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“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing the congregation, ministering to the community and around the world, and by providing a place for inspiring worship, study and authentic Christian fellowship.”

Jesus said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ~ John 21: 6

One of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances was to the Disciples who had gone back to fishing. They weren't having a lot of success, until the risen Christ showed up and told them to try what they were doing in a different way. Only after their boat was almost swamped from all the fish did the Disciples realize that it was Jesus who was talking to them! John doesn't tell us why the Disciples knew it was Jesus then, but I have a theory.

I think they knew it was Jesus because he told them to change things up. After all, Jesus called some of the disciples from their jobs of fishing, some from tax collecting, and called still others to give up on politics. Their lives were completely changed from that moment on. I know you have stores of how your lives have changed since Jesus called you, and one of the best parts of being a Christian is hearing those stories retold by others.

So, that brings me to my news. Last year, I attended a retreat at Lake Junaluska. Appropriately enough, while studying and praying at the lake, I heard Jesus encouraging me to throw my net in a new direction. After a great deal of prayer and discernment, I can share that Christ is calling me into Campus Ministry. I will be starting my new position at Chaplain at Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, SC in mid- July. I will be preaching, teaching, and counseling Freshmen and Sophomores, while learning the skills that are needed to minister to that very different age group.

I have been incredibly blessed to be the Pastor for the last three years at Flat Rock. You have been so kind and supportive to me and my family, and we will miss you all terribly. However, I believe that when Jesus calls you, especially if it is to something new and different, you had better listen.

It is my prayer for each of you who read this to listen to where Christ is calling you. Maybe he is calling to you reach out in love to someone you don't expect. Maybe he is calling you to greater involvement in the Church. Maybe he is calling you to reconcile with someone with whom you are at odds.

Thank you all so much for giving me an environment in which I could hear Jesus calling me to throw my net in a new direction.
God Bless,
Pastor Tim



There will be a luncheon after morning worship for Pastor Tim and family on July 9 (his last Sunday preaching for us) Please stay and enjoy a sub sandwich furnished by the church. We ask you to bring a favorite dessert.



OPERATION 336

For the third consecutive year, the Youth at Flat Rock UMC will be participating in Operation 336. This is where multiple local church youth groups work together for community volunteering activities. This year's event will be from July 9th to 13th. The activity planning has been underway since the end of last year, and we are excited about the 2017 session.

If you would like to support in this event, there are a number of ways to do so. First and foremost, we need prayers for this event. Second, do you have a few hours a day, a couple days, or the ability to chaperone overnight? Your time would be welcomed. Third, are you aware of any local projects? This can be things like yard work, building wheelchair ramps, painting, washing windows, or helping support a community like spending time with the folks at Countryside. It can be a 20 minute project or full day, and the planning committee can review to see if we can squeeze it in. Finally, donations are also appreciated. There are times when much needed projects are turned down because we do not have funds to purchase supplies, and neither does the person/group requesting the support. Donations make those projects possible. If interested, make a check out to FRUMC with Operation 336 in the memo.

If you have questions, can volunteer, or have ideas to support with Operation 336, call Mandy Williams at (336) 298-1236 or email MandyWilliams21@gmail.com. I look forward to sharing the successes of the event in next month's newsletter. Mandy



You are invited to a bridal shower for Deborah Swim and Ryan Fields in the Christian Fellowship Center on July 29 from 2—4 pm. The couple are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Belks. Come out and meet Deborah if you have not already. Read their love story here: www.theknot.com/us/deborah-swim-ryan-fields.

Matthew 18:19-20 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”



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Dody Hollingsworth	July 1	George Thacker	15
Dan Joyner	4	Courtney Holt	18
Sigifro Nino	4	Amy Rumley	22
Linda Bennett	5	Ben Truitt	23
Autumn Hollifield	5	Steve Denson	24
Tyffany Kroll	9	Priscilla Slate	26
Sheena Rumley	10	Andy Younts	26
Chip Williams	11	Bill Hutchens	27
Dakota Williams	12	Gail Joyner	27
Ryan Fields	14	Whitley Joyner	27
Mary Wall	14	Hailey Hollifield	29

JULY Anniversaries

Steve and Pat Kintner	July 1
Dean and Tammy Cousino	18
Randy and Janet Hanks	21
Sam and Jamie Flynt	23
Andy and Jackie Younts	27

WEEKLY MINISTRIES		
Sun	8:30 am	Adult Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion on 1st Sundays)
		Liturgical Dance Team Practice (break for summer)
Tues	7:00 pm	* Bible Study at Countryside Village
Wed	9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship—
Wed	6:30 pm	*Bible Study at church

*** SPECIAL NOTICE**

Some of these weekly ministries are cancelled for now and we will let you know when they will begin again. THANK you for your participation and understanding during this change.

Worship Helpers for July

Ushers: Linda Byrd and Vernon Bessling

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
July 2	Lisa Hutchins & Janet Hanks	Emily Fields & Ethan Cox
July 9	Priscilla Slate & Misti Ridenour	Charlie Fields & Will Hutchens
July 16	Bobbie Williams & Jerry Pegram	Jill Joyner & Ryan Fields
July 23	Jackie Younts & Erik Cox	Wayne & Nancy Farrar
July 30	Mandy and Dakota Williams	Denise Pegram and Margaret Norris

Memorials:

In memory of Jimmy Price by Thomas and Brenda Price to the Cemetery Fund. From Steve and Marie Wilson to the UMW and Cemetery Fund in memory of Douglas and Mary Lou Wilson.

United Methodist Women

The next UMW meeting is July 8 at 10:00 am. All women of the church are invited. Refreshments served which each lady are asked to bring. A special Episode from Oprah Winfrey's DVD "Belief" will be shown. Again this year we have two of our youth going to Mission U at Pfeiffer College. They are Erik Cox and Faith Williams, and adult leader is Margaret Norris. Remember these in your prayers.

MISSIONS:

Christmas in July

This year we are trying a different idea for Samaritan Shoe Boxes for "Operation Christmas Child." For the month of July we would like to collect the following for 50 shoe boxes: Pencils, pens, crayons, spiral composition books, coloring books, toothbrushes, bar soap, bath cloth, and combs. These items will be placed in the shoe boxes you pick up on October 8 to complete filling with your special gifts. We will have empty shoe boxes if you want to complete your own. Thanks. Bobbie Williams

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

The food item which we were assigned last month was 200 cans green beans, From what I understand each month this year the food pantry have fed over 100 folks. Thank you for your continued contribution .



CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Joel Pegram and Emily Maggard on their recent marriage on June 10, 2017. May God bless them.

UPCOMING EVENTS mark your calendars		
July 4		Independence Day
July 8	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
July 9		Lunch at church for Pastor Tim and family
July 9—13		Operation 336
July 13—16		Mission U at Pfeiffer College
July 23		4th Sunday Lunch
July 24	Noon	Newsletter deadline
July 29	2 -4 pm	Bridal Shower for Deborah and Ryan
July 30	6:00 pm	5th Sunday Singing
July 24	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
July 24	7:00 pm	Administrative Meeting

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