

# MAPLE SPRINGS LIFE



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## From the Pastor's Desk

May 2026

In the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, April is typically the month that announcements are made about appointments for the upcoming year. As a reminder, in The United Methodist Church, the clergy are appointed to the local church by the bishop of the conference. What that means is, we serve under the appointment system.



A pastor is not “called” to a church as is the case in many other denominations. A pastor is “sent” to serve. The bishop makes this decision after consultation with the Cabinet, which is made up of District Superintendents and other conference personnel.

I am truly blessed to be able to say that I will be returning to Maple Springs for another year. As clergy, we serve “one year at a time.” I am truly grateful that this “one year at a time” appointment means I have the honor and privilege to be entering my fourth year at Maple Springs. That seems impossible to say; it seems like I arrived just yesterday, not three years ago and entering my fourth year. Time marches on.

And what a wonderful three years it has been. I’m looking forward with great anticipation and hope for the future at what this next year will bring.

Part of that great anticipation is welcoming Rev. Susan Ewing to our staff as Pastor of Discipleship. Pastor Susan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and will be a great asset to our church. (See the article on pages 4 and 5 from the Staff Parish Relations Committee – otherwise referred to as SPRC – about Pastor Susan).



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On a recent morning I observed with a great sense of gratitude the many wonderful ministry opportunities here. The Food Pantry was abuzz with activity, preparations were being made for the upcoming tag and bake sale. Conversations were taking place about improving this area or changing that area. Worship planning and discussing scripture for the coming Sundays was taking place. Church life was happening and the level of energy was almost infectious.

I looked around at the beauty of the prayer/pollinator garden. It was literally abuzz with butterflies and a couple of bees. Church life happens in many ways!

Later today there will be a hospital visit, a visit to hospice, then more planning and conversation about upcoming actives. It is truly a blessing to be part of the wonderful, life-giving faith community. I am reminded of the words from Paul's second letter to Timothy when he says, "I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day."

Let us continually lift each other up in prayer, to pray for our church, our community, our nation, and the world. We have a gift to share; the gift of the love of Christ. It is with a thankful heart to be able to share that here with each of you. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,

Pastor Gary

# Combined Service:

May 24<sup>th</sup> | 10 AM  
in Craven Hall



We will celebrate Confirmation  
Sunday and follow worship  
with brunch together!

## May Sermons & Scripture

- May 3 “Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled” John 14: 1-14
- May 10 “In Him We Live and Move and Have Our Being” Acts 17: 22-31
- May 17 “Why Do You Stand There?” Acts 1: 1-11
- May 24 “I Will Pour Out My Spirit” Acts 2: 1-21  
COMBINED SERVICE at 10:00 AM  
in CRAVEN HALL
- May 31 “What Now?” Acts 2: 37-47



WELCOME  
Reverend  
Susan Ewing  
Pastor of Discipleship



MAPLE SPRINGS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Winston Salem, NC

Each April, UMC congregations have “announcement Sunday” when SPRC provides an update about our appointed staff. On April 26, it was joyfully shared during both services that Pastor Gary has been appointed as our Senior Pastor for another year, and we will be welcoming Pastor Susan Ewing to be our new Pastor of Discipleship starting July 1.

At Maple Springs, we have a wonderful SPRC committee who works diligently to ensure we have the right staff structure to support the needs of Maple Springs. With the retirement of Pastor Sylvia last fall, the committee took the opportunity to work with Pastor Gary to determine the staff structure needed to help us achieve our hopes and dreams in the coming years. The committee decided to change our staff structure including eliminating several roles and adding a new appointed pastor position. This new position will focus on our adult population and the building of disciples.

As our new Pastor of Discipleship, Pastor Susan will join the staff officially July 1 and her first Sunday leading worship with our staff will be July 12. Prior to July 1, she will have an opportunity to meet with the staff and committee leaders in our church.

Pastor Susan graduated from Pfeiffer College with a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education and Religion and she received her Master of Divinity at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She has most recently been serving as the Emerging Community Pastor for the Campfire Collective Community and as a quarter time pastor at Hickory Ridge UMC. She has been in ministry for 25+ years, and has served at Mt. Tabor UMC, Hillsdale UMC, and Lewisville UMC. Her name and smile might be familiar as she was a guest speaker at our services on October 27, 2024. We will be blessed to have her experience and leadership and look forward to having her join our staff.

When asked what theological themes guide her work as a pastor, Pastor Susan shared, “Love and grace are the primary theological themes that guide my work as a pastor. The teaching of Jesus to love God, neighbor, and self is also essential in all aspects of pastoral duties. Much of my work as a pastor is encouraging hurt, broken, new, and long-time disciples to grow in grace and deepen their faith through worship, study, and service. Just as important is teaching disciples to share their faith and to extend the invitation of following Jesus to others to fulfill the mission of transformation of the world.”

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Susan’s family to Maple Springs. She and her husband, Curt live in Clemmons and they have two children, Hank (21) and Caroline (20).

We are looking forward to having this new position on our staff and what it will mean for Maple Springs. Please reach out to me or any member of SPRC if you have questions.

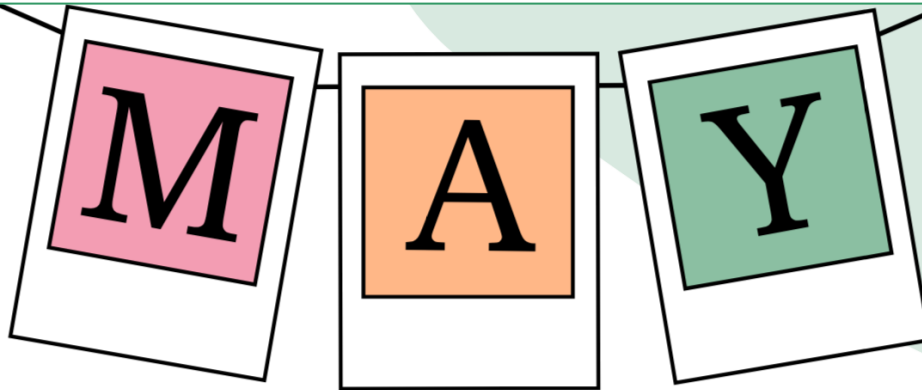
Ceil Hodgin, Chair SPRC

SPRC Committee Members

Lynn Bailey  
Michael Boyles  
Marci Bruno

Alyssa Clay  
Stacy Crockett  
Allison Kelly  
Steve Northrup

Clint Osborne  
Sonja Ross  
Matt Taylor



**MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> | Small Group Sunday**

It is our last small group Sunday of the school year! We will have groups for Pre-School, Kids, Tweens, Youth and Adults!

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**May 10<sup>th</sup> | Mother's Day**

We will celebrate all our moms with a time of fellowship at 10 AM in the Cokesbury Room!

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**May 17<sup>th</sup> | Graduation Sunday**

Our graduates will be recognized in the 8:45 service, come congratulate and celebrate them at 10 AM with a fellowship hour!

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**May 24<sup>th</sup> | Confirmation Sunday**

For confirmation Sunday, we will worship all together with a **Combined Service at 10AM in Craven Hall.** Following service we will celebrate together in the Cokesbury Room!



As Pastor Gary mentioned in his “Celebrating Creation” message, life is renewing this Spring here in the garden. You should stop in and smell this aromatic Woodland Phlox that shows off near the prayer box – it smells divine!

Or stroll down the path beside the old (and unfortunately struggling) Dogwood to enjoy the blooms on the Foamflower that are showing off right now, and wind onto another pathway to view the delicate blooms on the more discreet Green and Gold.



Bring the kiddos along and use your eyes only to play a game of I Spy to find the first few Ladybugs who are taking up residence – hopefully to help us with our not-so-good Aphid population. The Ladybugs serve as natural and necessary pest control.



Spring has sprung! Life – and joy – are renewing! We hope to see you in the garden one day soon. And please remember our call to “tend and keep” the garden. We can always use your help in caring for this beautiful space.

Maple Springs UMC successfully hosted the *Bishop's Climate Summit: For Such a Time as This* on Saturday, April 18! We were honored to have Bishop Ken Carter, Assistant to the Bishop Amy Coles, other conference staff members, numerous district superintendents, as well as members of clergy and laity from across the Western North Carolina Conference in attendance. We even had a local Moravian pastor and three representatives from the North Carolina Conference who joined us for the day. It was lovely!



We shared a wonderful day of worship, fellowship, sharing of ideas, listening to the ideas of others, and discovering actions that are available for churches to get involved in renewing and repairing God's creation. We also spent time brainstorming ways for the local church to make a positive impact on climate change right now.

It was a special moment when Bishop Carter presented the conference Green Church Award to Pastor Gary and our Creation Care Chairperson, Margaret Miller...



as well as to others from Maple Springs who were present at the Summit!



But the real joy was seeing the way that our Maple Springs folks rose to the occasion of pulling off such a large and public event! Many helped – before, during, and after – to make this Bishop's Climate Summit a roaring success! Thank you to everyone who engaged in this wonderful act of service!





***Uncommon care  
for our common green spaces—  
national, state, city, neighborhood, and pocket parks,  
greenways, biking and hiking trails—  
each a patch of Eden,  
calling us to tend and keep  
for all creatures for all time.***

**Immerse yourself in nature.** Try forest bathing (using all your senses to connect to your environment), hiking, enjoying a park, hunting for waterfalls and wildflowers, going to a botanical garden or arboretum, getting out on the water in a sailboat, kayak, or canoe. Renew your commitment to care for the nature that renews you.

**Lead the next generation to love nature.** Create a scavenger hunt or play I Spy that is age-appropriate for your children, grandchildren, or neighborhood children. Invite them to observe and wonder. Add a sketch pad and colored pencils or allow them to use phone cameras to document their treasures from the day. Talk about God's call to us to take care of creation.

**Pick up litter.** Take a walk in a park. With a bag and gloves, where you see litter, pick it up and dump it in available trash cans. Other people may see your actions and be prompted to care for their own rubbish or perhaps join your efforts.

**Leave no trace.** Have a picnic and then be sure to clean up all leftovers or debris. Pack it in/pack it out. Take your trash home with you. Before you leave, challenge children to see if they can find any indication that someone was there. Teach by example.

**Walk on established pathways**—concrete, asphalt, wood chip trails. Staying on the path keeps green areas green. Remind children that the green spaces are home to critters who are God’s creation too and deserve our respect.

**Protect wildlife.** Microplastics from degraded discards like plastic bottles and bags are ingested by birds and other animals, which endangers them. Prioritize removal of plastics from parks and other public areas.

**Adopt a park.** Visit it frequently. Attend special events at the park, such as fairs, concerts, and play performances, and stay to help clean up after. Report any damage to nature, tripping hazards, or other dangerous conditions to the park office.

**Join a “Friends of [...]” group** in support of your favorite park or trail. Work together to clean up or shore up the conditions, including trail building or repair, pulling invasive plants, removing trash. Or volunteer as a Sunday school class or congregation for a workday on behalf of God’s creation.

**Take advantage of nature on the church’s property.** Create a space for outdoor worship or for exploring the environment close at hand. One church used their trail through the woods on their property as a special learning and prayer place.

**Advocate for more trees and pocket parks.** No matter how small, as air temperatures rise, a green oasis can be a source of cool and community, keeping tempers down and bringing people together as neighbors. Speak up to local decision makers.

*The UM Creation Justice Movement ([umcreationjustice.org](http://umcreationjustice.org)) provides these tips as a tool to equip church members, individuals, and families to respond to God’s call to care for creation and do justice with our neighbors.*

Maple Springs UMC was invited by the Piedmont Environmental Alliance to serve as the check-in point and the first featured “green building” for their 2026 [Green Home Tour](#) being held on Saturday, May 30. This is a self-guided tour of local houses and properties with sustainable elements like Audubon-certified natural habitats, solar energy, compost and rain barrel systems, and more!



PEA was a coordinator of the Solarize the Triad campaign through whom MSUMC purchased their rooftop solar. As one of the “green buildings” on the tour, Maple Springs will have the opportunity to share with the community the two recent creation-friendly features we have added to our building and grounds: the rooftop solar array and the pollinator and prayer garden.

Ticketholders will have the opportunity to connect with homeowners and learn first steps to making green improvements in their own homes. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the tour, visit this link: <https://www.peanc.org/green-home-tour>



piedmont  
environmental  
alliance

# Maple Springs Blessing Box

A Blessing Box is a simple, small structure often resembling a birdhouse/Little Free Library where neighbors can leave items like non-perishable food, toiletries, or small necessities for others to take freely as needed.

It's built on the beautiful idea of  
"take what you need, leave  
what you can."



## to fill blessing boxes

- canned chicken/tuna with pop tops for easy opening
- tomato/chicken noodle soup with pop tops
- protein bars (some with nuts and some without)
- snack cracker packs
- water bottles
- pack of tissues
- small hand sanitizer
- chapstick
- small notepad with pen

\*if you have extra cutlery packets, they're helpful



# Lenten Connect Groups 2026

Each Sunday in March we had Connect Groups – and 126 of you participated! Thank you to all those who led a group, came to a group and continue to participate in connectional ways in our church.

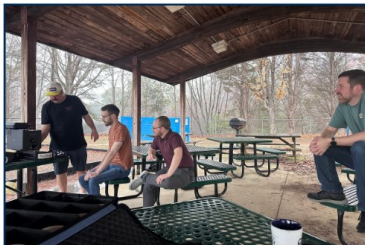
Some favorite moments from our Lenten Connect groups were:

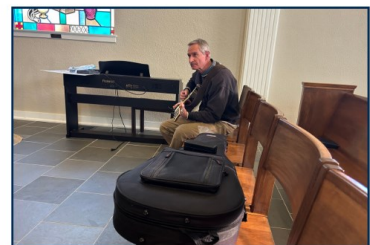
Our Kids and Youth being whole heartedly welcomed into the tradition of making the Maple Springs Chicken Pies!

A large group learning how to make Palm Crosses so that this tradition could return!

Friendships being formed across generations as we learned new skills together!

The blessing of Maple Springs members sharing their talents with others!

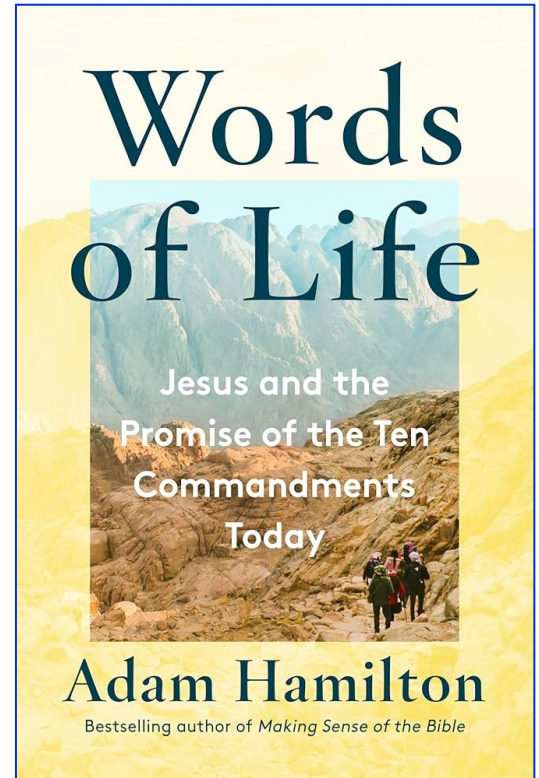




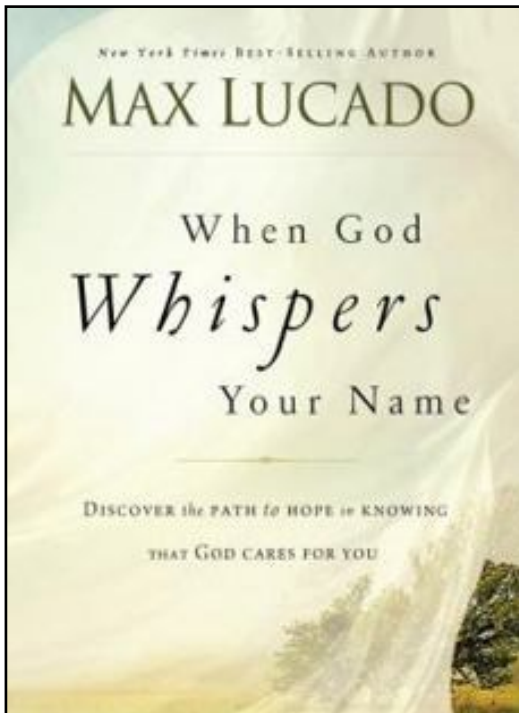
The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study group is studying Adam Hamilton's *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments*. Jesus saw the Ten Commandments not as a burden but as a guidepost to help us experience a good and beautiful life.

Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to this important set of ethics. We will see not only how Jesus reinterpreted them, but also how the latest psychological research illuminates these "shalt-nots" as a path towards gratitude, confidence, and peace in our current culture marked by materialism, social media driven envy, and workaholism.

Join us Tuesdays at 9:30 in the Women's Bible Study Room. For more information contact SueEllen Thomas at [sthomasrn@hotmail.com](mailto:sthomasrn@hotmail.com).



## Pat Rothrock Circle




Are you interested in discovering the path to hope in knowing that God cares for you?


Join us in studying *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado. Become a part of a caring group that explores scripture, prays for the expressed needs of others, and supports the mission of the church and our senior friends.

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the Church Parlor. Our next meeting will be on May 19.

Contact Pat Craver at 336-972-5809 or the church office for more information.

Join us for our Maple Springers Luncheon on Thursday, May 14 at 12:00pm. We're having a Lawn Party! Lunch will be provided by the Old Richmond Grill Food Truck. (See the menu below.) Tables and seating will be available on the front lawn and on the pavement for those with mobility issues. Call the church at 336-722-7563 by noon on Friday, May 8 to RSVP. You can also email Jill at [maplespringers@maplesprings.org](mailto:maplespringers@maplesprings.org). We look forward to seeing you there!



BURGERS		MENU	SPECIALTY SANDWICHES		
CHEESEBURGER 4 OZ - MAYO, LETTUCE, TOMATO	\$9			BUFFALO OR TERIYAKI WRAP LETTUCE, CHEESE	\$12
DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER 8 OZ - MAYO, LETTUCE, TOMATO	\$13	CHICKEN PHILLY MUSHROOMS, GREEN PEPPERS, ONIONS, MAYO, LETTUCE		\$12	
VEGGIE BURGER MAYO, LETTUCE, TOMATO, CHEESE	\$10	STEAK PHILLY MUSHROOMS, GREEN PEPPERS, ONIONS, MAYO, LETTUCE		\$15	
ADD BACON \$1.50 GLUTEN FREE BUN \$1.50		FRIED CHICKEN MAYO, LETTUCE, TOMATO ADD BUFFALO \$1.00 ADD CHEESE .50		\$10	
<b>MAKE IT A COMBO FRIES &amp; DRINK \$4</b>		FRIED BOLOGNA & CHEESE		\$7	
		<b>MAKE IT A COMBO FRIES &amp; DRINK \$4</b>			
HOT DOGS		DRINKS		SIDES	
1 HOT DOG RED OR BEEF MUSTARD, CHILI, SLAW, ONIONS	\$4	PEPSI	\$2	HAND CUT FRIES	\$4
2 HOT DOGS RED OR BEEF MUSTARD, CHILI, SLAW, ONIONS	\$7	DR. PEPPER	\$2	5 CHEESE STICKS	\$6
<b>MAKE IT A COMBO FRIES &amp; DRINK \$4</b>		STARRY	\$2	RANCH	\$0.50
		DIET	\$2		
		WATER	\$1		

Pickleball Clinic and Open Court Play

Two more Adult Beginner Clinics have been scheduled for those who would like to give Pickleball a try. The clinics will go over the rules of play and different strokes used in play, followed by run through drills to prepare you for play. The dates are Monday, May 4 and Monday, May 11 from 6:00-7:30pm. Paddles and balls will be provided. You do not need to sign up, just show up for either or both dates. One court will be used for the clinic and the other two courts will be for open play. If you have any questions, please contact Clint Osborne at 336-971-2394 or [cosborne002@gmail.com](mailto:cosborne002@gmail.com) or Lee Spencer at 336-414-3336 or [leegspencer@aol.com](mailto:leegspencer@aol.com).

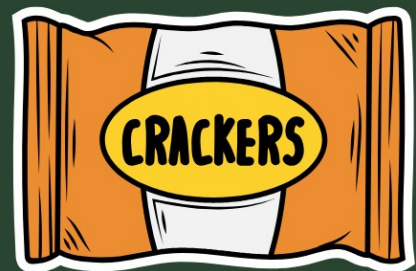


# FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!  
IN MAY WE ARE ASKING FOR

## CEREAL & CRACKERS

THANK YOU FOR FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS!



### Prison Ministry

During the month of May, we will collect full size or travel size toothpaste, full size stick deodorant, and white socks for the Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministry. Place your donations in one of the collection bins located in Craven Lobby or the Sanctuary side narthex. Thank you for your prayers and your support for the Prison Ministry!



Although our Women's Retreat had to be rescheduled due to the extended snowy and icy weather, it didn't stop us from finding a new date and location to still gather. We pivoted and hosted the retreat at Maple Springs, and it turned out to be such a special time. There was so much joy in simply being together; sharing meals, laughter, and meaningful moments of connection.

The dirty soda bar was a big hit along with the joyful conversation, but even more impactful was the time spent in God's Word. Haley Givens led us through the Book of Esther, offering encouragement and insight that resonated with so many of us in attendance.

We're so thankful for how everything came together in spite of the icy weather challenges and are already excited as we begin planning for next year's retreat. If you are interested in being part of the Women's Retreat Planning Committee, please reach out to Stacy Crockett at [stacyacrockett@gmail.com](mailto:stacyacrockett@gmail.com).





## VBS Sign Ups are open:



**Kick Off: June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4PM**  
**VBS: June 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 6-8PM**

We have some items we'd like to borrow for this year's VBS. We'd need the items brought to church by Sunday, June 14.

- Christmas trees
- Sleds
- Snowshoes
- Skis
- Large stuffed animal bear
- Polar themed animals
- 3 ft Christmas trees (natural looking)

We are also collecting the following items for VBS decorating purposes. These can be placed in the VBS collection bin in Craven lobby:

- Paper towel tubes, toilet paper tubes
- Large cardboard boxes
- Styrofoam Coolers (like ones from Hello Fresh)

VBS volunteers are required to attend one training before serving at VBS. The training dates for this year are:

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**10AM**

**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6PM**

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**9AM**

All trainings will take place in the Cokesbury room.

# CONFIRMATION CAMP RECAP

Our confirmation group joined 7 other churches for a weekend retreat at Mount Shepherd. During this weekend we reflected on our faith journeys, the connection of the UMC and that we belong: to God, the Church Universal and Maple Springs UMC! Thank you to Katie Robinson for chaperoning!



Carlyn serves as Confirmation Camp Director for our conference. She, with a small team, planned and facilitated this weekend for the whole group. Having 90 confirmands and their chaperons together celebrating and learning about their growing was so special!





# PRAISE AND PLAY

May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

Come out for a morning of fun celebrating all things Space! We will have fun snacks and crafts.

Kids & Tweens



## KONA ICE

# BIKES AND TRIKES

MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> | 4PM

ALL MAPLE SPRINGS KIDS AND TWEENS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT WITH YOUR BIKE, TRIKE, SCOOTER, ROLLER BLADES OR ANYTHING ON WHEELS!

ENJOY A KONA ICE COURTESY OF MAPLE SPRINGS!

# YOUTH IN MAY



Our blessing box was built by a connect group and is a way for neighbors to get packaged foods outside of food pantry hours!

**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>: 12-2PM**  
WE'LL MEET FOR LUNCH, AND FOR PAINTING OUR NEW BLESSING BOX! COME WITH IDEAS AND IN CLOTHES THAT CAN GET PAINT ON THEM!

**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>: 4-6PM**  
SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY

**MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>: 2PM**  
YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO MEET AT TWIN CITY SWEETS FOR ICE CREAM AND GAMES!

2594 WEST CLEMMONSVILLE ROAD  
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27103

## Summer Kick-Off Party

# JOIN US FOR A SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY MAY 17TH 4-6PM

WE'RE CELEBRATING THE START OF SUMMER WITH AN EVENING TOGETHER. COME FOR AN INFLATABLE SLIDE, GAMES, OLD RICHMOND GRILL'S FOOD TRUCK AND MORE!

WE HOPE OUR WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY WILL COME CELEBRATE TOGETHER!





# Confirmation Schedule:

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7PM

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 PM

(Mentors are requested to join us this day)

May 24<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Sunday!

One combined service at 10 AM followed by a celebration!

## Summer Pop-Up Choir

# SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR

LEARN A SONG BEFORE CHURCH  
AND SING IN TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
-COME AT 10:30 AND SING AT 11!

ALL AGES  
ARE  
WELCOME

JUNE 7  
JUNE 28

EMAIL [HEATHER@MAPLESPRINGS.ORG](mailto:HEATHER@MAPLESPRINGS.ORG) FOR MORE INFO



*Congratulations  
Class of 2026!*

**GRADUATE SCHOOL  
GRADUATE:**

**Alyssa Clay**



Alyssa is graduating from Georgetown University with a Master of Professional Studies degree in Cybersecurity Risk Management. Alyssa is graduating with a 4.0 GPA!

**COLLEGE GRADUATES:**

**Sarah Elizabeth Boyles**

Daughter of Michael and Susan Boyles, Sarah is graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a B.S. in Human, Nutrition, Food and Exercise with a concentration in dietetics and minor in psychology. Sarah's plans are to attend UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health to pursue a master's degree in public health, with a concentration in nutrition and dietetics.



**Matthew Thomas Chapman**



Son of Jerry Chapman, Jennifer Hancock Chapman (mother) and Jennifer Kiger Chapman (bonus mom), Matthew is graduating from Appalachian State University with a degree in Anthropology. His future plans are to continue living in Boone, while playing music and (hopefully) doing Archeological field work across the nation.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:



### **Dakota Jackson Cernak**

Son of Derek and Justi Cernak and grandson of Jeff and Sherri Jackson, Dakota is graduating from Yadkin Early College. He will start at Calvin University in the Fall to major in Astrophysics and Aerospace Engineering.

### **Laheri Ann Foster**

Daughter of Susan Foster, Laheri is graduating from Reagan High School. Her future plans include attending Forsyth Tech Community College to major in Sonography.



### **Keaton Lee Hargreaves**

Daughter of Michele Hargreaves and granddaughter of of Carol and Steve Ashley, Keaton is graduating from Reagan High School. Keaton is enrolled in Leon's Beauty School.





## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:**

**Marilyn Nicole Carrie  
Josephine Omar Lewis**

Daughter of Jessica Thomas Lewis Sapp and the late Ronald P. Lewis, and granddaughter of Frank and SueEllen Thomas, Marilyn is graduating from Walkertown High School. Marilyn is graduating as a Crosby Scholar and will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall. She plans to complete their nursing program and then work in a hospital PICU.



**Reece Oliver Rutledge**

Son of Jessica and Joshua Wallace and grandson of Amelia Surgnier, Reece is graduating from Reynolds High School. Reece's future plans are to graduate from Davie Community College's Aquarium Science program and then go to the University of Hawaii to study marine biology.

**We'll celebrate all of our graduates  
in service on May 17th!**



Congratulations to Elsie, James, and Emily Woodson who were baptized on Sunday, April 12 at the 8:45am worship service. They are pictured in the center here with their parents, Chris Woodson and Anne Douma and their grandparents.

New Members

A warm Maple Springs welcome is extended to these new members who joined our church on Sunday, April 12 at the 11:00am worship service. Betty Lasley was also baptized that morning.



Carol Hubbard



Betty Lasley & Leann Noah

*In honor of Trish Anthony  
for the Food Pantry  
by Susan Carter-Hope*

*In honor of  
Pastor Gary & Judy Mahathey  
by Susan Vaden*

*In memory of Joanna Bailey  
by  
Larry & Susie Gordon  
Chuck & Sandra Kupsky*

*In memory of  
Raymond Gerald Mizelle  
(brother of Betty Williams)  
by Larry & Susie Gordon*

*In memory of Joanna Bailey  
for Trustees  
by Mark & Jane Cline*

*In memory of John Morgan  
by Larry & Susie Gordon*

*In memory of Helen Cline  
(mother of Mark Cline)  
by Larry & Susie Gordon*

*In memory of Gregory Phillips  
(brother of Carolyn Morgan)  
by Susie & Larry Gordon*

*In memory of Helen Cline  
for Missions  
by Susan Carter-Hope*





*Our Christian Sympathy is extended  
to the families of*

*Tom Abbott*

*October 20, 1935 ~ April 29, 2026*

*Gregory Phillips*

*(brother of Carolyn Morgan)*

*November 20, 1957 ~ April 23, 2026*

*John Sidney Morgan*

*September 10, 1953 ~ April 14, 2026*

*Heide Anna Stadler*

*February 21, 1933 ~ April 11, 2026*

*Joanna Ray Bailey*

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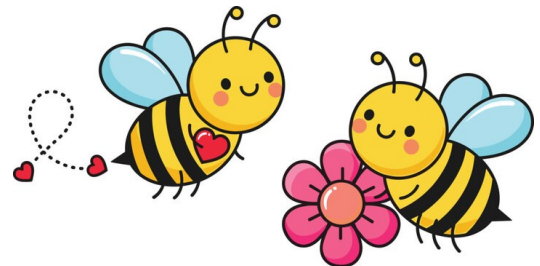
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and they follow me.  
— John 10:27*