

JORDAN
MEMORIAL UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH



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This September, we celebrate something remarkable: 140 years of ministry here in Ramseur. For almost a century and a half, this church has been a place where love has taken shape in ordinary, faithful ways, meals served to neighbors in need, clothes given to those who needed them, our ladies exercise ministry caring for the bodies God has given us. There have been countless prayers lifted up, worship services that have carried generations through joy and sorrow, services of remembrance and celebrations of life for those that have joined the Church Triumphant. The bread and cup shared at the Communion table, the waters of baptism marking new life in Christ again, each moment a reminder of the community of faith we share in. Look at our logo, a heart surrounded by the words *building, creating, serving*. That's who we are, a place that builds relationships, creates safe spaces for all people, and serves our community both here and far away. At the center of it all is love, because we believe we are called to love simply because God first loved us. That's why we've been able to celebrate 140 years, and it's why we do everything else we do. We hope you'll join us for Homecoming this September to celebrate what God has done through this church, spend time together as the family of faith we are, and take a walk down memory lane as we open a time capsule sealed back in 1982.

As we celebrate our past, we're turning with just as much excitement toward our future. Over the next year, our church's focus will be centered on children and youth, because we believe kids are not just the future of the church, **they are the now of the church**. Scripture has always called us to this. Proverbs remind us to “train up a child in the way they should go, so that when they are old they will not depart from it.” It is Jesus himself who gives us our deepest reason: when the disciples tried to keep children away from him, Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” That word *hinder* should stop us in our tracks. We never want to be a church that puts up barriers between a child and the love of Christ, not through outdated spaces, not through a lack of resources, not through anything we could have

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**Please send mail and
pray for our Homebound**

Genie Cross
Clapp's Room 206
500 Mountain Top Dr.
Asheboro, NC

Sharon Jones
2988 Tuttle Road
Archdale, NC 27263

Malvin & Ann Robinson
320 Bruce Street
Bridgewater, VA 22812

Jordan Memorial Military

Quinton Smith

Mission Fund in Memory of Dot Watkins
Ann Pike

College Students

Maria Almanza (NCSU)
PO Box 361
Ramseur, NC 27316

Logan Armfield
5017 Liberty Grove Rd
Liberty, NC 27298

Samantha Hicks
Jagiellonian University
ul. Gołębia 24, 31-007 Kraków
Krakow, Poland

Hunter Shackelford
917B Arvada Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28262

Jaidy Smith
307 Elam Ave.
Ramseur, NC 27316



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changed. We believe investing in our children is not a someday plan. It is how we invest in our now.

That's why we are launching a capital campaign to raise \$30,000 dedicated entirely to strengthening our children's ministry. This isn't an abstract goal, every dollar has a purpose. We'll be updating classroom spaces so they're bright, welcoming, and built for how kids actually learn and grow. We'll be installing new HVAC so our children's spaces are comfortable year-round. We'll be replacing tables and chairs, so classrooms are functional and inviting. We'll be investing in programming supplies that equip our teachers and volunteers to teach the gospel in engaging, age-appropriate ways. We're already off to a strong start: our church van, originally purchased to pick up kids for church activities, was recently sold, and that sale is providing the first \$5,000 toward our goal. We're also bringing in a coach who will work alongside our church over the coming year to brainstorm and help us implement fresh ideas for reaching and discipling children and youth in our changing community. We believe in this focus enough to give it a full year of prayer, energy, and resources, so we can watch and see what the Holy Spirit will do.

This is our chance to invest in the next 140 years, to make sure that no child ever finds a barrier where they should find an open door, and that the love of Christ continues to be shared in this place for generations to come. We'd love to see you at Homecoming, especially if we have not seen you in a while. But even more we hope you'll prayerfully consider joining us in this focus on children and youth. Building. Creating. Serving. Because God first loved us.

Pastor Chris

General Information



Charge Conference is Sunday
October 4th 3:00 PM New
Union UMC.

Jordan Memorial,
Thank you so much for providing care packages for
our staff at Mount Shepherd! We had an amazing
summer and served hundreds of children! Each
day was packed full of exciting activities, laughter,
and the love of God. Thank you for supporting our
staff and our ministry as well!!

Christina

Director, Mount Shepherd



Ramseur Civitans

The Civitans meet on the first and third Tues-
days of each month at 6:30pm

Senior Bingo!

Join us the first Tuesday of each month at
10am in the Fellowship hall for Senior Bingo.



Our next Leadership meeting is
September 13th, 4:00 PM.

Being the Hands of Ministry

Thank you for being willing to serve by adding your
gifts to our worship services!

September Usher : Crandall Ellison, Melisa Perry

September Communion Steward: Anne Cox

September Acolyte : Crandall Ellison

Thank you for the awesome Back to School Bash
that you sponsored! What a great outreach and
ministry to the community. Your love, time, and
dedication is much appreciated. My daughter
LOVES the bookbag that she received.

Love in Christ,
The Palmer Family

Scouts

The boy and girl scouts meet on Mondays at
6:30pm.

Lion's Club

The Lion's Club is collecting old eyeglasses, hear-
ing aids, and cell phones. There is a collection box
outside the church office. The Lion's Club also
meets in the conference room on the second Tues-
day each month from 6-7pm.

AA Group

Jordan Memorial hosts Alcoholic Anonymous
meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings at
6:30pm in the conference room.

United Women in Faith (UWF) Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for October 11th. UWF will be having a fundraiser, soup, salad and dessert at 11:30am following the worship service. These funds help support us in our mission projects, bereavement meals, community outreach, school needs for students and teacher and any emergency that occurs. We are a small, very active and caring group. Please join us for a delicious lunch and great fellowship.

United Women in Faith

Our district president, Sarah Lee shared we have a deaconess that will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 6th. Her birthday wish is to receive 100 cards. This is such a beautiful time in life for her. Help us celebrate with a card to: Barbara Campbell 256 Merrimon Avenue Asheville, NC 28801

At our August meeting we always select a mission project for the following month. Our project for September is toilet paper and paper towels for the Ramseur Food Pantry. If you would like to help, please place the item in the box outside the church office.



JORDAN'S Closet

BUILDING CREATING SERVING

FREE CLOTHING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Everyone is welcome!

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." - Colossians 3:14

HOURS:
FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sharing God's love through
BUILDING, CREATING, AND SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

JORDAN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Care Team

Sharing Christ's love through visits, fellowship, and caring connections.

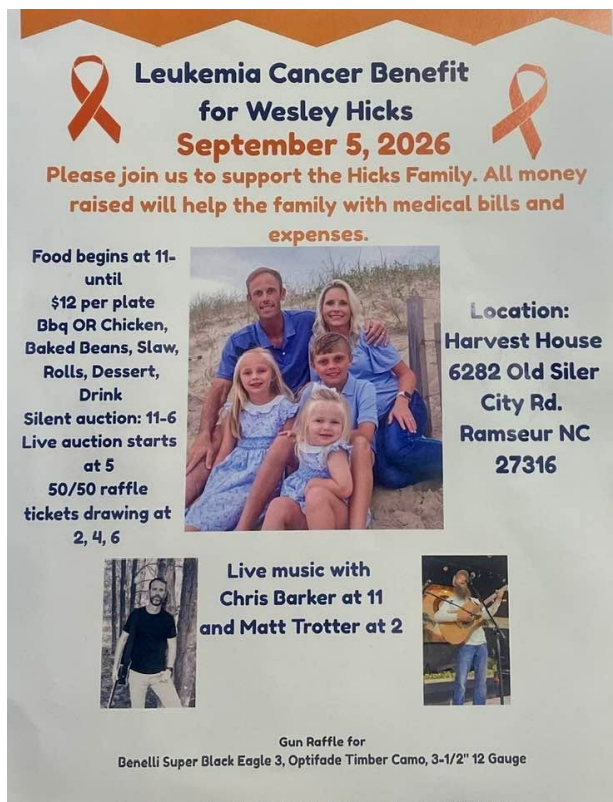
Going out to remind others... You are not alone.

We CARE because the gaps for us.

Visiting • Encouraging • Praying • Connecting

"Encourage one another and build each other up." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

The next time the CARE team is going out is Wednesday, September 23rd, 10:00 AM.



Leukemia Cancer Benefit for Wesley Hicks

September 5, 2026

Please join us to support the Hicks Family. All money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses.

Food begins at 11:00 until 12:00
\$12 per plate
Bbq OR Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert, Drink

Silent auction: 11-6
Live auction starts at 5
50/50 raffle tickets drawing at 2, 4, 6

Location: Harvest House 6282 Old Siler City Rd. Ramseur NC 27316

Live music with Chris Barker at 11 and Matt Trotter at 2

Gun Raffle for Benelli Super Black Eagle 3, Optifade Timber Camo, 3-1/2" 12 Gauge



JORDAN MEMORIAL UMC

Faith & Fitness

Strength for Body, Mind & Spirit

A welcoming group for ladies who want to stay active, build friendships, and grow in faith.

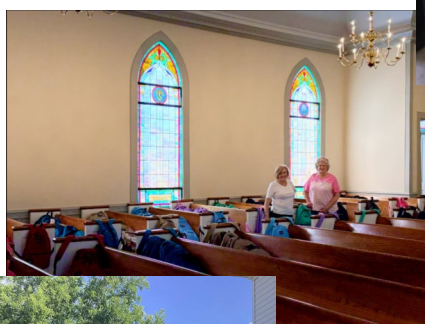
All are welcome!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9:00 AM

1511 Main St Ramseur

I would like to thank Jordan Memorial UMC for allowing us to use your fellowship hall on July 18. We really appreciate. Again, thank you so much!
Lee Hockmuth, Director
Helping Seniors in Need

Thank you to everyone that helped with **Back to School Bash 2026!**



Homecoming / Memorial Day / September 20, 2026

Jordan Memorial and friends will celebrate 140th anniversary when we observe our Annual Homecoming Day on September 20th. The worship service will begin at 10:30am. During the service we will remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant since our last homecoming. We invite family members and friends of those being remembered to worship with us on this special occasion.

A fellowship meal will be served in the Fellowship hall following the worship service. The bereaved families will be the guest of Jordan memorial at the luncheon.

We look forward to seeing our members, former members, friends and family at this special service.

Betty Kinley Shackelford, James Ray Albright, Mont Bland Gilmore, Marsha Staley



**JORDAN MEMORIAL
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HOMECOMING

SEPTEMBER 20TH

*Join us as we celebrate 140 years of faith,
fellowship, and God's faithfulness!*

**GUEST PREACHER
REV. JOSH KURTZ**


**COVERED-DISH
LUNCH TO FOLLOW**
Bring your favorite dish
and enjoy a time of
fellowship together.




**OPENING THE
1982 TIME CAPSULE**
A special moment as we
look back and celebrate
God's work through
the decades.

 **10:30 AM**

 **1511 MAIN ST
RAMSEUR, NC**

Honoring our past. Celebrating our present. Trusting our future.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME – BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Meet and Greet with your new
Congregational Nurse
Alexis Robinson



Mt Nebo Holiness Church

5152 Brookgreen Rd Ramseur
Saturday September 12th
12-2 pm

Light refreshments provided

Please RSVP by Sept 9th to:

Elworth Cheek 336-318-1486

or Emily Martin 336-337-9834

ALL ABOUT ME!

Alexis Robinson, MSN, RN

Greetings! I am originally from Greensboro, NC and currently residing in Browns Summit with family ties to Ramseur. I am a Master's prepared RN with a concentration in Nursing Education.

Background:

- Inpatient Medical/Surgical Nursing
- Home Health
- Case Management with focus on COPD, diabetes, and heart failure
- Oncology
- Utilization Review Management

One of my favorite scriptures is Colossians 3:23:
"Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people" (CSB).

Community Connection & Service

I have recently felt called to volunteer within the community. I love connecting with and meeting new people and look forward to building meaningful relationships. My goal is not only to assist with health education needs, but also to learn from the individuals and communities I serve. I am looking forward to partnering with Cone's Congregational & Community Nursing Program to help meet your health needs!

Together we can build healthier communities through education, connection, and compassion.



**Congregational & Community
Nurse Program**



LOVING ALL PEOPLE. EVERY CHILD. EVERY YOUTH. EVERY DAY.

A YEAR OF FOCUS ON
YOUTH & CHILDREN

*Growing in Faith.
 Building Community.
 Making a Difference.*

**FAITH.
 FRIENDS.
 FUN.
 FUTURE.**

Jordan Memorial
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 EVERY CHILD.
 EVERY YOUTH.
 EVERY DAY.
 LOVED. WELCOME. INCLUDED.


OUR MISSION: Because God first loved us, we are devoted to sharing that love by building authentic relationships, creating safe spaces for belonging and connection, serving our communities locally, regionally, and globally, and in becoming faithful and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ.



BUILDING
authentic relationships with our neighbors



CREATING
safe spaces for belonging and connection



SERVING
our communities locally, regionally, and globally



IN BECOMING
faithful and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ

THE FOCUS ON CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND

Help us invest in spaces that nurture faith, friendships, and futures.

- ✓ Replace the main floor children's room HVAC unit to keep the space safe and comfortable.
- ✓ Remediate mold and address HVAC issues in the Scout room.
- ✓ Purchase durable, easy-to-clean plastic tables and chairs for both spaces.
- ✓ Certified coaching to help identify needs and explore ideas for children and youth.

OUR GOAL:
\$30,000
 Together, we can make these spaces ready for our children, youth, and our community—now.

Here, every child is known.
 Every youth is valued.
 Here, everyone belongs.

Join us as we build faith, friendships, and a brighter future—together!

WAYS TO GIVE:

SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE

MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:
 Focus on Children & Youth Fund
 PO Box 848
 Ramseur, NC 27316

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Faith & Fitness 9am Senior Bingo 10am Civitas Mtg 6pm	2 Line Dancing 10am	3 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	4 Line Dancing 1pm	5 Cancer Benefit Wes Hicks 11am Jordan Closet 10am
6	7 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Office Closed Labor Day	8 Faith & Fitness 9am Lions Club 6pm	9 Line Dancing 10am	10 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	11 Line Dancing 1pm	12
13 Leadership 4pm	14 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	15 Faith & Fitness 9am Senior Bingo 10am Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm Civitas Mtg 6pm	16 Line Dancing 10am	17 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	18 Line Dancing 1pm	19
20 Homecoming 10:30am	21 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	22 Faith & Fitness 9am	23 Line Dancing 10am Care Team 10am	24 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	25 Line Dancing 1pm	26
27	28 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	29 Faith & Fitness 9am	30 Line Dancing 10am			

Ramseur Food Pantry: Peanut Butter and Jelly. We will need volunteers Sept 21– 25.

September Birthdays

01-Emily Leigh Gann
04-Tommy Boyd
04-James Scott Riddle
05-Kenneth Hudson
05-Courtney Collins
05-Aaron Bressler
06-Marc Williams
08-Darrell E. Williams
10-Rebecca L. Hinshaw
10-Magnum Embree
11-Tim E. Lankford
12-Malvin Robinson
12-Amy Petty
13-David Craven
13- Pastor Chris A. Smith
14-Joy Collins
14-Celeste Byrnes
15-Bradley Russell Craven

15- Ann Robinson
15- Ann Hutchins
16 Emerie Hutchins
16- Jennifer Luck Clark
18-G. Ronnie Hardin
19-Emily C. Johnson
21-Williams G. Allen
21-Ed. A. Mitchell
25-RoseMary Bonham
28-Brenda Siers
29-Nathan G. Harris
29-Ann W. Pike
29-Chad Lankford
30-Kenneth S. Rains

JORDAN MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

You're Invited!
WORSHIP WITH US!
In person or online!

SMALL GROUPS 9:30 AM
Connect, grow, and do life together.

WORSHIP 10:30 AM
Inspiring worship for the whole family.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP
After the Young Disciples Message, kids enjoy a fun, faith-filled time just for them!

Let's Connect!
Facebook YouTube

Visit us at
www.jordanmemorial.org

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Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30am



Community Meal
Food • Fun • Fellowship

3rd TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
(EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST)
at JORDAN MEMORIAL UMC

Good food.
Great people.
Stronger
together.

Everyone is welcome! Come share a meal, make new friends,
and enjoy fellowship together.