

# News at First

Monthly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church | March 2020

## *A Note From David*



**Rev. David Christy**  
Senior Minister  
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Dear Fellow Ministers,

What a joy it is to journey together into March! We have celebrated Consecration Sunday and by April will be celebrating being able to actually use our new building (and quit walking all the way around the building!). God is faithful, and you all have been responsive. Thank you so much for your generosity that is allowing the footprint, both physically and spiritually, of First UMC to grow in Gastonia! You all are amazing and I believe the decision you have made to not just stay, but to THRIVE in downtown Gastonia will bear fruit for the Kingdom for years to come.

We are entering into a great season of Lent, when we prepare and grow in order to properly celebrate Easter. Our theme for Lent is "Waiting: Is The Lord Among Us Or Not?". There are Lenten devotional books located around the church to help us in this journey... we pray that this season is a holy Lent and that our plans in worship will assist with that:

March 1 – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (Romans 5:12-19 – Lay Reading)

March 8 – Genesis 12:1-4a (Psalm 121 – Lay Reading)

March 15 – Romans 5:1-11 (Exodus 17:1-7 – Lay Reading)

March 22 – John 9:18-38 (Psalm 23 – Lay Reading)

March 29 – Youth Sunday... our youth will lead us in all three worship services!

Please consider being a part of a Sunday School class or a small group during Lent. Our pastors will be offering a common Sunday School for anyone who would like to come in the Chapel through Easter Sunday.

I look forward to being in mission and ministry with you in March!

In Christ's Service,  
David



**First United Methodist Church**  
Gastonia, North Carolina

**Our mission is to see Christ in every person  
we encounter and demonstrate to them the  
love of God and the teachings of Jesus.**

# Take Note

## Minister on Call Schedule

David: 828-400-4552

Tripp: 704-477-7715

Avery: 704-559-9942

Feb. 28-March 1: Avery

March 6-8: David

March 13-15: Tripp

March 20-22: Avery

March 27-29: David

## Sunday Morning Attendance



Date	Church	Live	FB
Feb. 2:	455	93	485
Feb. 9.	487	161	296
Feb. 16:	412	188	490
Feb. 23:	522	116	409

## Sympathy to

- Bob Crunkleton and family on the death of his brother.
- Gary Hicks and family on the death of his brother.
- Jane Martin and family on the death of her husband.
- The Prince family on the death of Elizabeth "Helen" Prince.
- Andrew Reep and family on the death of his grandfather.

First United Methodist Church  
Gastonia, North Carolina

**WAITING:**  
Is The Lord Among  
Us Or Not?

New Lenten Sermon Series  
Beginning March 1st.

## Joy to

- Abby (Stanforth) and George Thompson on the birth of Augustus Charles and Audrey grace who were born on Dec 29.
- David and Rosa Marsh on the birth of Charlotte Jane who was born on Feb. 7.

**LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL- Chapel**

**March 1** – David (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7)  
**March 8** – David (Discussion of the Protocol; Repeat of 2.25.20 meeting)  
**March 15** – Avery (Romans 5:1-11)  
**March 22** – Avery (John 9:18-38)  
**March 29** – Jim (John 11:1-45)  
**April 5** – Jim (Matthew 21:1-11)  
**April 12** – David (John 20:1-18)

Stay up to date on our social media & website

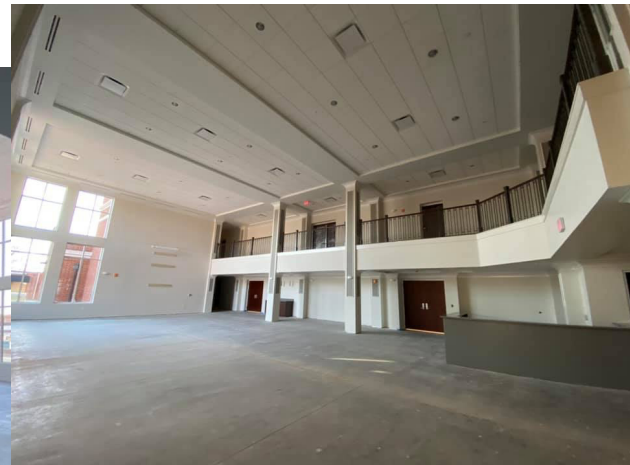
[www.fumcgastonia.org](http://www.fumcgastonia.org)





# Yellow Hat Report

We had a great consecration Sunday on February 23. Thank you to everyone that helped make this day possible. We're excited to be in the new building soon!



**Dave Davis**

Business Administrator  
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## LET'S PLAY BRIDGE!

Before every Friendship Connection  
March 26, June 18,  
September 17, & December 17.  
in the Family Life Center  
9:30am-11:00 am

If you enjoy playing games this is the group for you! We will have tables set up for bridge and leaders each time. For more information, Contact Mary Lou Norcross [HUDSONDOG@CAROLINA.RR.COM](mailto:HUDSONDOG@CAROLINA.RR.COM) or Carol Elliott [CELERY127@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CELERY127@YAHOO.COM)

## Friendship Connection

Thursday, March 26 in FLC 2  
11:00 Devotion, Rev. Avery White  
11:05 Program, City leader  
11:45 Meal



Dinner Theatre- Narroway Production's- The 4th Cross  
Fort Mill, South Carolina

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @ 6:30pm**

RSVP by March 7th by email [stephanie.s@fumcgastonia.org](mailto:stephanie.s@fumcgastonia.org)



## *This month we are hosting...*

**Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts-** Various nights of the week

**Learning to Live NA Group-** Monday, Wednesdays, & Fridays @ 11:30am

**Family Promise-** (Contact Theresa McIntosh to volunteer)- March 8-15

**Gaston Clergy & Citizen Coalition-** March 12 @ 9am

**Board of Ordained Ministry -**March 17-19 @7am- 4pm

**Gaston Multicultural Arts Festival -**March 28

**Special Olympics Volleyball--**Tuesdays @ 6pm

We have a large and busy campus. Please go to <https://www.fumcgastonia.org/calendar> for a full list of our calendar and events.



**Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship**  
**2nd Wednesday of every Month**  
**(THIS MONTH: March 11th)**

Firestone Grill 1325 West Franklin Blvd  
7:00 am. until we stop talking ( or 8:00 am.)  
" Order off the menu-separate checks"

**Hot dog Lunch**  
Every First Friday 12-1pm  
*Everyone welcome!*



Hot dogs, chips, cookie,  
and a drink!  
**\$3** (or pay as you can)

Sponsored by  
United Methodist Men



## **UMW DINNER MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 9TH**

*6:30PM in FAMILY LIFE CENTER*

"Call to prayer and self-denial" OUR PROGRAM: SOUTH OF THE BORDER with  
Jane Smith, Leigh Smith, Kim Santa I Dinner \$7  
Make reservations with church office by March 6th  
\*PEACE CIRCLE to decorate and serve

# Worship Arts Ministry

## Lenten Community Lunches

- March 4 – Meet at First Presbyterian (Jason Dampier from Holy Trinity Lutheran preaching)  
March 11 – Meet at First ARP (Steven Fuller from First Baptist preaching)  
March 18 – Meet at St. Michael's Catholic (Carolyn Bratton from St. Stephen's AME Zion preaching)  
March 25 – Meet at First Baptist (Avery White from First UMC preaching)  
April 1 – Meet at Holy Trinity Lutheran (Cindy Benz from First Presbyterian preaching)  
April 8 – Meet at First UMC (Fr. Lucas Rossi from St. Michael's Catholic preaching)

**Meals (\$6) are at Noon. Worship is at 12:30 pm. Offering being taken for CAM & Resource Connection Gateway**

## Duke University Chorale

Rodney Wynkoop, director  
Hye-Bin Song, accompanist



### Southeast Tour 2020

**First United Methodist Church**

Saturday, March 14  
7:00 pm

190 E. Franklin Blvd.  
Gastonia, NC 28052

[music.duke.edu/ensembles/chorale](http://music.duke.edu/ensembles/chorale)

Youth  
Sunday  
March 29

**CHOOSE  
WISELY**

Youth will lead all three  
worship services:

8:45 Traditional - Sanctuary  
8:45 Contemporary - 162E  
11:00 Traditional - Sanctuary



**Rev. Saxon Scarborough**  
Minister of Music  
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**Aaron Prillaman**  
162 East Worship Leader  
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**Timothy Scruggs**  
Organist  
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## Music Minister Candidate Auditions

Saturday, March 21 & 28  
10:00-10:45 am, Sanctuary

*\*The congregation is invited to observe, participate [singing hymns], and give feedback.*

## Save the dates

**March 29-** Youth Sunday

**April 9-** Maundy Thursday Communion,  
come between 5:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary.

**April 10-** Good Friday Tenebrae service with  
Chancel & Contemporary Choirs, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.

**May 1-3-** The Best FUMC Pageant Ever



**June 15-19-** Camp VISTA

Register at [www.fumcgastonia.org/ministries/worship-arts-music](http://www.fumcgastonia.org/ministries/worship-arts-music)



**June 21-26-** Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska. Registration available soon!



# Children's Ministry



**Kristi McClellan**

Director of Children's Ministries  
& Weekday Preschool

kristi@fumcgastonia.org

## Pick up Your Butterflies



We are excited that this year we will be having Sunday School on Easter!

**Easter: April 12, 2020**

Therefore, we WILL NOT have the Butterfly Breakfast.

However, we know how much you love the Butterflies! If you ordered butterflies you can pick them up around the last week in March. Check E-blast!

## March

**1st**

1:00 Hornets Game

**4th**

6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

**8th**

5:00-7:00 Supper Club

**11th**

6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

**18th**

6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

**25th**

6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

## April

**1st**

6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

**5th**

2:00-4:00 Easter Eggstravaganza

**Holy Week- Services throughout week**

**12th**

Easter Services- Releasing Butterflies @ 10:40 after Sunday School

**22nd**

6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

**24th-26th**

Family Camp

**29th**

Spring Children's Concert

## May

**10th**

Muffins to Moms in Classes

**29th-30th**

5th Grade Retreat

**31st**

10:30 ONE service for 150 years celebration & meal to follow

## Save Dates for Summer

June 7th 9:45 Safe Sanctuary Training

June 15th -19th Camp Vista

June 21 Doughnuts to Dads in Classes

Aug 3rd-5th VBS Interest Camps

**Donate Candy filled eggs to Mrs. Kristi's office for the Easter Eggstravaganza!**



## Easter Eggstravaganza

*on East Franklin*

**April 5th at 2:00pm**

**First United Methodist Church  
190 East Franklin Blvd. Gastonia, NC**

**"A tisket, a tasket, let our trunks fill your Easter baskets"**

**Sign up to decorate a trunk and share the Easter Story**

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0A4AADAE28A13-easter1>

**SUPPER CLUB  
MARCH 8  
5-7PM**



## 5th Grade Retreat

Blowing Rock, North Carolina | May 29-30, 2020

**Who?** 5th grade students who are members or are currently involved at FUMC.  
**What?** A time to hang out and talk about all the changes happening with school & church & the expectations of what it means to be a part of a confirmation class.  
**How Much?** \$65 (Pay Kristi, our business office, or online)





# Family Camp 2020

**WHERE:** Camp Tekoa which is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, near Hendersonville. Tekoa is owned and operated by the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church. <http://www.camptekoa.org/>

**WHEN:** Friday, April 24- Sunday, April 26th

**HOUSING:** 2 to 3 family units per cabin (try to honor suggestions)

**FEE:** \$65 per person, children 3 and under are free! Camp fee includes lodging (linens and towels NOT provided), all meals (breakfast, lunch, & dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday), and all activities at camp (climbing tower, zip line, gaga ball, & lake swimming). (If needed, scholarships are available.)

**ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE:** Registration will be at 7 p.m. on Friday evening. Our first event will begin at 7:30 p.m. (dinner will NOT be served on Friday). On Sunday, we will conclude around 11 a.m.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Complete the registration form below; include a \$65 deposit, and give to Kristi McClellan.

**Deposits are due by February 28<sup>th</sup> (NON-REFUNDABLE)**

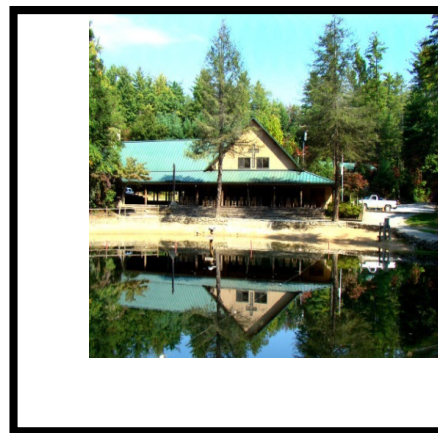
Final balance will be due before April 8<sup>th</sup>

If you have any question or concerns, please contact:

Kristi McClellan: [kristi@fumcgastonia.org](mailto:kristi@fumcgastonia.org)

Please tear off and give to Kristi by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

You will receive a tentative schedule in April.



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## Family Camp 2020 | April 24<sup>th</sup> -April 26<sup>th</sup>

Parent's names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Kid's names & ages:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email:

\_\_\_\_\_

Families to room with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount:** (\$65 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ **Deposit:** \$65 **Balance due by April 8<sup>th</sup>:** \_\_\_\_\_

Example: Family of 4 **Total Amount:** \$260 **Deposit:** \$65 **Balance due:** \$195

# Youth Ministry



**Stephanie Jenkins**  
Director of Student Ministries  
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sjenkins@fumcgastonia.org

## Senior High UMYF



**Tuesday March 3rd**  
7am Senior High Breakfast  
@ Bojangles on South New Hope Rd

### Sr-Hi Mini-Mission Trip

Thanks for all your prayers, love & support. We had a great weekend of serving, fellowship and fun in Atlanta, GA.



### Sr-Hi Calendar

Sun 1st	YS Filming & Music, UMYF
Tues 3rd	7am SrHi Prayer Breakfast
Wed 4th	5:30 Dinner & Bible Study
Sun 8th	YS Filming, Music & Honduras Meeting
Wed 11th	5:30 Dinner & Bible Study
Sun 15th	YS Filming, Music & UMYF
Wed 18th	5:30 Dinner & Bible Study
Sun 22nd	YS FULL REHEARSAL
Wed 25th	5:30 Dinner & Bible Study
Sun 29th	YOUTH SUNDAY!

**2020 Sr-Hi Mission Trip—Chicago**  
July 25—August 1, 2020 (\$250-\$300)  
\$150 Due April 5/ \$100-\$150 Due June 21  
\*\* Mission Trip Meeting April 19  
\*\* Adults Needed for this Trip!

## Mid-Hi UMYF



**Tuesday March 3rd @ 6pm**

8th grade Pot-Luck Dinner @ Long House  
Bring a side dish to share & celebrate your class!



**2020 Mid-Hi Mission Trip**  
July 12-18, 2020 - Coastal Location  
@ Manteo Middle School

Youth going:  
Olivia, Eva,  
Regan, Gracie,  
Josh, Alex,  
Aidan, Will W,  
Archie

**Final Deposit Due April 5th \$150**  
**Limited spots left!**

### Mid-Hi Calendar

Sun 1st	YS Filming, Music & UMYF
Tues 3rd	6pm 8th Grade Dinner
Wed 4th	5:30 Dinner & Bible Study
Sun 8th	YS Filming, Music & Honduras Meeting
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# College & Youth International Mission Trip



2021 International Mission Trip Meeting  
Information Meeting— Dates, \$, Questions!  
**Sun. March 8th 6:30pm Greene House**



**\*\* NEXT SPRING/SUMMER \*\***

*Tentative Dates*

College Week: March 2021 (Spring Break)

\*open to current HS seniors—current college

Senior High: July 12-19, 2021

\*open to current 7th graders— current 11th graders

An alternate meeting will be held Wednesday April 1st for those unable to attend March 8th.

## Youth Sunday March 29th!

Mark your calendars! The youth will be leading all three worship services Sunday March 29th. The youth are excited and feel honored to be leading worship for one Sunday in 2020. Our theme is “Choose Wisely,” with high school seniors Kyla Farmer, Sophie Jurs, & Clark Styers delivering the message. Thank you church for supporting your youth!

March 1 - Filming Scene 2 @ 1pm, Hymns w/Saxon during UMYF

March 8 - Filming Scene 3 @ 2:30pm, Practice w/Youth Praise Band @ UMYF

March 15 - Filming Scene 4 @ 2:30pm, Practice w/Youth Praise Band @ UMYF

**CHOOSE  
WISELY**



### March 22nd YOUTH SUNDAY FULL REHEARSAL

4:30- 5pm Youth Bells

5-5:30pm Ensemble & Brass

5:30pm Dinner in FLC

6:00pm 11:00 worship service full rehearsal in Sanctuary

7:00pm 8:45 worship services half rehearsal (162E & Sanctuary)

7:30pm Pickup

## March 29 YOUTH SUNDAY!

All youth participate in 8:45 & 11:00 worship services

# Bessemer City News



**Rev. Trip Hord**

Pastor at First UMC Bessemer  
City / Partnership  
tripp@fumcgastonia.org

## BC News

The busy season of Lent is upon us and I'm so grateful for all that God continues to do for the partnership. We have so much to celebrate a new building and 150 year celebration in Gastonia and in Bessemer City the dedication of our new sound and video equipment and most of all the celebration of Easter!

As we approach the Lenten Season I hope you will all join us in prayer, fasting, listening, and reflecting, as a way of preparing our hearts for Easter. As we wait for the resurrection on that Sunday morning may we look to God for faithfulness and of God's presence in our lives and remind us to be more loving and generous followers of Jesus Christ in all that we do, all that we have, all that we say and all that we are.

Pastor Tripp

## BC Happenings in March

Bible Study Tuesday evenings @ 5:30

March 5th Bingo and Baked Potatoes

Sermon Talk Weekly Wednesday 10:30am

Choir Practice Weekly Wednesday 7:00pm

March 15th St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Meal after Worship

**March 26th BC Travelers to Mint Museum - JOIN US!**

## Mark Your Calendar

April 10th @ Noon Process of the Cross Starting in Downtown Bessemer City

Maundy Thursday Service 5:15

Sunrise Service @ Bessemer City Cemetery / Breakfast to follow @ the Church

For more information on any of the events upcoming,  
contact Tripp @ 704-477-7715



# Parish Nurse Ministry



**Lisa Marisiddaiah**  
Parish Nurse  
nurse@fumcgastonia.org

## Ladies' NIGHT OUT

Presented by:  
Gastonia Parish  
Nurse Ministry

For the Women of First Presbyterian & First United Methodist Churches

How to be a crock pot woman in a microwave world:  
A conversation about how to slow down in a fast-paced world by allowing yourself to pause and unplug.



**Speaker: Cindy H Ray, MS, LPC**  
Regional Director of CareNet Counseling

*\*FREE Event with FREE Childcare  
Available Upon Registration*

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**  
**6:00-8:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall**  
1621 E. Garrison Blvd. Gastonia, NC

6-6:30- Arrive, Fellowship, & *Mocktails*

6:30-7:10- **DOOR PRIZES**, Dinner, & Dessert.



7:10-7:40- Speaker: Cindy H Ray, MS, LPC

7:40-8:00- *Q&A*

Register by March 5th at <https://bit.ly/35ZnvPV>

PRESENTED BY THE GASTONIA PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

## NAVIGATING THE PATH TO EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

**May 13, 2020 • First Presbyterian Church • Gastonia, North Carolina**  
Community members and professionals are invited to join us for an informative seminar on mental health and emotional wellness.  
A general certificate of Continuing Education will be provided.

### SPEAKERS AND SESSIONS

*Our speakers have been chosen due to their expertise in the field of mental health, and for their varied background as counselors.*

**JAY OSTROWSKI**, MA, LPC/S, NCC, ACS, BC-TMH

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 101**  
This presentation will provide an overview of the various professional roles within the field of behavioral health, and subspecialties that exist. What's the difference between a psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, therapist, social worker, mental health nurse practitioner? Who should you make an appointment with, or refer to, and when?

**TRISH MURRAY**, LMHC, LMHCs

**SELF-CARE: LEARNING TO PRACTICE CALM IN A CHAOTIC WORLD**  
This presentation will identify what self-care is vs what is not. Participants will learn different self-care strategies. They will what gets in the way of implementing and/or practicing self care and how to resolve those.

**RUSS KEENY**, MA, LPC

**SECONDARY TRAUMA: PTSD**  
Secondary Trauma occurs when people are traumatized after being exposed to individuals who have experienced trauma themselves. Secondary Trauma commonly affects first responders, nurses and physicians, mental health workers, and children of traumatized parents.

**DR. STEPHEN LEMONS**, BCC, ACEP-CE

**A SPIRITUAL AND COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE TO SUICIDE**  
This presentation will discuss the warning signs of suicide, the connection between suicide and religion, how to handle interventions and prevention efforts, as well as the best practices when offering care to survivors.

**REV. EDDIE INGRAM**, MDiv, MSW, LCSW

**UNDERSTANDING THE LIFE IMPACT OF GRIEF**  
Throughout life, we experience many instances of grief which can be caused by situations, relationships, or even substance abuse. Learn how grief impacts our feelings, thoughts, behaviors and experiences.

**KIM LEPPERT**, MSW, LCSW, CSAT, CCTP, CCATP

**A CONVERSATION ABOUT SEXUAL ADDICTIONS**  
This presentation will discuss "Sex Addiction" as diagnosed for the first time in 1983 by Dr. Patrick Carnes. Sex Addiction has many complexities, but at its core, is believed to be a process addiction, a negative coping skill, like gaming, gambling, or even food.

### SCHEDULE

*Participants may choose which sessions to attend based on their interest, and are not required to attend the entire seminar.*

8:00 - 8:50 a.m.	Registration • Breakfast • Networking
8:50 - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Jay Ostrowski - "Behavioral Health 101"
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Eddie Ingram - "Understanding the Life Impact of Grief"
11:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Russ Keeny - "Secondary Trauma: PTSD"
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.	Trish Murray - "Self-care: learning to practice calm in a chaotic world"
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Steve Lemons - "A Spiritual and Compassionate Response to Suicide"
3:00 - 3:45 p.m.	Kim Leppert - "A Conversation about Sexual Addictions"
3:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

We hope that you will join us for this free educational seminar!  
Registration is open to all, and community members are encouraged to attend.  
Breakfast and lunch are included with registration.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.FPCGASTONIA.ORG/EMOTIONALWELLNESS](http://WWW.FPCGASTONIA.ORG/EMOTIONALWELLNESS)



**April 6, 2020 | 2:30pm- 6:30pm**  
**First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall**  
Walk-ins welcome, but appointments encouraged: 704-864-2651

**Seniors: Get your taxes done for FREE**

Text the word TAXAIDE2020 to 50757 to receive a one-time text message from AARP Foundation with a link to find a tax preparation site near you. Tax Aide volunteers take the stress out of tax time with an in-person, IRS certified tax preparation.

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Division of Social Services

### DO YOU NEED HELP PAYING YOUR HEATING BILLS?

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) may be able to help you.

Households with a person age 60 or older or a disabled person receiving services through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services can apply from December 2, 2019, through December 31, 2019. All households can apply beginning January 2, 2020, through March 31, 2020 or until funds are exhausted.

Contact your local county department of social services for more information.

Households with a Native American adult age 18 and older residing in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, and Scotland counties, who wish to apply for LIEAP benefits, must do so through the Lumber Tree.

Households that include an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) living in the five-county service area of Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain counties, who wish to apply for LIEAP benefits, must do so through the EBCI. This includes enrolled EBCI members on and off the Qualla Boundary in the five counties.

Funds are Limited, APPLY TODAY!

Division of Social Services  
[www.ncdhhs.gov](http://www.ncdhhs.gov) • NCDHHS is an equal opportunity employer and provider • 10/19

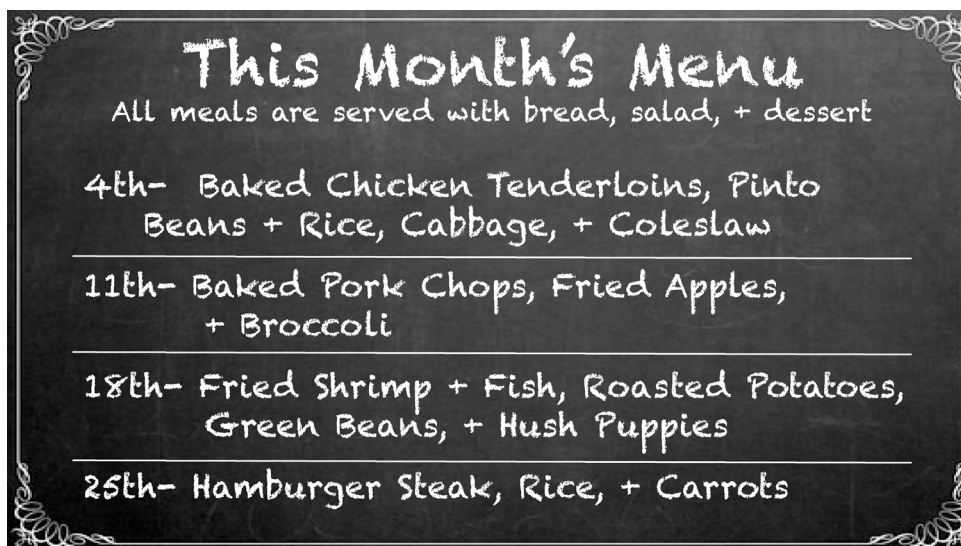
**Community Foundation Run-**  
**Saturday April 4.**  
Please join the Gastonia parish nurse ministry team for the 5K or 2K walk. Please consider contributing to the Gastonia Parish Nurse Ministry through community foundation run. [Cfgaston.org](http://Cfgaston.org)



Sign up for dinner by calling 704-864-4371 or sign up and pay online at [fumcgastonia.org/givepay/wef-registration](http://fumcgastonia.org/givepay/wef-registration)

**Dinner @ 5:30pm-**  
Adults: \$7 Children: \$3

**Classes begin @  
6:30pm**



**Chapel-** Mid-week prayer service. | 6:30pm | Chapel Rev. David Christy

**Sabbath-** A women's study based on Christian sabbath finding rest, renewal, and delight in our busy lives. Currently reading: *"Same Kind of Different As Me"* | 6:30pm | Greene House | Anne Mallonee

**Chancel Handbells-** Music Room | 6:30pm | Rev. Saxon Scarborough

**Prayer II Pause-** Even if you are a busy mom, you can stay connected to God through prayer and passages of scripture. Just 30 minutes of pause to ask the holy spirit to guide you. We will study the book of proverbs in addition to Hoda Kotb's book *"I Really Needed This Today."* | 6:30pm Room #315 | Becky Greene

**FUMC Kids Bible Story Games-** Birth-5th graders will play games, learn, and discuss a Bible story. Gym in February | 6:30 pm | Kristi McClellan

**Youth-** Meet at 5:30pm for dinner with the church followed by breakout sessions | Stephanie Jenkins

**The Universal Christ-** From one of the world's most influential spiritual thinkers, Richard Rohr, a long-awaited book exploring what it means that Jesus was called "Christ" and how this forgotten truth can restore hope and meaning to our lives. March 4 - April 8 | 6:30pm | Rev. Dave Cramp & Rev. Dr. Jim Westmoreland.

**Called: Hearing & Responding to God's Call-** A six-week Bible study written by Rev. Susan Robb on the lives of Abraham, Samuel, Esther, Jonah, Mary Magdalene and the disciple John. All of these Bible personalities were called by God for certain tasks, just as God calls each one of us. | March 4 - April 8 | 6:30pm Dr. Lyn Sorrells

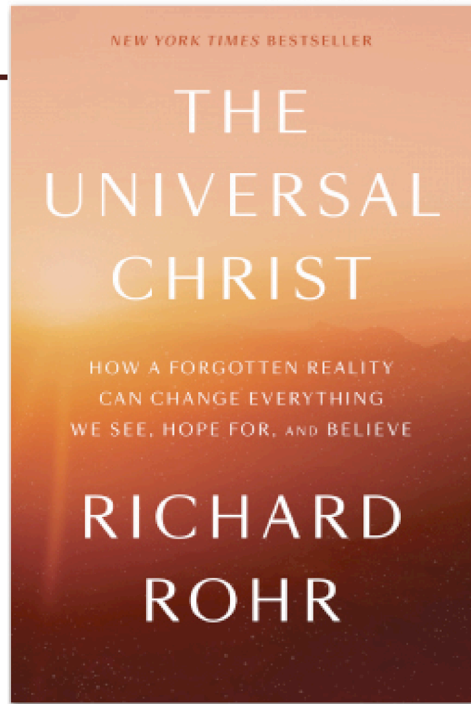
**Crafts-** Share Christian fellowship while using your God given gifts of creativity. Craft Room | 6:30pm Cathryn Beasley

March Crafts

- March 4 & 11- Painted Wood Art
- March 18- Easter Egg Wreath
- March 25- Yarn Eggs



# WEF NEW CLASSES:



## The Universal Christ

From one of the world's most influential spiritual thinkers, Richard Rohr, a long-awaited book exploring what it means that Jesus was called "Christ" and how this forgotten truth can restore hope and meaning to our lives.

**Wednesday's, March 4 - April 8**

**6:30pm in Room #218**

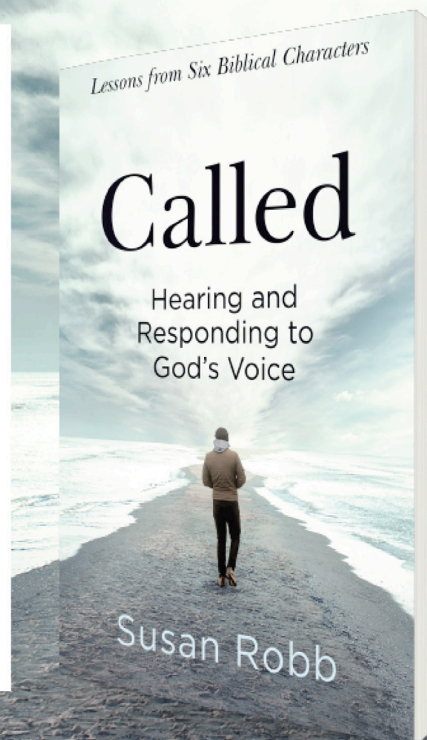
**Led by Rev. Dave Cramp &  
Rev. Dr. Jim Westmoreland**

## *Called* Hearing & Responding to God's Call.

A six-week Bible study written by Rev. Susan Robb on the lives of Abraham, Samuel, Esther, Jonah, Mary Magdalene and the disciple John. All of these Bible personalities were called by God for certain tasks, just as God calls each one of us.

**March 4 - April 8 @ 6:30pm**

**Led by Dr. Lyn Sorrells**



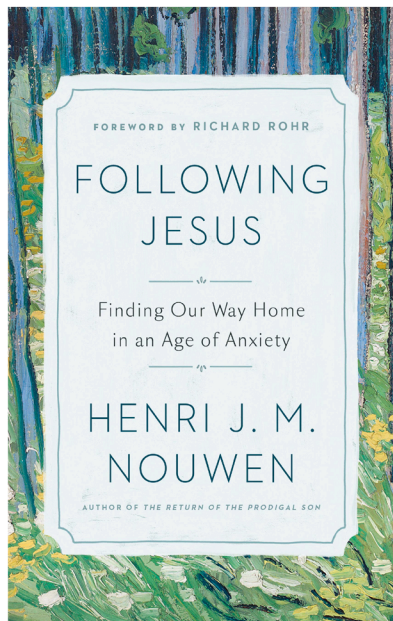
# New Bible & Book studies!



Philippians is a small book with only four chapters but it has a BIG message. Some of the most valuable things come in small packages! Come help unwrap and discover the treasure within.

Thursdays, March 5-27, 10-11:30am. Room #218

Led by Rev. David Mason



*Following Jesus Book Study* Timeless wisdom for life from one of the great spiritual masters of our age, Henri Nouwen. This book is based on six talks Nouwen delivered over Lent. The question of "How to follow Jesus" is the real question.

**Led by Becky Greene.**

First United Methodist Church

2:00 pm | Room #218

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & April 6.

Register with Stephanie (704) 864-4371 or  
[stephanie.s@fumcgastonia.org](mailto:stephanie.s@fumcgastonia.org)

## New days & times offered.

## Join one today!

### RECKLESS LOVE:

#### JESUS' CALL TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR

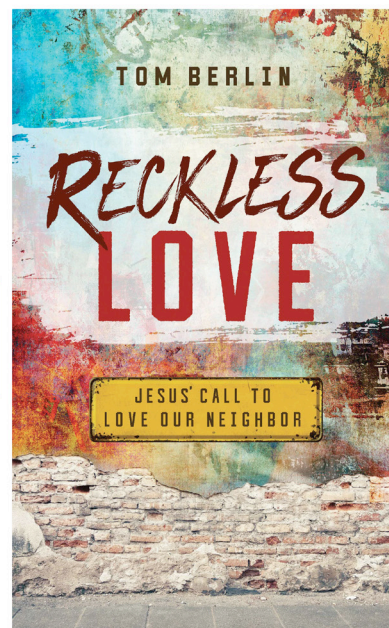
Join us as we discuss the concept of Loving Our Neighbor as Jesus commanded us.

**Led by Lyn Anderson & Andy Haynes.**

6 sessions, *Every Other* Tuesday @ 6:30pm  
Beginning Tuesday, March 10.

Session will be at Lyn Anderson's home:  
**3068 Colony Ridge Dr. (off Hoffman Rd.)**

Call Lyn at (704) 674-8333 or  
Andy at (704) 616-9784 for more details.





# Save the Date

**THE BEST FUMC  
PAGEANT EVER!**

**▲ Historical Dramatic Revue  
May 1-2, 2020, 7:30 p.m.  
May 3, 2020, 2:30 p.m.**

Calling all thespians and singers for a dramatic revue of the church theatre's productions of the past 50 years.

**WE WANT YOU!**

(Watch for further details.)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ONE SERVICE @ 10:30AM**  
**MAY 31, 2020**  
TO CELEBRATE FUMC'S  
**150** *years*

*Meal to follow by Chef Bruce in the Family Life Center*



# Community News



## Women Build 2020

Together, We Are Stronger



### Are You Ready To Build With US?

Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County is excited to partner with Lowe's for three exciting events for Women Build 2020. We invite you to join us to build a stronger Gaston County by sponsoring this event and providing a team of four builders.

Habitat's Women Build brings together women from all walks of life to empower each other as they build stronger, safer communities.



### Women Build Schedule

**Saturday, March 14** — We are building 4 sheds (which are part of each Habitat house) to be placed at Habitat homes.

**Saturday, March 21** — Build Day at a Habitat House under construction.

**Saturday, March 28** — **Parking Lot Party** — The 4 sheds will be decorated and judged by a team of community leaders. We will have a band, food truck, and kid's activities during the event. This will be attended by the public and will offer the opportunity for sponsors to host a table to promote their business.

No construction experience is required.

Volunteers work under the guidance of construction professionals, with other volunteers, and alongside Habitat homeowners.

Women and children make up the majority of people living in our Habitat homes, as they are the most likely to be affected by poor living conditions. Women Build events provide the opportunity for women to take a proactive step in serving their community.

We are happy to answer questions or provide more information. Please email Kay Peninger at [kay@habitatgaston.org](mailto:kay@habitatgaston.org) or call 704-874-0499.

### Sponsorships:

We are offering four levels of participation:

\$5000 annual sponsor at top tier for Women Build, Carpenter's Ball and CANstruction event

\$1500 sponsor and team of 4

\$1000 sponsor

\$500 team of 4

### Benefits:

Exposure on parking lot party banner and other printed materials.

Exposure at parking lot party and shed judging.

Exposure on Social Media and in Constant Contact emails.

Included in press release.

Booth at parking lot party with ability to engage with public to promote products.





# *Community News*

## **Warlick Academy BBQ & Chicken Fundraiser**



**WHO:** Warlick Academy

**WHAT:** Fundraiser - Vendor is Ole Carolina BBQ

**WHEN:** Friday, March 6th from 10:00 to 6:00

**WHERE:** 1316 Spencer Mountain Road, Gastonia

**WHY:** To generate funds for Warlick Academy  
Student Incentives

**How:** \$8.00 per plate: pre orders, tickets, or walk-ins.

**On site delivery available for 10 or more plates within  
a 20 mile radius.**

**We will have on-site dining this year!**

For more information call Donna Lutz 704-836-9608 or email  
[dplutz@gaston.k12.nc.us](mailto:dplutz@gaston.k12.nc.us)

# Easter Lily Order Form

Please print clearly and return no later than  
**Tuesday, April 7th**

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the church in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form & return the form and your money to Amanda. The cost is \$12 each, and the flowers will decorate our altars on Easter Sunday. Any additional funds, after the cost of the flowers, will go to the Ministers' Assistance Fund. Flowers may be picked up following the 11am service on April 12th.



Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

In honor or memory of : \_\_\_\_\_

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(\$12 each)

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