Women's Study Group (A6)  
6:30 pm Youth Small Groups (Rock)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Sept. 20

10:00 am HUGS Shawl Ministry (A6)  
7:00 pm New Direction Nar-Anon (Rock)

### Saturday, Sept. 22

9:00am-1:00 pm Day of Service

**Food Pantry Volunteers** – If you want a more hands-on way to help, GUM is in desperate need of volunteers during weekday afternoons. Pantry volunteers sort food, pack grocery bags and shuttle grocery orders out to the guests. Contact Mary O'Neill (GUM's Food Pantry Director) if you are interested at 336-553-2672 of [oneill@gumistry.org](mailto:oneill@gumistry.org).

**OUR GIVING**

Budget for 2018.....	\$ 1,014,495.00
Amt. needed weekly.....	19,433.00
Amt. needed to date.....	660,722.00
Amt. received through 8/26/2018.....	667,349.24
Difference.....	\$ 6,627.00

**OUR ATTENDANCE**  
**August 26, 2018**

Worship.....	400
(8:45 – 72.....	11:00 - 328)

**September 2, 2018**

Worship.....	344
(8:45 – 95.....	11:00: - 249)

**HONORARIUMS**

In Honor of September Birthdays of  
Gay Brown, Bette Franken, Tina Sumner,

Jan Vanhoy

Vicki Kidd

**MEMORIALS**

In Memory of Jo Anne Crissman (Peggy Atkins' sister)

*Charlie and Loretta Eichhorn*

*Len and Sandra Myers*

*Marion Sharpe*

In Memory of Edna Derrick

*Marilyn Bowman*

*Gary and Gay Brown*

*Jim and Crystal Drum*

*Martha Johnson*

*Tyrone and Carolyn McDuffie*

*Marion Sharpe*

*Jack and Nancy Vanstory*

*Jim and Carol vonCannon*

*Elaine Witkowski*

In Memory of Kaye Weatherford Jones

(Terry Weatherford's sister)

*Len and Sandra Myers*

*Marion Sharpe*

In Memory of Pete Sandknop

(Jim Sandknop's father)

*Jimmy Wilson*

In Memory of Polly Scott

*John and Helen Stone*



**BRINGING IN THE HARVEST**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**Shopping List:**

- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 1 jam/jelly in plastic container
- 1 large box of cereal or oatmeal
- 1 bag of rice
- 1 can of vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, etc.)
- 1 can of spaghetti sauce
- 1 lb. of spaghetti pasta
- 1 box of macaroni & cheese
- 1 box of instant pudding or jello
- 1 can of fruit
- 1 box of saltines or graham crackers
- 1 can of chicken, tuna or Spam
- 1 6-pack Raman noodles
- 1 can of beef stew or Spaghettios or Ravioli

**(No glass containers, please!)**

If you won't be at worship on Sept. 9th, you may bring them to the church office anytime before then. Help us re-stock the shelves at Greensboro Urban Ministry. since this is the season of greatest need.

## GUILFORD COLLEGE UMC BACKPACK CLUB



When your child or grandchild comes home from school, what is the first thing he or she does? For many children, it's a trip straight to the fridge for a snack. Unfortunately, for many children right here in Greensboro, this is simply not a choice. The free or reduced lunch received at school on Friday is the last nutritious food many children will have until Monday.

The Backpack Club is beginning its seventh year thanks to your generous support. GCUMC has sponsored over 200 children since its inception. We additionally provide Thanksgiving meals, Christmas gifts, summer food, and back to school supplies and resources for clothing.

The Backpack Club helps children who have been identified as being at risk of going hungry over the weekend. Each week, volunteers fill backpacks with nutritious, kid-friendly food that the child can take home on Friday and bring back to be filled again the next week.

This ministry sponsors students from Guilford Elementary School. Almost 75% of the students (over 400 children) at Guilford Elementary School are dependent on the subsidized school lunch program.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- Be a **Club Buddy** - Support a child with monetary contributions of \$8 per week (\$320 for a school year). This money will be used to purchase food items in bulk. Individuals, families, small groups, and Church School classes are encouraged to consider sponsoring a child. You are also encouraged to send notes to your child and build a relationship with the family.
- Be a **Club Shopper** - Purchase food from our menus in bulk (Sam's, Costco, Walmart, Aldi) using monetary contributions received. You will be scheduled once a month to shop.
- Be a **Club Packer** - Sort and stuff backpacks on Wednesday evenings at GCUMC.
- Be a **Club Transporter** - Deliver filled backpacks Thursday mornings to Guilford Elementary School.
- Be a **Club Pray-er** - Pray for the children each week as they receive their backpacks.

Please contact Donna Ford at (336) 292-5833 or [dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org) for more information or to sign up to help with this vital ministry!





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 1 Randy Beck, Dave Lehman, Y'Isaac Mlo, Dawn Stuttts, Jan Vanhoy  
Sept. 2 Valerie Andrews, Rebecca Overton  
Sept. 3 Liana Adrong, Brian Cox, Kyra Dalton, Bailey Gibson, Leona Moriarity, Jack Vanstory,  
Bob Walcot  
Sept. 4 Danica Adame, Betty Gordon, Bill Newlin, Natanaele Owooh, Avery Pigue, Jake Puentes  
Sept. 5 Jason Stewart, Deborah Wilson  
Sept. 6 Carrie Allen, Lilli Hicks, John Hughes, Esther Mlo  
Sept. 7 Kara Campbell, Paige Heilig, Linda Rider, Halee Myers  
Sept. 8 Amie Foley, Maria Maynard, Hunter Seay, Donna Steele  
Sept. 9 H'Driet Enuol, Carolyn McDuffie, Nicholas Pearce  
Sept. 10 Jim Cantrell, Elly Dirks, Amelia Hicks, Travis Hicks, Bethanie Hodgins, Ben Howard,  
Katrina Lilly, Matthew Sacrinty, Tom Southerland  
Sept. 11 Jody Martin, Randy Marshall, Amy Overton, Natalie Rider  
Sept. 12 Carol Agresti, Carrie Gowen, Hunter Graham, Bob Lawton, Aaron Ruley, Jay Stone,  
Bonnie Trostle, Peter Villella  
Sept. 13 Suzanne Gagliano, Amy Shope,  
Sept. 14 Gay Fischer, Nancy Gladwell, Jackson Meister, Brad Perkins  
Sept. 15 Jeff Bacon, Grace Gibson, Dylan Gragg, Shelby Steen  
Sept. 16 Dorothy Downey, Jennifer Graham  
Sept. 17 Bette Franken, Terri Hastings, Debbie Inman, Mary Kelly, Cari Ruley  
Sept. 18 Emily Bottoms  
Sept. 19 Cindy Keating, Carol Townsend, Pam Wilson  
Sept. 20 Adam Daufeldt, Troy Minor, Jacob Steele, Matt Tester, Janet Van Hook, Jacob Wall  
Sept. 21 Sue Frady, Jessica Justice, Matt Price, Tom Riffe, Mary Soper  
Sept. 22 Sarah Kathryn Coley, Charles Crocker, Charlie Groves, Bill LeHeup, Jason Little,  
Braden Reno  
Sept. 23 Rory Adams, Staci Kohn  
Sept. 24 Gay Brown, Bill Brubaker, Erin Cheek, Shane Hamlett, Paul McMinn, Eve Rominger,  
Houstyn Stump, Michael Sumner, Tina Sumner  
Sept. 25 Susie Barnes, Amanda Fleming, Ron Frazier, Collin Hicks, Shannon Martin, Jacob Stone,  
Liddy Whedbee  
Sept. 26 Caroline Campbell, Mark Dirks, Davis Francisco, David Ward  
Sept. 27 Tom Jenkins  
Sept. 28 Kim Adame, Blake Griffin, Debbie Harper, Jim Holmes, Claudette Kayler, Jim Holmes  
Sept. 29 Taylor Barrow, Carlie Bateman, Dot Brogan  
Sept. 30 Lillian Benoist, Becky Elias, Laurie Gibson, Zoe Seay, Hudson Sharp



**Fall into the  
habit of serving  
with GCUMC**

**“Bringing in the Harvest” - GCUMC’s own food  
collection for Greensboro Urban Ministry**

Sunday, September 9 at 8:45 or 11:00 AM

**3rd Quarter Day of Service - paint tornado-damaged homes,  
make casseroles or plant garden**

Saturday morning, September 22

**Wednesday Night Out benefit  
for Yokefellow Prison Ministry**

Wednesday, September 26 at 5:30 PM

**Framing Day for the house we’re helping build  
with Habitat for Humanity of Greensboro**

Saturday, September 29 at 8:00 AM

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Thursday, October 4 from 2:30-7:00 PM

**Greensboro Urban Ministry’s Community Fall Food Drive**

Friday, October 5 & Saturday, October 6

**CROP Walk to End Hunger**

Sunday, October 14 at 1:30 PM

**Meet Dr. Stanley Gitari of Kenya’s Maua Methodist Hospital**

Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30 PM

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