



First News

First United Methodist Church

Wadesboro, NC

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"We are not alone, we live in God's world."

(A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

We often recite this statement of faith on Sunday mornings. While in worship together, it is easy to feel and see the connection of holy community. We can look around the sanctuary and physically see that we are not alone, we can sense the presence of the holy spirit as the melodious hum of the organ catches our attention. When we leave and go out into the world carrying the light of Christ, the connection to our community often fades as we slip into the coming week's business. When the monotony of routine sets in, we tend to drift from our connection to God and one another until we are united again through in-person worship.

We might not connect during the week like on Sundays, but this proclamation, "We are not alone; we live in God's world!" holds firm. This week, I have discovered the beauty of togetherness that happens, outside of Sundays, and often behind the scenes.

I have seen it in the hands ready to help, in the voices that lift prayers, in the staff's passion to lead us faithfully, in the Leadership Council that plans and organizes so that ministry can flourish, and in the generosity that sustains our church's mission. These moments may not always happen in the sanctuary, but they are just as sacred. They remind us that we are bound together by Christ, whether gathered or scattered.

The truth is, our ministry is not the work of one person or even a few. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5 says, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." It is the work of the body - many gifts, many hearts, many hands - all woven together by the Spirit. Alone, we can only do so much. Together, we embody the good news of Jesus Christ in ways that change lives and transform our community so that the kingdom of God may come on earth as it is in heaven.

Thank you for the ways you share in this holy partnership. Thank you for showing up for one another, for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service.

As we keep walking together, may we never forget: "We are not alone; we live in God's world," and in God's world, we get to do this good work side by side.



Blessings,
Pastor Amy

FUMC to host Charge Conference Oct. 5

FUMC will host Charge Conference for eight UMC churches in Anson County Sunday, October 5, in the sanctuary.

Those attending will gather on at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary for a brief worship service, followed by the business of the Charge Conference. Everyone is invited to attend to hear our District Superintendent the Rev. Dr. In-young Lee preaching.

Immediately following worship and the business meeting, there will be a time of fellowship with light refreshments. Charge Conference is an excellent opportunity to meet folks across our UMC connection.

Voting members of the Charge Conference must be members of the congregation.

The charge conference is the basic governing body

of each local United Methodist Church. According to The Book of Discipline (paragraph 274), "The charge conference shall be the connecting link between the local church and the general Church and shall have general oversight of the church council(s)."

Our church structure follows this order: The Bishop, District Superintendent, Church/Charge Conference, Pastor, Leadership Council, and Church Teams.

Although this is a simplified outline, the main work of the Charge Conference is to give oversight to the Leadership Council and review the mission and ministry of the church.

Those attending will vote on the reports submitted to the Charge Conference by our Leadership Council.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Amy.

Scam alert!

Pastor Amy's email has been "spoofed" and parishioners and friends of the church are urged to carefully look at the email address before responding.

Spoofing is a cyberattack technique in which a malicious actor impersonates a trusted source to trick victims into revealing sensitive information or performing an action that benefits the attacker. This can involve faking caller ID for phone calls, creating fake websites, altering email sender addresses, or using fake IP addresses to bypass security measures.

The ultimate goal is often to steal financial or personal data, spread malware, or gain unauthorized access to systems.

The accompanying screen shot is not from Pastor Amy. If you study it carefully, it is not her email.

If you replied to this email the unknown person will ask for gift cards or something to be purchased - absolutely not something Pastor Amy would ask you to do.

If you're not sure if a person's email or cell phone number is legit, trust your instincts and reach out a different way. You may:

- Call the church office
- Email the correct email address
- Wait and ask in person

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Hi Krista,

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful day.

I wanted to know if you are available to communicate via email. I was hoping you could manage a task for me discreetly. Please get back to me as soon as you can

Blessings,

Rev. Amy Lambert

Pastor

First United Methodist Church-Wadesboro

■ Text the number you have saved.

For a 'company', hang up and reach out to the number on their website or visit a location in person.

Never share your Social Security number, credit card numbers, bank or investment account numbers, or purchase things utilizing instructions over the phone. Especially be wary of weird shipping instructions from someone or company you have never met or contacted.

Open Doors Pre-K program underway

By Lora Wyatt
Board member

Our Open Doors NC Pre-K program is off to a wonderful start this year.

The North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten preschool at FUMC is blessed with 20 bright and energetic students who fill our classrooms with joy and curiosity each day. Their learning and growth are guided by our dedicated teachers, Mrs. Lisa Tarlton and Mrs. Robin Cason, who pour their hearts into creating a safe and nurturing environment for each child.

We are also grateful for the steady leadership of our interim director, Mrs. Karen Gerald, who has stepped in to support both staff and families during this season of transition.

We are actively seeking a permanent director to join our team. Please keep this search in your prayers, and if you know of someone who may be called to serve in

this role, we welcome your referrals.

As the school year continues, there are several ways you can actively support Open Doors NC Pre-K. Our classrooms are always in need of extra supplies such as tissues, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent, tall kitchen trash bags, hand soap, and dish soap. These donations are a practical and much-appreciated way to help our students thrive.

We appreciate your prayers and support of Open Doors. To ensure our children and teachers can stay focused on learning, the preschool is not open for visitors during the day. Any questions about the program, can be answered by our board members who are happy to provide updates.

Thank you FUMC for your continued encouragement, prayers, and support of this important ministry. Together, we are planting seeds of learning and faith in the lives of children and families.

Prayer List

Please help keep the prayer list up to date by letting the office know of any additions or deletions that should be made to the list

Lula Ann Davis
Betty Hardison
Selene Hardison
Ross Hendley
Nancy Hodges
Linda Humble
Nancy Huntley
Judy Kalish
Carrie Leavitt
Minnie Lee Moore
Peggy Pinkston
Ann Land
Sharon Rowe
Sarah Tamura
Catherine Wright
Joe Madaras



Thomas Richert (Corinne's nephew)
John & Linda Herold (Krista's parents)
Betty Martin (Patsy Brasington's sister)
Gail Clonts (friend of Paulette Ridley)
Craig & Loreen Ringersen (friends of Selene Hardison)
Leigh Dawson (Jeff Crawford's sister)
Barbara Coggins (Patsy Brasington's friend)
Sara Phillips (daughter of Reta Phillips)

Ocala Harper (John Colston's mother)
Marissa H. Thomas (Selene Hardison's daughter)
Michael Redmond (Betty Ann's brother)
Rowyn Shepherd (friend of Rick Beam)
Jimmy Graham (friend of Paulette Ridley's family)
Sonny & Judy Carpenter (Patsy Brasington's sister)
Rev. Sybil Perrell & brother, Ed
Katie Ennis (Hanna Chapel)
Cellane McLeod (daughter of Adgie James)
Ronnie Smith (father-in-law to Trent Carpenter)
The family of Susan Durham (Lisa Blalock's cousin)
Rev. Anita Thompson (FBC)
Victims of mass shootings
Victims of recent storms, wildfires, & earthquakes
World Peace

AND... all whom we name in our hearts!

Retirement/Assisted Living /Nursing Homes

*Peggy Pinkston – 17018 Randall's Ferry Rd.,
Norwood, NC 28128 (her mail goes to her son's home)

*Claudia Ratliffe-180 River Park Dr., Unit 208,
Little River, SC 29566

Minnie Lee Moore-3420 Whitehurst Rd., Apt 2012
Greensboro, NC 27410



We are so excited to once again hear the laughter of children Monday through Friday in FUMC thanks to the Open Doors NC Pre-K program. Teachers are, from left, Lisa Tarlton, Robyn Cason and interim director Karen Gerald. Visitors are not allowed in Open Doors, but questions may be directed to board members including Misty Hathcock, Krista Herold and Pastor Amy. The program is administered locally by the Anson County Partnership for Children.



Thanks to Rick and Aidan Beam who braved the tropical weather before the beginning of school to spread the mulch for the Open Doors Playground. It was a hot and heavy job due to the rain which soaked the mulch during August. Wouldn't we love to have that rain now?



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By: _____

Why: _____



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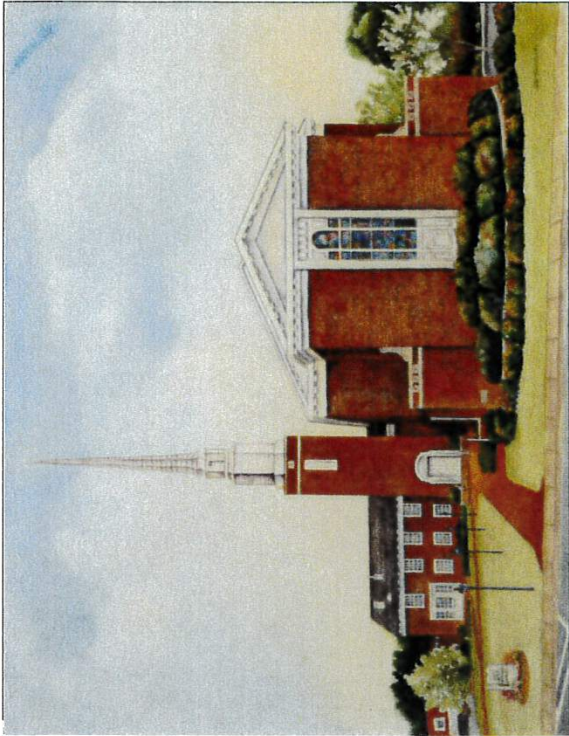
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