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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.”

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ~Acts 2: 1-4

Early in the month of June, we will celebrate Pentecost: the birthday of the Church and the commemoration of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The first Disciples had just seen Jesus ascend back to Heaven. They were no doubt excited about Christ's promise, but also probably scared and uncertain about what their future would hold. Instead of just sitting around and waiting for the gift, the Disciples were together in prayer and worship-sharing the word of Christ's resurrection. Then, when the Holy Spirit came, it came in a spectacular way!

The Disciples now looked like they were on fire, and their hearts matched! Pentecost served as the jumping off point for the ministry of the Apostles to new locations all around the world.

Sometimes we all feel like we are waiting for something. Maybe you are waiting on news, healing, or a gift of your own. The good news is that Christ keeps his promises. What if you and I lived like those first Disciples: filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit? What chances might you take in the name of Christ? What new lands would you explore? Who would you love on behalf of Jesus? Who would you tell about his resurrection? Let's take June and use it as an opportunity to allow our hearts to be reignited to love and serve Christ!

God Bless,
Pastor Tim



June 4, 2017

HOMECOMING

Join us as we celebrate our Homecoming this year.

June 25, 2017



Father's Day was not celebrated in the US, outside Catholic traditions, until the 20th century. As a civic celebration in the US, it was inaugurated in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day by celebrating fathers and male parenting.

After Anna Jarvis' successful promotion of Mother's Day, the first observance of a "Father's Day" was held on July 5, 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia, in the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South. Grace Golden Clayton was mourning the loss of her father, when in December 1907, a mining disaster in nearby Monongah killed 361 men, 250 of them fathers, leaving around a thousand fatherless children. Clayton suggested that her pastor Robert Thomas Webb honor all those fathers.

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak at a Father's Day celebration and he wanted to make it an officially recognized federal holiday, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed throughout the entire nation, but he stopped short at issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a Father's Day proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "[singling] out just one of our two parents". In 1966, President Lyndon B Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.



Our graduates this year are:

Hannah Dunlap, from Northwest High School
Ethan Cox from Northern High School
Ana Nino-Combs, UNCG graduate in Nursing school
Hannah Strickland, graduate from UNC-Chapel Hill

Congratulations to each. When you see these young folks, shake their hands for a job well done.

Proverbs 23:24 (NIV)

The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.



JUNE

Sherry Dunlap	June 1	Katie Bayless	11
Mike Friddle	1	Helen Gall	13
William Hollifield	3	Preston Legge	13
Jamie Flynt	4	Amanda Joyner	13
Megan Joyner	5	Jennifer O'Neal	26
Audrey Sloane	5	Betty Compton	27
Eddie Isley	6	Brian Davis	27
		Donna Friddle	28

JUNE Anniversaries

William and Autumn Hollifield	June 9
Bobby and Darlene Joyner	10
David and Bobbie Williams	21
Matthew and Hannah Younts	25
Thomas and Brenda Price	26
Elena Derzhavina and Ken Watkins	26
Alex and Linda Bennett	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 with Pastor Tim at BJ's
Wed	6:30 pm	New study on the letters of I John

Worship Helpers for June

Ushers: Wayne and Nancy Farrar

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
June 4	Lisa Hutchins & Janet Hanks	Emily Fields & Ethan Cox
June 11	Priscilla Slate & Misti Ridenour	Charlie Fields & Will Hutchens
June 18	Bobbie Williams & Jerry Pegram	Jill Joyner & Ryan Fields
June 25	Jackie Younts & Erik Cox	Wayne & Nancy Farrar

Memorials:

All these memories to the Cemetery Fund:
 In memory of Haynes Family from Robert Haynes.
 In memory of Mrs. Ruby Murphy from Faylene Bowman.
 In memory of Rebecca "Becky" Edwards, Ruby Gann Vernon, Anna B. Gann for Mother's Day from Cathy and Drew Eiker.
 In memory of Brad Hohn, Mom and Dad, Becky and Granny, and Grandpa Gann from Mike and Shelby Jordan.

United Methodist Women

All women are urged to attend our next meeting, June 10. Jill will have a special program, and each are asked to bring and share your food with everyone.

MISSIONS:

On Father's Day we will take up a special offering for the Art Program at UMAR. Also we will start collecting school supplies for the Good Samaritan's school project. Thank You from the Mission team for all the goodies you brought for the military at Ft. Bragg. These items will be given to service members serving our country throughout the world.

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Last month our church provided food of 100 jars of jelly and 125 cans of fruit. It's still unbelievable how many families are needing basic things like food for their family. Thank You each one for helping out each month, and Thank You our special shopper .



Pastor Tim has resumed Wednesday night Bible Study. Join him at 6:30 pm to begin study on the Letters of I John and learn more about God's word. Come and bring a friend.
 (Note: I have attended his Tuesday night study and you will be amazed what you will learn. He has an excellent knowledge of the Bible and I believe this is his special gift.)

**UPCOMING EVENTS
mark your calendars**

June 10	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
June 16-17		UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska
June 18		Father's Day
June 22-25		NC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska
June 25		Homecoming
June 25-30		Vacation Bible School (the 3rd page can be used as a reminder what items are needed. Extra copies are available at sign-up sheet for those who cannot print them.)
June 25-Aug. 6		Collecting school supplies for Good Samaritan's school project.
June 26	Noon	Newsletter deadline

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Vacation Bible School

June 25—30, 2017

Again this year we need all the volunteers to help make this Vacation Bible School successful in reaching this community and surrounding areas. Won't you do it again?

We need the following:

- _____ Workers (mark your spot on the sign-up sheet on hall bulletin board)
- _____ Woven Blankets, 4 to 6 (they will be returned to you)
- _____ Stress Balls (15) those things that you squeeze when you are at your wits end.
- _____ Styrofoam Balls - any size
- _____ Cardboard (15) from your empty paper towels.
- _____ Plastic Greenery (no flowers)

This year we will make "School Kits" in the crafts by Jill Joyner. We plan to make 50 bags and have the children pack them in order to see what goes in them. She will pack 50 of them (bags are provided by the Northern Piedmont UMW). Jill needs 50 each of the following items: (Please follow these directions, NO extras)

- _____ One (1) pair blunt scissors, round tip only—no plastic.
- _____ Three (3) packs 150-sheets loose leaf wide rule paper, or spiral or top-bound pads (NO composition pads)
- _____ One (1) pencil sharpener, hand held, 1" long
- _____ One (1) ruler, 30 centimeter—12"
- _____ Six (6) unsharpened #2 pencils
- _____ One (1) large eraser 2" or larger
- _____ One (1) box crayons 24 count

Special note: Items cannot have advertisements, military, religious symbols, flags or cartoons.

Remember: Please sign-up for how many you will provide and the item you will provide. Be sure to have them to the church no later June 18. Any questions, please see Jill.