



Zooming In

On ZUMC

October 2021

*Transforming life through relationships
with Jesus Christ*

happy fall Y' ALL

October is one of my favorite months of the year. Fall is a favorite time also. Since Fall officially started in September, we can say that October is ALL FALL! Woo hoo!

So, how is your Fall season going? I have enjoyed the slightly cooler (so far) temperatures, the festive fall decorations and the wonderful resurgence of vitality that the Fall can bring. Of course, we know that an extremely special day is coming for our church this Fall. It's our 37th Annual Fall Festival, and you don't want to miss it. If you haven't already, fill in "Fall Festival" on your calendars for Saturday, October 9, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. We will begin serving delicious BBQ plates at 11:00 am, so get your tickets now at \$10 per plate (includes pork BBQ, potatoes, slaw and bread). There will be activities for children, plus shopping opportunities and time for fellowship and fun. We hope to see you that day for a most enjoyable time. Thanks to everyone who has led in the effort or chipped in to bring this Fall Festival to reality. It would not be happening without you, that's for sure. And to our wonderful youth, excellent job decorating the Fall Festival sign at ZUMC and helping get our community in the spirit! Others have helped to get the word out as well. ALL of these fantastic efforts will make our Fall Festival one to always remember!

We look forward to another thing this fall at ZUMC, and that is the return of Sunday School. This is very exciting!! The Leadership Team of the ZUMC Church Council has been discerning the best time to pick back up with Sunday School due to COVID restrictions. The time is NOW! Beginning THIS Sunday, October 3, we will have the church doors open at 9:00 am so that classes can begin meeting at 9:15. If you are new to ZUMC and are interested in Sunday School or if you are just new to Sunday School, feel free to call the church office at 919-269-9408 to find out more about our class offerings. Thank you for your patience during this pandemic and being willing to now advance with our Sunday School ministry.

In addition to the return of Sunday School, World Communion Sunday is this Sunday, October 3, as well. Please join us for worship and Communion at the 10 am in-person service in our beautiful sanctuary. We will join other United Methodists around the globe in celebrating The Lord's Supper. (Of course, our online services will continue to be available each Sunday—and Thinking of You on Thursdays—on Facebook and YouTube. Like, share and comment on them please!) We will collect a Special Offering on Sunday, October 24, in honor of World Communion. If you give by check, please make it out to ZUMC with "WCS" on the memo line. This offering goes

to help students—undergraduate and graduate, international and here in the U.S.—who need financial help to pursue their educational goals. Let's do what we can to help in making their dreams of a brighter future come true!

One last note: I recently saw a play that had the following sentence in its Playbill program: "Curtain up, light the lights. We have nothing to hit but new heights." (from "Their Time" by Ryan McPhee) Let us adapt this for ZUMC. With our awesome Fall season, ponder this statement: "ZUMC is open, God is here. We having nothing to hit but a higher gear!" :)

ALL of Fall's blessings to you! That includes THRIVING!
Pastor Liz

Got a Gathering Quote? If you have an inspirational quote that you would like to share with our church, please email it to Pastor Liz at ehounshell@nccumc.org. She will try to use these quotes in worship bulletins, as often as she can, to help us prepare for worship. Thank you for helping to make our services glorifying to God!

Mark your calendars! Our virtual Charge Conference will be **Tuesday, November 2, at 6 pm**. Charge Conference reports are due to the church office by October 12 so they can be submitted by October 19.

All Church Council members are voting members, so please plan to participate.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. You will be blessed!

On November 7th, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. We would like to remember all the departed saints in our lives and community from the last year with a photo display. If your loved one has passed away since last All Saints Day, please send us a picture of the person or drop one by the church office by Sunday, October 10. We will use these photos to make a display for our Narthex and to use in our All Saints Service. We will return these photos to you after All Saints Sunday. Thank you for helping us to honor these most special people in our church's life!

Church Council Corner

Church council met on August 23rd. A meeting was postponed for September and the church council will reconvene October 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Twelve members of the council met on August 23rd by Zoom. Fall Festival planning is ongoing. Masks are now being required within church buildings.

Financial Reports provided by Pat Tarbell, Treasurer and Steve Lyman, Finance Chair:

Memorial Fund - \$41,052.64

Facility Maintenance - \$18,411.41

General Checking: \$34,312.28 (minus designated funds \$22,026.46) = \$12606.46.

Contributions for July were \$18,228 and \$2000 were sent in apportionments. 46.9% of apportionments have been sent for the year.

The parsonage payoff is getting very close – \$3752.20 was remaining after the July payment was made!

Membership – three new members were added – Jim and Donna Becker and Dianna Leya for a total of 446.

Lay leader- Brent reported that AV equipment is improving with a laptop coming and he has also been getting help in the sound room.

Missions – Mike P. reported that pantry usage had increased, and that Bob R. had applied and gotten a grant for \$500 to help fund the pantry

Children's Ministry- Ashley M. – has coordinated a clean out of preschool classrooms, low children's attendance – need a focus in growth in this area

Youth – Holly reported they were meeting every other Sunday and going to every Sunday after Labor Day. Have around 7 to 9 youth attending. Will be attending Pilgrimage in November.

Methodist Men – Tom reported that a picnic was planned for September 12th (this has been cancelled) and the rest of the calendar was planned for the year.

Pastor Report – Labor Day Sunday was completing the Stained Glass Window series, Charge Conference is scheduled for Nov 2nd by zoom, All reports are due before that date, Nominations team continue to meet, working to get Sunday School restarted.

The next Church Council meeting will be on 10/25/21 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.
Yours in Service,
Fay Brown, Church Council Chair

Coming to you this Saturday: The 37th Annual ZUMC Fall Festival !



What an exciting time of year for our church! On Saturday, October 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will be coming together to have a wonderful day of fellowship, food and fun and to welcome the community to celebrate with us. BBQ tickets are available this Sunday and at the church office this coming week PLUS you can purchase tickets on Saturday, October 9th. We will have Children's Activities, including a fire truck to visit, a Craft Room, Silent Auction, Country Store, Plant Sale, BBQ Plates with drive up or outdoor dining and Music. Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.

If you have some time on Friday, October 8th, or Saturday, October 9th, your help is much appreciated and we welcome your canned goods, baked sale items, silent auction items and crafts. Please deliver them no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October the 8th. You may text, email or call Crystal Nines at crystal.nines@gmail.com or 919-795-7119 or Fay Brown at fay.brown@comfortmasterinc.com with questions or planned donations. Let's make this a wonderful day to Celebrate God's Love!
ZUMC Fall Festival Planning Team

Fall Festival note from Anna and Debbie:

The Fall Festival is approaching quickly. Hope you have been being "crafty" over the year!!! We are hoping to have plenty of crafts to fill up the Wesley Fellowship Classroom as usual. If not, we will be in the Fellowship Hall with the Marketplace. Please bring your handmade crafts the week of October 3rd to the Fellowship Hall and place on the tables marked for crafts. (We have to set up, of course.) If you put your name or initials on the items, any not sold will be in the Wesley Fellowship Classroom after 2pm on the 9th and 10th (after church on Sunday) for you to claim. No named items will re-surface next year!!

A BIG THANK YOU in advance. Don't forget to come and shop, too. We will try to distance and keep our shoppers safe and healthy.

If you have questions or need someone to pick up your items, please call us! Anna Corbett at 919-810-9709 and Debbie Beavers at 919-818-6410.

Spotlight on ZUMC Staff Member Melody Hocutt



Greetings to my friends and neighbors at ZUMC! Since August 2007, I have served as your part-time bookkeeper. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you over the years. I always look forward to the annual Fish Fry, Fall Festival, and many other events and activities at ZUMC.

In addition to working at ZUMC, I work full-time at another local church (since 1997), and my husband and I own a small business in north Raleigh. I attended Wake Technical Community College and graduated with three Associate Degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, and Human Resource Management. I also have certifications in payroll clerk, accounting core, income tax preparer, and human resources from Wake Tech.

My husband, Trey, and I just celebrated our 39th wedding anniversary in September. We are blessed to have two wonderful daughters and two precious grandchildren. We have a Great Pyrenees dog, Socrates, that we rescued/adopted about three years ago. Socrates is a gentle giant.

I feel that I am blessed beyond words. I am truly grateful to work with such talented/dedicated staff and members at ZUMC! It is my pleasure to serve as your bookkeeper!

With Thanksgiving,
Melody Hocutt



Note from the Director of Music, Cynthia Dixon:



The Handbell group meets each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall so we can spread out safely and rehearse. We are working on music to share approximately every month. We are grateful for the returning members and especially excited for the new members who have joined us. Please let Cynthia know if you would like to ring. Listen out for the sound of bells as we share our music soon!

Adult choir continues to record music for our services outside in the Courtyard as we are still refraining from singing inside at this time. This is a great time to join the choir. I send everyone a link to the recorded music practice tracks and printed music is available to take home to practice before you come. You are welcome to sing with us whenever possible. Choir recording sessions are currently Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. We will be making a change to Sundays after worship around the end of October.



Children's Church will begin in the sanctuary and head downstairs after the Children's Moment during our 10:00 am Worship Service. Parents/guardians will need to pick up and sign out their child(ren) after the Worship Service concludes. Children's church will be held in the first classroom at the beginning of the hallway. If you have any questions, please let me know. Ashley Mitchell, abr0907@gmail.com

ZUMC Youth are continuing to meet on Sundays, 5pm-7pm, each week in the youth room. If you have any questions please let me know.
Holly Bailey, kidsrgreat11@gmail.com.



ZUMC Mission Volunteer Opportunities

Matthew 25:40

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Pick up produce and bakery/deli products from Food Lion for the Food Pantry

Contact Bob Russo @ russobobsue@bellsouth.net

Pack food for agents in the Food Pantry Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 9 to 10:30

Contact Bob Russo @ russobobsue@bellsouth.net

Deliver back-pack buddies to school(s)

Contact Shannon Baxter @ Snarkybeekeeper@gmail.com

Help with the Food Hub food distribution

Contact Shannon Baxter @ Snarkybeekeeper@gmail.com

Deliver commodity boxes to qualifying seniors once a month

Contact Cindy Privette 919-601-1575

Help with Warming the Hearts in November

Contact Cindy Privette 919-601-1575

Help with Christmas Gift (Angel Tree) in December

Help with Interfaith Food Shuttle 3rd Saturday each month at Boys and Girls Club

Contact Shannon Baxter @ Snarkybeekeeper@gmail.com

Mike Powers @ powersplay1@hotmail.com

Or go to website to sign up https://foodshuttle.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=587898 If anyone is interested in joining the Mission Team and can attend a meeting once a month, contact Mike Powers @ powersplay1@hotmail.com



The Food Pantry is thriving, and we are getting new clients every week. Please contact Bob Russo at russobobsue@bellsouth.net or call 772-360-8739 if you want to help in any way. That brings me to another subject. If anyone is available just one day a week at 1pm, we need someone with a truck or larger SUV to pick up Food Lion produce and deli items. We do this 7 days a week and if we can get one or two more volunteers, it would lessen the burden. Thanks for all you do. God Bless. Bob Russo

Commodity Food Boxes for Seniors

These are boxes of non-perishable food items that are distributed once a month. There are currently 65 clients that receive a food box. To qualify, one must be 60 or older. We have 10 openings at this time. You must be a Wake County resident and in the low-income group. The boxes are delivered to the church Fellowship Hall the 2nd Thursday each month. Volunteers are usually given 5 to 8 boxes to deliver. The more volunteers, the fewer deliveries. You can pick up your food box at the Zebulon United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located at 121 W. Gannon Ave., Zebulon, NC, on the pickup day between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. See pickup dates below. Please contact Cindy Privette if you need assistance at 919-601-1575.

PICKUP DATES for 2021 October 8th, November 11th and December 9th

**Our Deposit Counters for October 2021 are Robert Pulley and Betty Moss.
Thank you to Mike Powers and Andrea Pearce for a job well done in September 2021.**

For October 2021 members who have signed up for Sanctuary Flowers are below

October	3rd	Matias Family
October	10th	Ashley Mitchell
October	17th	Jim Deal
October	24th	Carol and Mike Weeks
October	31st	Ruth Joyner



Birthdays in October 2021

Happy Birthday to all of our church members who have September 2021 Birthdays!!!!

Fay Brown	10/01
Sam Lee	10/03
Rebecca Tillman	10/03
Jaina Krebaum	10/06
Jim Matias	10/06
Randi Chalfant	10/06
Oscar Tyson	10/12
Anna Pulley	10/08
Janice Parrish	10/10
Chuck Kennemur	10/10
Bryanna Schug	10/12

Tracy Brown	10/15
Bob Russo	10/15
Gina Windley	10/16
Frankie Pulley	10/17
Cristi Eakes	10/17
Margarita Tucker	10/18
Anthony Rasmussen	10/19
Vicki Hartrich	10/22
Jacob Bouren	10/24
Mary Catherine Bailey	10/28
Donald Pearce	10/31

