

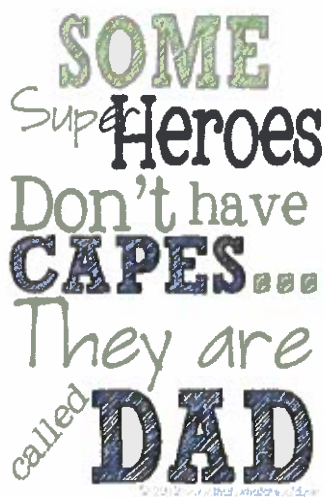


Zooming In On ZUMC

*Transforming life through
relationships with Jesus Christ*

June 2021

Happy Father's Day !! June 20, 2021



Booyah!

“Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy house of worship,
praise him under the open skies;

Praise him for his acts of power,

praise him for his magnificent greatness...”

Psalm 150:1-2 The Message

Our recent outdoor worship on Pentecost Sunday was a “Booyah” moment. This was the title of my message that morning. Here’s a recap in case you missed it. I referenced the very unique word “Booyah” as coming from the story of a farmer who prayed for rain because his crops were wilting. When the thunder finally came (and later rain), he said, “Booyah!” This story was told in an article depicting the late Stuart Scott and his journey of becoming an ESPN sports broadcaster. He used the word “Booyah” in his work to show passion and commitment. Although Stuart died in 2015, this word lives on and is an example of communication that evokes feelings, and in this case, joy! Booyah!!

So what was so joyful about the outdoor service? First of all, we had a great turnout (you all hung in there with the heat!). Regular worshipers came and some new ones did, too. We celebrated the birthday of the church with live singing, which gave us joy to be able to do. We shared celebrations from the faith community, and we prayed for concerns. We talked with one another, enjoyed fellowship and even enjoyed birthday snacks. We thanked God for the United Methodist Men’s successful Fish Fry on May 22. Booyah!

Special thanks to all who helped make our outdoor service possible: Brent Boykin, Cynthia Dixon, Ashley Mitchell, the Chancel Choir, Kara Zaharin, Debra Liles, Linda Chamblee, Andrea Pearce, the UMW and others who jumped in to set up beforehand and take down afterwards. We needed your assistance, and you helped pull it all together. We are looking forward to our next outdoor service on Sunday, June 13. Please join us for another wonderful experience of praising God under the open skies. (See Psalm 150 quoted above.)

Looking ahead, we have an exciting sermon series coming up for this summer, starting June 20. We will focus on the amazing stained-glass windows at our church for this 12-week series. Thanks to Ann Davis' *The History of Zebulon United Methodist Church 1907-1997*, we will explore the history, beauty and meaning of our wonderful windows. The first sermon is entitled "Majestic: The Cross and Crown Window." This window was given in memory of Lucy Parrot Jones. On June 27, the message is called "Promising: O Little Town of Bethlehem Window," and this window was given in memory of P.A. White and daughter Katie Bet Liles. Please invite family and friends of those memorialized in these beautifully adorned windows to our services. It will be such a blessing to lift up the fascinating background of our church and look more closely at our exciting present and thrilling future!

I started out with the word "Booyah", but I am going to use another word now. After all, I can't close out my article without using the word "thrive", can I?

As our green ZUMC bracelets say, "Come Alive and Thrive!!" Let's continue to do just that, everyone!
Pastor Liz

Source: The Herald-Sun Newspaper (Durham, NC). "Late ESPN Anchor Scott An Unlikely Broadcaster." Monday, January 4, 2016.

2021 Annual Conference - June 16-19, 2021, to be held virtually

Theme Verse:

"The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail." Isaiah 58:11 See this link for more details: <https://nccumc.org/ac2021/> May our Annual Conference be an awesome time of worship, connection and renewal for all who participate. Thanks to Sonya Boykin, our Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, for her involvement.

The 2021 General Conference (rescheduled from 2020) has been rescheduled again due to COVID. The new dates are August 29 – September 6, 2022, to held in Minneapolis, Minn. Our Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference has been delayed as well. For more details, please check out the following link: <https://nccumc.org/gc/#updates>. Your prayers for our upcoming SEJ and General Conferences, as well as or all the Delegates, Bishops and Leaders of our global Church, are greatly appreciated and very much needed

Please make plans to join us virtually for "Dine In and Conversation", an uplifting Zoom Dinner on Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 pm. You are invited to share a humorous story that has occurred during the pandemic. Enjoy your dinner and some laughs while meeting with others. Best of all, you don't have to leave your dining room table! If you would like to receive a Zoom invite to the dinner, please contact the church office at 919-269-9408 or by email at secretary@zumchurch.org. Look forward to dining with you online and sharing God's gift of laughter very soon!

Thank you! Let's all come alive and THRIVE with ZUMC!

Church Council Corner Update

The council will be meeting on June 7th at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. All are welcome to join. The link is below. Thriving in 2021 is our mission. Our efforts this year are focused on: Children / Youth, Communication and Engagement and Outreach.

Fall Festival Planning Update: Thirteen joined the zoom meeting held on 5-11-21. Because of the later planning start and the unpredictability of COVID-19, several changes have been made for 2021. There are still some things to be worked out, but some quick updates are below:

1. Fall Festival is scheduled for October 9th from 10A to 3P.

2. The Crafts and Silent / Live Auction will be combined in the Fellowship Hall. Pricing will be established on items instead of silent bidding. Your donations will be appreciated
 - Crystal Nines is Lead for donations of products and services
 - Anna Corbett and Debbie Beavers – Leads for Crafts
3. Children's Activities – LEAD NEEDED
4. Plant Sale – LEAD NEEDED
5. Food:
 - A Drive Through / Walk Up Line will be set up outside – LEAD NEEDED
 - Weather permitting – tables for dining will be set up outside – LEAD NEEDED
 - BBQ will be the meat served – Randy Sink - LEAD
 - Potatoes prep - Jackie Williams - LEAD
 - Coleslaw, Rolls, desserts – Lead NEEDED
 - Food ordering – Andrea Pearce / Darrell Jones - LEAD
 - Tickets will be \$10
6. Printing of pre-sale tickets / advertising materials, sign up sheets for donations for pig / supplies – Linda Chamblee - LEAD
7. Handling of Funds – Randy Pittard - LEAD
8. Set up – LEAD NEEDED
9. Take down / Clean up – LEAD NEEDED

Please join our next Zoom meeting on June 29th from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. so we can stay on track and keep focused.

Topic: Fall Festival Planning Meeting 6-29-21 @ 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88032442168?pwd=Njh0b3BLRG9Zc3JQdTRqTHVYQ2Y1dz09>

Meeting ID: 880 3244 2168

Passcode: 803307

There is much more to be done and the details are many. Please volunteer for one of the lead positions; especially if you have done this role in the past. If you have coordinated an area that is missing from the above items, please alert us to that need. Having had a year off, we can come together rested and ready to make this a wonderful day for the congregation and community. If you feel it on your heart to volunteer for one of the lead positions, please email the church office at zumchurch.info@gmail.com.

Fay Brown
Church Council Chair



Note from the Director of Music, Cynthia Dixon:

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The Handbell group has met for the first time in over a year. We recorded two pieces to be used during the summer worship services. We hope these will bless you as much as they blessed us to come together and record them.

Adult choir will continue to meet for recording sessions during the summer. 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 in the Narthex on the table. You are welcome to sing with us whenever possible. Many of the choir have heard some great singers recently; now is a wonderful time to step up and raise your voice in song!

Choir recording sessions:

Wednesday June 9 (6:30pm)
Wednesday June 23 (6:30pm)
Saturday July 10th (9am)

Recording sessions will be held outside in the Courtyard as we are being sensitive to the Covid measures and refraining from singing inside at this time.

Usually in June, we have our second "All you can Eat" luncheon to raise money to educate our 3 girls in Haiti. It's going to be a "make believe" event!!!! Oh, that Covid bug has sure caused us to "pause" and change how we have done things. If you would like to make a donation to help us raise the \$1500 we send, please do so. We appreciate the \$255 we received after the February luncheon from the members of the church and UMW. Please send your check to Debbie Beavers made out to the ZUMW (10612 Lake Place, Zebulon, NC 27597) or to the church and put Haiti in the memo. We will sincerely appreciate your support. We know how Covid has affected us in the USA and you can only imagine the impact in places like Haiti.

We got some news about one of our little girls, Lovely Augustin. Our support gave her a background of Christian schooling, nutritious meals and medical care. I know we have made a difference in her life. Life in Haiti has been extremely difficult due to the effects of the coronavirus. Lovely and her family have left the Delmas community to look for work. Lovely will not be able to attend school any more. We pray she and her family will "make it".

We have been asked to sponsor a new child in Lovely's place. Her name is Sarah Destina. She is in the 4th grade and lives in Delmas. There are five children in her family. Her mother is a servant and her father is unemployed. They live in a 2-room house and have running water and beds. They go to church.

We welcome Sarah to our sponsorship. We are so blessed in so many ways. It is joy to be able to share our blessings with these 3 girls who will benefit in so many ways through our generosity and caring.

Zebulon UMW

Memorial Committee

We are blessed to have so many kind, thoughtful and generous donors to send memorials and honorariums to ZUMC in memory and honor of our members. Their funds have been used in so many wonderful ways to help our church. Their kindness is so appreciated.

Below is our memorial policy. Just a reminder of how memorials at ZUMC work.

Persons who are honored by memorial gifts of any amount to the Zebulon United Methodist Church will be recorded in a Book of Memory. The Memorial and Endowment Committee Chairman will be in possession of the book and be responsible for keeping it current. All memorial gifts must be received through the Zebulon UMC Memorial and Endowment Funds.

Families of the deceased may request where the funds are to be directed with the approval of the Memorial and Endowment Committee and Board of Trustees. Request to designate the funds must be made within one year from the date of the death. If funds are not designated, after the year, they will be listed as undesignated funds. Gift acknowledgements will be made in writing by the church to the donors and the family of the deceased.

The Memorial Committee
Debbie Beavers, Chair



Recognizing our Veterans in Zebulon NC !!

The Steel Magnolia's Garden Club invites all those who have served in our military to the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial on June 11th at 2:00 pm at the Zebulon Town Hall. This memorial honors all those who are serving, have served or will serve in the United States Armed Forces. Seating is limited; you are welcome to bring your own chair. Our own Pastor Liz has been asked to do the invocation at this memorial service.

The Blue Star Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs (now NGC, Inc.) adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers were placed along the way. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war as well as in churches and businesses.

The ZUMC Fish Fry was a big success!!!! We were able to get quite a few people from our church and community together for a good cause and fellowship. The event was fruitful as we sold 450 plates and all the feedback was positive!

Update From The Preschool Advisory Board

The Preschool Board has been meeting monthly and trying to determine what we need to do going forward concerning the closing and reopening of the Preschool. We are presently trying to get the annual audit completed, and financially finalizing the shut down from last year.

Right now, we do not foresee how we can reopen the Preschool by Fall of 2021. We asked the congregation to answer a few questions for us to help us in a directional process. We would like to thank you and appreciate those that were able to participate in the questionnaire.

So far, here are the results from the questionnaire:

1. Do you support reopening ZUMC Preschool?
Yes: 20 No: 8
2. Do you support reopening ZUMC Preschool as a Mission of the Church?
Yes: 17 No: 10
3. Do you support reopening ZUMC Preschool as a separate entity from the Church?
Yes: 6 No: 19
4. Do you support the Preschool reopening from 9:00AM-12:00PM?
Yes: 15 No: 12
5. Do you support the Preschool reopening for a full-day program? This would entail a lot of additional inspections for the church.
Yes: 10 No: 16
6. Would you be interested in volunteering for ZUMC Preschool?
Yes: 4 No: 21

7. Would you be interested in participating on the ZUMC Preschool Advisory Board?

Yes: 4 No: 21

8. If we reopen the Preschool, would you be willing to sponsor a child at ZUMC for \$20 per month for the first year of reopening? This would provide assistance with reopening the preschool, providing snacks, wipes, supplies including paper, crayons, etc.

Yes: 13 No: 13

WHAT, WHY, WHERE, WHEN and WHO of the ZEBULON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ZUMC History share your part of the ZUMC history!

We need your help with information and pictures that we can use to create articles to include in ZUMC's history records. This would include but not be limited to historical pictures, events, etc. from our church members. These could be pictures and written summaries or notes of past events such as Fall Festival, Children's Ministries, Missions, Choir, Lay Leadership, Thanksgiving meals, Easter, Christmas, UMW, UMM, etc. We want to collect information from our last documentation which stopped at 2009 so anything you have beyond 2009 would be appreciated. The documentation doesn't have to be professionally written. Just a note or two about what happened, when, where and why. It can be a note to me at (wendellbat@aol.com), a text message (919-332-1212) if it's a short message, or you can even mail it to me (2013 Big Falls Drive). If you have pictures please send them to the church office to Debra to scan in and copy the pictures. I'll leave it up to you which pictures have the most meaning. Thank you for your help on this project. Each of you are a part of the history of ZUMC so please share your stories.

Here are suggested areas:

- Pictures would be nice or at least 1 or 2 per event that you were involved in here at ZUMC.
- UMW - Haitian Girls, Single Sr. Luncheons, Sr. Graduation, Women's Retreat to Avila and other places, Day Retreats
- UMM - Fish Fry, I know they have made contributions in so many others areas,
- I'd like to at least make mention of these in the history
- Past chairpersons for Fall Festival / Financial success of each Fall Festival / pictures
- Missions - Farmers Food Share, Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Food Bank
- Choir and Bells (Cynthia and before her folks who participated), Cantatas, Special Services, etc.
- Pre-school, daycare, children's services and Youth Ministries,
- And anything else anyone wants to have placed in the History of ZUMC 2010-Current

Thank you, Terri Moore

Mission Happenings

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.'"



Food pantry is thriving. We are getting new clients every week. We are fairly well-supplied but could always use peanut butter, cereal, grits or rice. If you are interested in helping your donations can be dropped off at the pantry anytime. Just leave on the porch. Someone is there every day. That brings me to another subject. If anyone is available just one day a week at 1pm, we need someone with truck or larger SUV to pick up Food Lion produce and deli. We do this 7 days a week 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 A Wake County resident and in the low income group. The boxes are delivered to the church fellowship hall the 2nd Thursday each month between 12 noon and 1 pm. The boxes may be picked up between noon and 5 pm that day. 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: June 10th July 8th October 8th November 11th August 12th December 9th

Did you know that ZUMC is a Food Hub? Well, we do. This is a great program that Shannon Baxter has taken charge of. It is a wonderful opportunity for our church members to help and get involved with serving the community. If you are willing and able to help, contact Shannon at Snarkybeekeeper@gmail.com. The next ZUMC Food Hub distributions are scheduled for June 12th. If you would like more information or wish to volunteer to help out, contact Shannon Baxter at Snarkybeekeeper@gmail.com.

ZUMC Mission Volunteer Opportunities

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 Panty 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



Children's Church Children will start 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.

Vacation Bible School 2021

We are beginning to get things lined up for VBS 2021 and we are planning to hold VBS IN PERSON! Our theme is Rocky Railway! The dates are Sunday, July 11 - Thursday, July 15 from 5:30-8:00pm. Our volunteers are what makes our VBS such a success each year! This church and I are so grateful for your help and I hope you will consider donating your service to this ministry to help create deeper relationships between our children and God! While we are going to hold VBS in person, we will be making a few changes to accommodate COVID protocols and social distancing, as much as possible. I am in the works of organizing the ins and outs of VBS for this year, but I wanted to get a sense of who would be willing to volunteer for this year's VBS.

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE: www.vbspro.events/p/zumchurchvbs

Thank you for sharing your children with our church and I look forward to seeing their return to our worship service. Please reach out to me if you would like to be added to our weekly communications list or ways you can volunteer with our Kid's Ministry. I can be reached at: ashleymitchell0907@gmail.com or 919-631-1869. Blessings, Ashley Mitchell

A special thank you and recognition from Oscar Tyson:

OH! What joy to see the footprint of my late wife Myrtle Raines Tyson left on the church campus. Zebulon United Methodist Church and its members were able to do many projects and needed repair of our Church.

Some of the things that were done are power washing of the white trim on church building, entrances to the church sidewalks along Gannon Avenue and curbing around the parking lots.

There was a concrete walkway from the back door of the church office building to the church parking lot. There was painting done on all black iron handrails. The interior of the church office building was had a complete makeover replacing 17 windows and added shutters, full remake of the office bathroom, replacement of 17 window blinds, a conference table and 8 chairs for the conference room and a new screen for fireplace in conference room and a beautiful sofa and chair for library/study area.

All of this provided for by the tireless work ethic of my late wife Myrtle Raines Tyson and her forty (40) years of distinguished and dedicated work career with the North Carolina State Government. Credit also goes to the shopping and selection of materials and furnishings shared by the Methodist Women and Methodist Men of Zebulon United Methodist Church and facilitator/overseer Tom Evans.

We are all stewards of God's Kingdom here in this place. Let's make it sparkle and light this corner in a way that will create curiosity as people pass by Zebulon United Methodist Church. Enough to bring them here to be a part of God's family. To the Glory of God in Jesus name, Oscar Tyson Jr.

Prayer Care Ministry

Contact information: ZUMC office 919-269-9408, secretary@zumchurch.org, Sue Kiryluk 919-612-8176, kiryluk.sue.sk@gmail.com. Thank you!



Birthdays in June 2021

Happy Birthday to all of our members who had May Birthdays !!!!
God picked this day for you to be born and he has a special plan for each of you !!

We forgot to list Sue White on May 17th, Mike Powers Birthday on May 22nd,
Kara Zaharin on May 20th, Becky Spivey on May 23rd, and Martha Plautz on May 24th.
Happy Belated Birthday wishes !! We will not forget you next year.

Kathy Rasmussen 06/01
Milton Brannon 06/01
Judy Bailey 06/02
Jacob Duvall 06/03
Nancy Maulsby 06/03
Don Kiryluk 06/05
Wayne Bouren 06/05
Magdalene Coleman 06/08

Terry Brantley 06/09
Mary Ann Eakes 6/09
Shawn Holland 06/10
Doug Durham 06/11
Deborah Nixon 06/12
Debra Liles 06/13
Patty Jones 06/15
Willie Harrellson 06/15

Mary Lib Brannon 06/15
Joseph Krebaum 06/19
Isabella Harrelson 06/22
Amy Bouren 06/24
Sue Kiryluk 06/25
Daniel Bridges 06/26
Hailey Tuck 06/30
Holly Bailey 07/01

If we missed your birthday, please let us know and we will update our records. Thank you.

Sympathy, Prayers and Support to...

Kathy Rasmussen in the loss of her sister Karen Fenshaw Rose on 5/12/2021
Eldie Strickland in the loss of her son Roger on 5/30/2021



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The deadline for the July 2021 newsletter is June 18, 2021.

This monthly newsletter needs more news! Could you please consider submitting a thought or brief article for the next edition? If this is possible, please send what you have to Debra Liles, Church Secretary, at zumchurch.info@gmail.com.