



THE BEACON

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A Message from Pastor Chip:

“Halloween – Nothing to Fear, Unless You’re a Chicken!”

It seems that the first words out of an angel’s mouth are ***“Don’t be afraid!”*** Angels speak on behalf of the Almighty. At other times, God speaks against our fear, through the prophets, such as in Isaiah.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” ~ Isaiah 41:10

The Psalmists consistently comfort us against fear, directing us to trust in the presence and power of God.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?” ~ Psalm 27: 1

The Apostle Paul teaches that God replaces our fears with a deep and abiding confidence in redemption, deliverance and abiding presence.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

Jesus left his disciples with these words:

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” ~ John 14: 7

COME TO BROOKSTOWN ON HALLOWEEN!

Don’t be a chicken; come on out!

All Hallows’ Eve falls on October 31 each year, and is the day before **All Hallows’ Day**, also known as **All Saints’ Day** in the Christian calendar. The name derives from the Old English ‘hallowed’ meaning holy or sanctified, and is now usually contracted to the more familiar word Hallowe’en. All Saints’ Day is a day of gratitude for all of those in and through whom we have experienced the grace, presence and gifts of God. All Hallows’ Eve is just the evening before. For us, All Hallows’ Eve is a celebration of God’s presence in the saints among us! **Just don’t be a chicken!**

The **Vienna Civic Club** is famous around these parts for the wonderful **BBQ Chicken Fundraisers** which support their good works in the community. Pfafftown folk look forward to the BBQ Chicken Plates-To-Go. The Civic Club consistently “ups” the amount of chicken purchased for each successive event, and still, the Chicken Plates sell out. No corners are cut in the labor-intensive cooking process, the chicken is delicious, and homemade desserts add to the value of a great ready-to-eat meal. Most importantly, the quality of the food reflects the high-quality work of the Vienna Civic Club!

Everyone agrees! **Just don’t be a chicken!**

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A Message from Pastor Chip (continued)

Brookstown Church conducts regular **Chicken Pie Making Workshops** during the year.

The workshops are "learning laboratories" in pie making. Different teams focus on different components in the process: **Purchasers** gather chicken, flour, shortening, butter, pie pans, wax paper and other supplies; **Cleaning Teams** prep the kitchen and sanitize utensils; **Dough Makers** measure and mix the dough; **Logistical Engineers** set up tables, chairs, carts and equipment for efficiency and work flow; **Early Birds** arrive at dawn to cook chicken; **Assembly Workers** gather in their designated areas to weigh and press the dough, pick and chop chicken, measure and fill pans, add broth, flour and butter, top the pie and crimp the dough, bag the pies, load the carts and send them to the freezer.

Finally, **lesser-skilled workers** wash and dry the pots and pans. All working together in commitment to the production of a high-quality chicken pie reflecting the high quality of the **Brookstown Chicken Pie Makers**. Everyone loves Brookstown's Chicken Pies! **Just don't be a chicken!**

ON Saturday, October 31, Brookstown Church will host a **TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND CHICKEN STEW!** You are encouraged to decorate your car or truck, bring lots of candy and treats to share with the children, and join us for a wonderful bowl of Chicken Stew. There will be lots of stew and desserts. You are likely to see some ninjas, princesses, extra-terrestrials, maybe a troll or an ogre. **"Don't be afraid!"** Remember, you will be surrounded by saints. **Just don't be a chicken!**

World Communion Sunday Special Offering

Sunday, October 4

Holy Communion will be observed during our services on October 4. Please join us as we are invited to the Lord's table to share in this Holy Sacrament.

A Special Offering will be taken to help fund graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships. At least half of the annual amount donated is reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs.

While sharing Communion with fellow Christians in our church and around the world, we can also touch lives worldwide by giving generously.

The Need to Worship Together

Sometimes life is hard to affirm. When the blows of circumstances descend upon me, I want to go someplace with other people, and be reminded by the acts of a community that affirmation is a fact larger than my private sorrow or trouble; that it exists in spite of me at the moment; and that if I just hang on, I will go to my church and praise life again!

~ Mary Jane Irion

Pastor Appreciation

Every year, October is observed as **Pastor Appreciation Month**.

Were someone to ask a pastor, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

Encourage your pastor by assuring him or her of your prayers and love.

~ From "The Newsletter Indians"

*We appreciate and love you, Chip!
You're always in our hearts and prayers.
Thank you for all the wonderful things
you do for us and for the community!*

*God bless you,
Your Brookstown Church Family*



What Is the Beloved Community of God?

It is a community where no one is left out; where the world is indeed our parish; where the deepest hopes and yearnings and cries are heard. It is a community where we rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation; and in each act of self-giving on behalf of others, in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us, that all may have enough. Glory to God! ~ Author Unknown

Laity Service Awards Ceremony

Sunday, October 18 at 2pm
St. Paul United Methodist Church
2400 Dellabrook Rd, Winston-Salem

Recipients of the Laity Service Award from churches in the Yadkin Valley District will be recognized and presented with a certificate at this special service at St. Paul UMC.

In 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Paul celebrates a community whose faith, love, and hope became a witness to others. Laity Sunday reminds us that the mission of The United Methodist Church belongs to all of God's people. Through prayer, service, leadership, generosity, and compassion, laypeople help make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As a connected church, we work together through our covenant relationship and connectional giving so that no congregation carries ministry alone.

The Laity Service Ministry Award is promoted by the WNCC Board of Laity as a means of recognizing deserving lay persons whose work in the local church and community exemplifies lives of Christian stewardship. The intention in recognizing these Laity Service Award recipients is for all lay persons to be honored.

The Brookstown Lay Servant of the Year will be announced and recognized at our services that morning.

*St. Paul declares: "Now you are the body
of Christ, and each one of
you is a part of it."
1 Corinthians 12:27*



Yadkin Valley District Gathering

Saturday, October 17
11:30am – 3pm, Floating
The Red Barn at Tanglewood Park
625 River Birch Circle
Clemmons, NC

Open to all churches, clergy & laity across the Yadkin Valley District. Enjoy delicious food, live music, fun activities & fellowship! This is a FREE event; tell the gate attendant you are attending the "Yadkin Valley Gathering Event". Donations will be accepted to help cover costs.



Pay It Forward! Methodist Home for Children

Annual Giving Day
Tuesday, October 20

Some children have to ask – will I get to eat today? Is this where I sleep tonight? Will I see you when I wake up? What happens to me next?

On October 20, **Pay Forward** the blessings in your life with the gift of security for someone else. Do it in honor of the ones who loved you. Do it in honor of the ones you love.

Every dollar you give will be matched!

Childhood security is the mission - \$600,000 is the goal. Gratitude is contagious – tell your friends to **Pay It Forward!**

Visit: PayItForward.mhfc.org
Or call: 919-949-0925





***"Faith is
permitting ourselves
to be seized by the
things we do not see."
~ Martin Luther***

Faith and Love

***The two chief things are faith and
love. Faith receives the good; love
gives the good. Faith offers us God
as our own; love gives us to our
neighbor as his own.
~ Martin Luther***

**Flowers for
Worship Services**

October 4
Elsie Yates
October 11
Bob & Dauna Scofield
October 18
Tim & Roberta Lasley
October 25
Open

***"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family.
Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one." ~ Jane Howard***

No Substitute

The Christian community plays an important role in the life of discipleship because this community is nothing less than the body of Christ in the world today. It is among brothers and sisters in faith that we:

- Experience the presence of Jesus Christ, living and incarnate;
- Worship together, confess our sins, hear the gospel, and receive Communion;
- Accept church discipline through the gentle guidance of others;
- Learn through the successes and failures around us, what it means to live a life of discipleship.

There is no substitute for living around other Christians," write Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon of Duke Divinity School. We grow in discipleship as we strive with others to hear God's Word, feed the hungry, welcome strangers, and love one another.

~ From "The Newsletter Newsletter"

2026 Charge Conference

Program and administrative committees should submit 2027 budget requests to Jimmy Holder, (Finance Committee Chair) by October 18.

If you would like to participate in the governing body of the church in 2027, and/or serve in leadership on a committee or team, please contact Chip.

The Brookstown Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 22, at 12:15pm, in the sanctuary. All Charge Conference business matters - budget, officers, etc. - for 2027 will be presented for voting/accepting.



Administrative Meetings

*Finance Committee – Wed., October 7 at 6pm
Church Council – Wed., October 7 at 7:30pm
Trustees – Sunday, October 11 at 12:15pm*

***There are two ways of spreading light:
to be the candle or the mirror
that reflects it.
~ Edith Wharton***



The Brookstown Express

Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the Halloween party?"



A: Because he had no BODY to go with!

Children's Ministry News

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support for our children. We have twenty children who are now on the Sunday School roster!

We continue to talk about discipleship – using our talents for God's purpose. If you know of any opportunities for the children to help you or others, please let us know. We want to help them understand what it means to serve in the name of God.

~ Marsha Campbell, Children's Ministry Coordinator



If they see God's love lived, they learn to live God's love.



Youth Ministry News

Happy fall! Our teens have read all the way to the book of Numbers for our Sunday School front to back Bible read through. We have started making study guides and have supplied all the youth and children with Bible carrying cases to keep their notes and highlighters together. We look forward to fellowship at the trunk or treat chicken stew!

~ Jonna Daniel, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Trunk-or-Treat!

Thursday, October 31 at 5:30pm

Put on your costume, decorate your trunk, and come out to Brookstown for a fun Halloween celebration! Chicken stew and hotdogs will be served at 5:30. Please contact Teresa Apperson if you can help. We'll need desserts, hotdog fixings, cooked chickens for the stew, and help cooking the hotdogs.

We need donations of candy, and LOTS of fun, spooky trunks for the children. Invite friends and family to this fun evening!

BOO! Cups

Fun, Fruity & Frightening!
(marshmallowpeeps.com)

Ingredients

Ghost PEEPS^{TR}
Whipped topping
Pineapple chunks
Mandarin oranges
Clear cups

Instructions

- ❖ Drain fruit well.
- ❖ Spoon pineapple, then oranges into cups; keep layers separated well.
- ❖ Top with whipped topping.
- ❖ Insert PEEPS^{TR} in the top.
- ❖ Refrigerate.



**Crisis Control Ministries Food Day at
The Carolina Classic Fair**

Wednesday, October 7

**Take 5 Non-Perishable Food Items for
1 FREE Admission Ticket to the Fair!**

Donations support the CCM food pantries.

Donate, Enjoy the Fair, Make a Difference



CCM Gift of the Month

Canned Meats (Salmon, Ham, Chili, SPAM, etc.)

For Kids: Candy & Cookies

*Your donations are greatly appreciated & help fill
Crisis Control Ministry's food pantries.*



***"Many have discovered helping others to be the most enduring therapy,
for it's the burdens you help another to bear that make your own seem light."***

~ Albert Schweitzer



United Women in Faith News



Our monthly potluck meeting will be October 21 at 11am in the fellowship hall. Jean Wall from our District Executive Committee will be meeting with us and sharing a program. If you're not a member of our group, we invite you to attend, without bringing a potluck dish, and learn more about what we do.

Five members plan to participate in our district Ubuntu Day of Service at Bethlehem Center, one of our mission institutions, on October 3. Ubuntu means "I am, because you are." We will be cleaning and helping with tasks that are needed there.

We continue to have 9 to 11 members help in the community kitchen at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC one day each month. Typically, we help assemble about 1,000 meals for hungry people each month. Last month, although we assembled 225 meals, we cut up 200 pounds of chicken and 40 pounds of tomatoes that will be used in meals. It is always rewarding to know that we are helping people have food to eat who may not have any otherwise.

Our district "Energize, Enlighten and Educate Leadership Development Day" is Saturday, October 24 at Trinity UMC, 725 West Dalton Road in King. It's for our officers and all members. Registration and light refreshments are 9-9:30am, with program time 9:30-11am. There will be a guest speaker from The Art Shac. Our hands-on project for this event is to bring gently used hobby items for The Art Shac, such as artist paints, drawing materials, art and craft paper, glue, scissors, fabric, yarn, and sewing notions like thread, zippers, buttons, etc. You can see a complete list of items needed at www.theartshac.org. It's a great time to clean out some things you have left over from previous art and sewing projects. Bring any items you wish to donate to our monthly meeting October 21. If you want to attend the October 24 District meeting, let me know by October 16, and I'll call in reservations for our group.

~ Martha Isenberg, UWF President

It was great!

Festival Update

Thank you!

A Big Thank You...

. . . To the Brookstown members, Vendors, patrons, and everyone else who made our 2026 Community Festival a success on September 12! The weather held off, and gave us a nice cloudy day this year. There are many people we would like to recognize for making this day a very special event in our community.

We are extremely grateful for our creative Vendors, who always provide an interesting and top-notch variety of items; these friends make the Festival complete every year, and we appreciate their participation. They had a profitable day and enjoyed meeting new customers.

Once again, we were treated to the inspiring gospel music of Billy Myers, and enjoyed the movements and groove of the talented "Triple Smooth Dancers". The Kids' Tractor Pull is always a hit; a big "Thank You" to Shannon Craft and Amanda Isasi for running that fun activity this year.

The Welcome Tent/Country Store was a big hit with all the wonderful items that came together for it, including the beautiful quilt crafted by Ann Haynes. The winner of the Quilt Donation Drawing was elated to receive it. Thank you, Ann, for sharing your talent in such a lovely way!

Aunt Bea's Bakery was well-stocked, and just about everything was sold by the end of the day. Thanks to everyone who donated delicious homemade baked items and frozen casseroles; those are always great sellers! Our Brookstown Chicken Pies were in demand, as usual. Thanks to everyone who participated in our workshops to make those in advance. Thanks to the ladies who gathered, priced, organized, and sold the goodies in the Bakery! We also appreciate the ladies who helped run the Bouncy House for the kids, who enjoyed it very much!

Lots of tasty food was available, prepared by our talented church members. Thanks to Charlie Sharpe and his Breakfast Crew for all the morning goodies they offered; and to Tim Lasley and the Lunch Crew for the delicious fish, fries, and hotdogs. Everyone loves the food at this type of event, and our teams never disappoint!

Last, but certainly not least, we thank everyone who assisted with setting up Friday night and Saturday morning, and cleaning up Saturday afternoon. You were a huge help and we couldn't have done it without each one of you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone! We look forward to next year's Festival on September 18, 2027!

~ Tim & Roberta Lasley, Benita VanWinkle, & Jimmy Holder
2026 Festival Committee

*On clear, crisp autumn
days, as well as under
gloomy, gray clouds,
You carry us in Your
loving arms. Thank You,
Lord Jesus!*



VCC Cruise In

**Saturday, October 3
8-11am**

**Brookstown UMC Parking Lot
Sponsored by The Vienna Civic Club
Coffee & Breakfast will be Available**

This is a FREE event!

***Donations will be accepted to help
support the VCC Scholarship Fund.***

*The nice thing about
teamwork is that you
always have others
on your side.
~ Margaret Carty*



Hello October

BIRTHDAYS

Johnna Warlow 1
Lavonda Glass 1
Gordon Doliber 2
Victoria Bailiff 2
Catherine White 4
Will Shelton 4
Jack Thomas 6
Paul Powers 8
Davey Burton 9
Phillip Norman 10

Scott Williams 10
Bill Swart 11
Ann Nye 11
Joel Cofer 13
Betty Cain 13
Jerry White 15
Jonna Lasley 17
Christina McKenzie 17
Thomas Sprinkle 18

Nancy VanWinkle 19
Tiercy Warlow 20
Lauren Snarski 20
Ashton Douglas 22
Joe Douglas 22
Benita VanWinkle 25
Teresa Apperson 25
Kaitlyn Douglas 28
Dorcas Craft 30
Leon Tysinger 31

If your birthday or anniversary needs to be added, please call or email me.
Lavonda

ANNIVERSARIES

Ira & Ann Nye 2
Kenzie & Danielle Edwards 23
Cecil & Janette Mock 24

If you receive the newsletter by mail and would like to receive it by email instead, please let me know.
Lavonda

Dear Lord,

Fall is such a mix of warmth and chill, brilliant colors and drab days. In all of life's ups and downs, Jesus, may we feel you as close as a warm sweater. Amen.



"Autumn... the year's last, loveliest smile."

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*"Autumn is a second Spring, where every leaf is a flower."
~ Albert Camus*

Personal Contact Information

Please be sure to keep your contact information (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.) updated with me in the office so you will receive important church information, news, and updates.

Also, be sure I have your birthday and anniversary dates so you will be recognized in "The Beacon" newsletter.

~ Lavonda





The Pumpkin Prayer

This prayer reminds people of all ages what God has done for us.
Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray:

“Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about You.”

While removing the seeds and pulp:

“Remove the things in my life that don’t please You.

Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others.”

Making the eyes:

“Open my eyes to see the beauty You’ve made in the world around me.”

Making the nose:

“I’m sorry for the times I’ve turned up my nose at Your many gifts.”

Making the mouth:

“Let everything I say please You.”

Lighting the candle:

“Lord, help me show Your light to others through the things I do.”

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how
God’s love transforms us into new creations.

(From “The Newsletter Newsletter”)

