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Parables of the Peanuts: Why We Never Outgrow a Good Story

A note from the pastor

Confession time: I own a Snoopy mug. Okay, more than one. And I know I'm not alone; I would dare say that many of us have some sort of Peanuts memorabilia somewhere in our house, either as a mug, a calendar, a Christmas ornament, or any other host of items. What is it about these beloved characters that draw us to them over and over again?

Every autumn, something familiar happens in living rooms across the country. The leaves turn, the air cools, and we settle onto the couch to watch Charlie Brown wait in a pumpkin patch for a Great Pumpkin who never shows up. We know how it ends. We know Lucy will pull the football away. We know that scrawny little Christmas tree will get its moment. And still we cheer, we groan, and we come back next year as if it were brand new. So, what is it about a round-headed kid and a beagle who thinks he's a World War I flying ace?

I think it's because they are us. Charlie Brown is every one of us who has tried, failed, and tried again. Lucy is the friend (or, if we're honest, sometimes the person in the mirror) who is very sure she knows best. Linus clings to what comforts him. Schroeder pours his heart into his piano for an audience of one. And Snoopy reminds us that a little imagination can turn a doghouse into an adventure. None of them are heroes or villains. They are hopeful, anxious, stubborn, tender, and often a little bit lost. Charles Schulz never lectured us about the human condition. He simply told stories that let us see ourselves, and we recognized the truth in them.

That, of course, is exactly what Jesus did. When Jesus wanted people to understand God's love, he didn't hand the crowds a theological textbook. He told them about a shepherd who won't rest until one lost sheep is found, a woman turning her house upside down for a single coin, and a father who runs down the road to welcome home a wayward son. He talked about seeds and soil, bread and yeast, fishing nets and wedding feasts. These were the things his listeners knew from their own daily lives. Jesus met people where they were, and through those stories, truth slipped past their defenses and settled into their hearts. More than once, I imagine, someone in the crowd

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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

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Mont & Sarah Gilmore
Robert & Denise Yow
Billy & Jamie Poole

In Memory of Betty Shackelford
Brian & Kim Shackelford

**In Honor of Hayes Thomas Garbarz
(grandson)**
Brian & Kim Shackelford

In Honor of Emily Johnson
Bob & Betty Jo Armfield

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Krakow, Poland

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Charlotte, NC 28262

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Jordan Memorial Military

Quinton Smith



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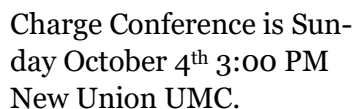
elbowed a neighbor and whispered, "Hey, that sounds like me."

This month we begin a new sermon series, **Parables of the Peanuts**. Together we'll spend time with Charlie Brown and the gang and discover how their modern-day parables echo the lessons Jesus taught: forgiveness and second chances, real friendship, the weight of worry, the ache and gift of belonging, inclusion, waiting, faith and hope that keeps showing up even when the football disappears once again. Expect laughter, a little nostalgia, and perhaps a few surprises along the way. Wearing your favorite Snoopy gear is strongly encouraged as well as sharing your favorite memorabilia!

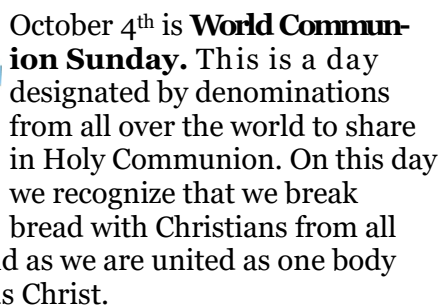
This series also fits beautifully with something bigger we are celebrating. As we have announced, over the next year our church is focusing on our children and youth. Kids understand stories better than anyone, and every Sunday our wonderful volunteers gather with them to teach, laugh, and share the good news of Jesus. Week after week, they are planting seeds that will grow for a lifetime, and they are the real MVPs of this church. If you see one in the hallway, please take a moment to say thank you. And if you've ever wondered, "Could I do that?", we would love to talk with you. No experience is needed, just a big heart and maybe a good sense of humor.

There is something else our children teach us, too. They aren't embarrassed to love a story they've heard a hundred times. They lean in, they ask questions, and they see themselves in the characters without any fuss. Perhaps that is part of what Jesus meant when he said the kingdom belongs to those who receive it like a child. This season let's practice listening the way they do. You are invited over the next few months to be a child again and get lost in the story. Because in the end, we never really outgrow a good story. See you Sunday!

Pastor Chris



Please Remember!: To mark your calendar for Sunday, **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 teachers and any emergency that occurs. We are a small, very active and caring group. Please join us for a delicious lunch and great fellowship. Look forward to seeing YOU!!



Line Dancing class is on Wednesdays at 10:00am, Thursdays at 7-8pm and Fridays at 1pm.. Cost is \$3.00.

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

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

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

October Ushers: Wayne & Ann Hutchins
October Communion Steward: Anne Cox
October Acolyte: Debbie Cox

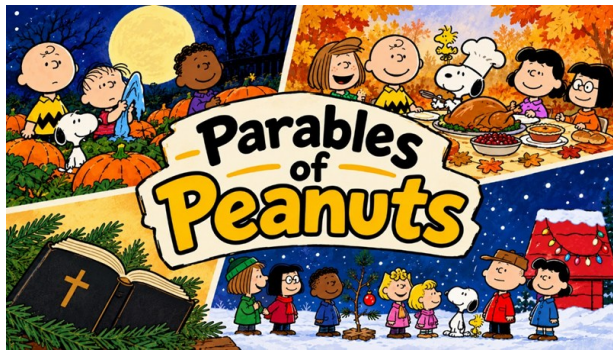
Oct 1 at 3:30: Thumbs Up: Friendship & Encouragement for Women & Girls.

Join us as we visit friends
and share in connection.
October 28th 10:00 AM,
meet at the church!



The Lion's Club is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing 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 Tuesday each month from 6-7pm.

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



This fall, join us for a special sermon series, **The Parables of Peanuts**, beginning October 4 and continuing through Christmas! Together, we'll explore the beloved characters created by Charles Schulz, discovering the life lessons, timeless truths, and unexpected wisdom found in their stories. Along the way, we'll see how these familiar, modern-day tales often echo the lessons Jesus shared through His parables.

Throughout the series, we'll also gather as a church to watch three beloved *Peanuts* holiday specials, with special sermons inspired by each one. From the familiar struggles and joys of Charlie Brown and his friends to the deeper truths Jesus taught, we'll discover how God can use even the simplest stories to teach us about faith, hope, love, and what truly matters.

Come along as we look at these beloved stories through the lens of faith and discover that sometimes God's greatest lessons are found in the most unexpected places!

Congratulations!

Michael and Ashley (Shackelford) Garbarz announce the birth of their son Hayes Thomas Garbarz. Born 9/12/2026, 7lbs 10z, 20" long. Proud Grandparents are Brian and Kim Shackelford and proud Uncle Hunter Shackelford.

Peanuts Showing

You are invited to come and watch the Holiday Classics from the Peanuts Gang! We will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:30AM during the Sunday School hour to enjoy these classics!

October 25th 9:30AM

It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown

November 22nd 9:30 AM

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

December 20th 9:30 AM

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Sermons for these days will be based on the episodes so if you have not watched them or have not seen them in a while this is a great chance to come, be reminded, and enjoy with one another!

JORDAN'S Closet

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

All sizes.
All ages.
All are loved.

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



Ramseur Fall Festival

Fall Festival is October 17th! We will be selling tickets to the Bar-B-Que fundraiser as well as Bar-B-Que sliders to help sample the goodness that will be coming! This is also a great time to connect with our community and introduce them to Jordan Memorial UMC! We would love to have your help that day!

BBQ Fundraiser Lunch

We hope you can join us on November 14th, 12:00pm to 5:30 pm for a Bar-B-Que fundraiser to help support the church. You can dine in or take it to go. Price is \$15.00 a plate. We will be selling tickets in advance during the fall festival and following worship. If you would like to get tickets to sale you can pick them up from the church office.



Dear Jordan Memorial,

On behalf of the members of Cherokee United Methodist Church we are very grateful for the gift of the United Methodist Hymnals. We had been hoping for some new one as ours are worn out.

When a member asked this year at the Annual Conference if there were any hymnals available it was minutes when Rev. Chris Smith appeared with the offer of forty beautiful hymnals you had at your church. The hymnals are in our sanctuary and being used.

We are so grateful and thank you.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Beverly Parker-Reece
The congregation of Cherokee Methodist Church



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



FAITH.
FRIENDS.
FUN.
FUTURE.

A YEAR OF FOCUS ON
 YOUTH & CHILDREN

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






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.


 SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE




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

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


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

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9am Faith & Fitness 3:30pm Thumbs Up! AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	2 Line Dancing 1pm	3 Jordan Closet 10am
4 World Communion Sunday 10:30am	5 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	6 Faith & Fitness 9am Senior Bingo 10am Civilians Mtg 6pm	7 Line Dancing 10am	8 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	9 Line Dancing 1pm	10
11 UWF Fundraiser lunch 11:30am	12 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	13 Faith & Fitness 9am Lions Club 6pm	14 Line Dancing 10am	15 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	16 Line Dancing 1pm	17 Ramseur Fall Festival 9am
18	19 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	20 Faith & Fitness 9am Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm Civilians Mtg 6pm	21 Line Dancing 10am	22 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	23 Line Dancing 1pm	24
25	26 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	27 Faith & Fitness 9am	28 Line Dancing 10am Care Team 10am	29 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	30 Line Dancing 1pm	31 Halloween

Ramseur Food Pantry: Cold and Hot Cereal.

October Birthdays

02-Bruce Ihme
02-Parker Shackelford
04-Michele Stout
05-Caroline Allen Dodge
05-Kelli K. Cervantes
06-Alisa Renee Leonard
07-Cissie G. Apple
08-Doug Miller
08-April Joanne Leonard
08-Della Hutchins
10-David William Posey, Jr.
13-Cathy W. Riddle

14-Beth Burton
14-Stephanie Riddle Collins
15-Kathy B. McPherson
17-Jackie Craven
19-Mickey Cox
20-Erin Whan
25-Ben Burton
28-Jimmy Riddle
31-Shannon Posey Thrift
31-Melanie 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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Join Us **October 20th at 5:30PM** for our community meal! We are always looking for volunteers to help cook, cut desserts, and clean, and of course the most important task, people that know how to have conversation and eat! We look forward to this time every month and can't wait to see you there!

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**

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

Good food.
Great people.
Stronger together.