

Zebulon United Methodist Church

*Transforming life through
relationships with Jesus Christ*



Death and Life

“In the midst of life, we are in death...” In our burial ceremony, we still quote these ancient words from the ninth century. However, as genetic research continues to advance, we are discovering just how true these words are.

Now we know that death is a major contributor to good health. Cellular death helps to shape us as physically normal and functional human beings. Have you ever marveled at the tiny fingers of a baby? In early embryonic life, all humans have mits instead of hands. But through a mystical process, the cells of the webbing between the fingers dies back, forming the strong, opposable digits that separate us from the animals.

We now know that all human beings have cancer. But healthy persons have a natural surveillance system, the p53 protein, a.k.a. “the guardian of the genome.” The p53 protein detects cancerous mutations in the body, and triggers the affected cells to self-destruct. In a very amazing, physical sense, Paul’s words take on new, scientific meaning – “So death is at work in us, but life in you (2 Cor. 4:12)”

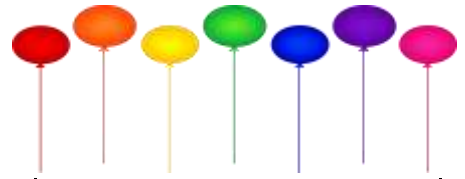
Jesus taught us, “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12:24)” As we focus on the cross of Jesus Christ during this season of Lent, it is fitting to be amazed how his death released so much life! Is there anything in us which needs to die so that the life in us and others can be emancipated and strengthened?

Happy Anniversary!

| May Anniversaries | |
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| 2 | Gary & Ginger Wall |
| 10 | Don & Margie Bumgarner Brad & Meredith Homlotis |
| 11 | Bob & Laura Schug |
| 17 | Edwin & Connie Hedgpath Anthony & Cathy Rasmussen |
| 23 | Howard & Cheryl Krebaum |
| 28 | Stephen & Donna Kerr |



| May | |
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| 6 | Tommy & Marsha Massey |
| 13 | Family of Barbara Jones ** <i>Mothers Day</i> |
| 20 | Lowell Pulley |
| 27 | Reginald & Andrea Pearce |
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| May Birthdays | |
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| 2 | <i>Elizabeth Kennemur</i> |
| 3 | Kenneth Dent |
| 5 | Leigh Denny |
| 10 | <i>Allison Matias</i> <i>Corey Miller</i> |
| 13 | <i>Ryan Daughtridge</i> <i>Gracyn Levine</i> |
| 15 | Laura Schug |
| 17 | <i>Kelly Daughtridge</i> |
| 22 | Mike Powers |
| 23 | Becky Spivey Barbara Pearce |
| 24 | Reginald Pearce Martha Plautz Mike Weeks |
| 25 | Randy Gibson |
| 31 | Cindy Privette |

We still need greeters for both the 9:00 AM and the 11:00 AM services. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or for more information please contact Cindy Privette at 919-601-1575.



UNITED METHODIST MEN'S **ANNUAL FISH FRY**

On Saturday, May 12th, 2018, the Methodist Men will once again hold their annual fish fry from 11 a.m. until the fish run out. Cost will be \$8.00 per plate. (We have been told that we serve some of the best fish in the area, so come and enjoy a great meal.)

Tickets are available from any of the Methodist Men and in the Fellowship Hall following both worship services on Sunday, April 29th and May 6th. They can also be purchased on the day of the event,

The monies generated by the fish fry go to many needy areas: ie: Shepherd's Care, Boys and Girls Club, Christmas for youth who might not have Christmas, widows and widowers Christmas dinner, missions, and the community Thanksgiving meal.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The next R.E.A.L. Women's meeting is on Thursday, May 17th at 7:00pm at Fay Brown's house! This group was created to minister to our women, ages 20's-50's. Last month's meeting was so much fun and we were so happy to have several new women join us! If you have not joined us and would like any additional information about the meeting, please contact Randi Chalfant, 919-389-6003.



EASTERN WAKE RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society
Opening Ceremony 6 p.m. May 18th

Relay for Life is days away! Help us “Finish the Fight” this year. There is still time to help. You can help us honor the *SURVIVORS* by coming out and *WALKING* a few laps. Invite a friend to walk with you. You don’t have to be a team member to come out and support the event! We want to show support to ALL who have fought this battle!

LUMINARIES can still be purchased in honor or memory of loved one who have battled cancer: *LUMINARY* - \$10. These luminaries will be lit in an impressive and moving ceremony at dusk on Friday evening. They remain lit throughout the night as a reminder for the reason we Relay for Life. *SHOW UP* and support the relay. There are lots of food, activities and music that the whole family can enjoy! It is an all-night event!

Join us on May 18th & 19th and help us
“FINISH THE FIGHT”



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Registration is now open for all kids, ages 3 - 5th grades who would like to be a part of our fun-filled week of VBS. Don't forget to invite your friends! Our theme is **SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus**. The program will run Sunday, July 15th - Thursday, July 19th from 5:30-8:00pm.

You can visit this website for information and to register:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/zumcvbs>

MAY 2018



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| | | 1 Circle 1....12:30p Circle 3 & 4.... 7:00p Boy Scouts....7:00p Steel Magnolias...7:00p Women's Bible....9:00a | 2 WN |
| 6 Communion Sunday Worship....9:00a SS....10:00a Worship....11:00a Youth....5:30p | 7 UMW....4:00p Trustees....7:00p | 8 Historical Society....7:00p Women's Bible....9:00a | 9 WN |
| 13 Worship....9:00a SS....10:00a Worship....11:00a Youth....5:30p | 14 Finance....7:00p | 15 Women's Bible....9:00a Evangelism....6:30p | 16 WN |
| 20 Worship....9:00a SS....10:00a Worship....11:00a Youth....5:30p | 21 | 22 Women's Bible....9:00a UMW General | 23 WN |
| 27 Worship....9:00a SS....10:00a Worship....11:00a Youth....5:30p | 28 Church Council....7:00p | 29 Women's Bible....9:00a | 30 WN |
| | | NOTES: | |

| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| F....6:00p | 3 Girl Scouts....7:00p | 4 AA....8:00p Al-Anon....8:00p | 5 Brown Bag....11:00a |
| F....6:00p | 10 Missions....7:00p | 11 AA....8:00p Al-Anon....8:00p | 12 <u>UMM FISH Fry....11:00a</u> Brown Bag....11:00a |
| F....6:00p | 17 UMM....6:30p | 18 AA....8:00p Al-Anon....8:00p Relay For Life..... | 19 Brown Bag....11:00a Relay for Life |
| F....6:00p | 24 Preschool Graduation....6:30p | 25 AA....8:00p Al-Anon....8:00p | 26 Brown Bag....11:00a |
| F....6:00p | 31 Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall | 6-1 AA....8:00p Al-Anon....8:00p | 6-2 Brown Bag....11:00a |

Fun
overs

Please join us on May 8th to visit the Whirligig Park in Wilson. We will leave church at 11:00 am, eat lunch at Something Different, hear information about the origin of the whirligigs and then visit the Park.

Please sign up in the fellowship hall. For more information call Anna at 919-810-9709.

It's that time of the year again, when we need to start thinking about canning our delicious jams and jellies for the fall festival. Please check out your cupboards and help us keep our cost under control by returning canning jars. We need at least 300. Just leave them in the kitchen or drop them off at the Mission House.



May WNF Menu

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| 2nd Robert & Kay | Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad & Rolls <i>Kids... .. Spaghetti</i> |
| 9th Tom & Mary Lib Evans | Pork Lion w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Rolls <i>Kids... .. Corndogs</i> |
| 16th Sam & Donna | Baked Chicken w/Rice, Green Beans, Corn & Rolls <i>Kids... .. Chicken Sandwich</i> |
| 23rd Brenda Pulley & Lowell Pulley | Taco Salad, Rice & Black Beans <i>Kids... .. Cheese Quesadillas</i> |
| ** 24th Methodist Men ** | <i>Fried Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Rolls</i> |
| 30th Jane S. Debbie S. | Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Rolls <i>Kids... .. Cheeseburger</i> |

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY! We would like to invite families to join ZUMC for Wednesday Night Fellowship. Bring your family for dinner starting at 6p. Parents can stay for bible study while your children and youth go downstairs for their program from 6:30-8:00. Your children will be participating in Children's Choir/Music, Bible Lessons, Crafts and Playtime.

Please make sure to sign up for WNF by way of the little pink papers in the pew or call the church office by **noon Tuesday**. If you need to cancel, call the church office, 269-9408, by 12p Tuesday or you will be expected to pay for the meal you ordered. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 per person, children 6-10 are \$2.50 and 5 and under eat for free. The family maximum is \$15.00.

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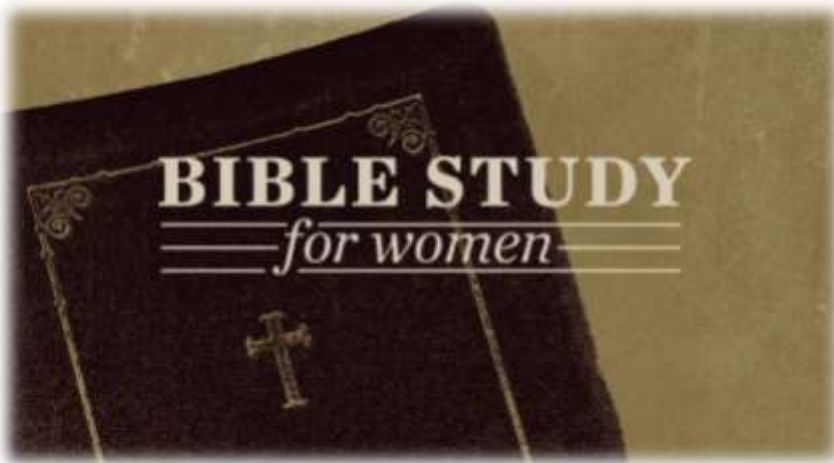
Flour
Iodized Salt
Cornmeal
Black Pepper
Mayonnaise
Chili Powder, Cinnamon, or other basic spices
Canola Oil
Sugar
Instant Coffee
Tea Bags



And of course, any of the basic items!

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward them for what they have done.

~Proverbs 19:17



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BACKPACK BUDDIES

Did you know that children in our community are going home to empty food cupboards? Or the only food they receive all day are the free meals at school? One of our newer missions at Zebulon United Methodist Church is Backpack Buddies, a national grant program that provides food for the weekend to children in need. The Zebulon BPB program is part of the North East Wake Backpack Buddies program centered in Rolesville. While the program is federally funded, capital is drying up and each unit is asked to do fund-raising or food drives to help ensure the continuation of the program.

Centered in the Mission House, volunteers pack weekend meals for 110 children on a weekly basis. Every Wednesday, 4-8 volunteers pack bags containing 3 canned entrees; 1 pack of cheese and crackers; a salty snack; cookies; Ramen Noodles; oatmeal; 2 individual packs of cereal; 2 fruit cups; a granola bar and 2 pieces of fresh fruit (apples or oranges). Every six weeks a small jar of peanut butter is sent home. Each bag contains about \$6 worth of food products.

Every Thursday a volunteer driver takes the food bags to Wakelon Elementary, Zebulon Elementary and Zebulon Middle school. BPB works closely with the school counselors to ensure that we are helping the most children we can within our financial constraints. The Zebulon BPB program can always use volunteers (approximately 1-2 hours per month during the school year). Also, if your workplace, civic organization, neighborhood, or Girl/Boy Scout group etc. would like to conduct a food drive for the benefit of BPB, please contact: Sue Kiley White, 919-559-1098 or skwhite517@gmail.com.

Additionally, if you are looking for a speaker for your organization, please contact Sue at the above contact information.

April Budget Report

| DATE: | Amount Given | Year to Date Monthly Amount | Year to Date Budget Amount |
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| April | \$24,678.00 | \$95,140.52 | \$116,484.00 |

