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City Road United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

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Pastor: Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Call to make an appointment

Online Worship:

Sunday mornings on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@CityRoadUMC>

Online giving is available through our Give Plus app, available on our website

Prayer Chain Requests: Please call one of the people listed below if you have an immediate prayer need.

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The City Road UMC Cross and Flame



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October & November 2026

Greetings, friends. As I think about my first quarter here at City Road, I am grateful for how you all have welcomed Missy and me into the family. I am grateful for how you show up for one another and for our community. To borrow from my recent sermons, I see you pressing on, striving side by side, in full accord. You continue to give generously of your time, talents, gifts, service, and witness. Thank you.

As I look ahead to the closing quarter of 2026, I am filled with thankfulness, hope, and anticipation. It's fitting given that Thanksgiving and Advent are right around the corner. I am thankful to do this work every day, and that we get to do it together. I am thankful for your prayers. I am thankful for each of you continuing to show up. I hope we take this season to reflect on all our blessings and draw closer to one another, while also exploring new opportunities for ministry and growth. From that hope, I anticipate great things at City Road United Methodist Church and in your growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I leave you with a challenge for October and November: make every effort to invite someone to church. We often don't do it because it's uncomfortable, and we don't want to seem pushy. Jesus's invitation to the disciples was simple: "Come and follow me." The Samaritan woman invited her village to "come and see" Jesus. Our invitation can be simple. Still, I want to offer some resources to help you invite others to "come and see." I am borrowing these from Village Church Rolesville, a United Methodist congregation in Rolesville, NC.

1. Pray about it. Ask God to help you see opportunities to offer an invitation. Ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you when those opportunities arise and trust that she will give you what you need in that moment.
2. Consider your contacts. We know more people than we realize. Look in your phone contacts and your friends on social media. Is there someone you could invite?
3. Engage on social media. Share the service videos and posts about upcoming events.
4. Welcome new neighbors. They are often new to the area and are looking for a church.
5. Look for transition times. When major life events happen (marriage, birth, death, unemployment, etc.), the person may have needs that City Road can help meet.

I'll expand on each of these in the coming weeks, so stay tuned for more information. But that doesn't mean you can't start inviting folks now. Let's see how many new people we can get to church in these two months.

Grace and peace to you all!

Pastor Tim

City Road Helping Hands

News from City Road Helping Hands

We have changed the time of our meetings to 11:00 am. We will still meet the second Tuesday of each month, but the time has changed. Along with the time change, Pastor Tim has begun offering a Bible study at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to the Bible study, and you are welcome to join our meeting afterward if you would like to. We will be happy to have you.

Pastor Tim conducted the first Bible study on September 9th. The title of September's study was "Discipleship - Growing in Grace". We discussed what we each think of when thinking of discipleship. We learned that discipleship is a process of stages in becoming more like Jesus. Where are you in the process? What do you need to do to move deeper? We were left with the question: What is one thing you can do and will do this month in discipleship, and one step you can take in serving Christ? We look forward to October's topic, "Evangelism".

In our business meeting, we decided to support teachers who are involved in learning and teaching a new program at Elizabeth City Middle School. Millie Griffith (daughter of Rae Griffith) is leading this new "International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme" and asked for our help in providing snack incentives for the teachers at ECMS as they embark on this new curriculum. Below is the write-up about the program that I found on the ECMS website.

Elizabeth City Middle School is excited to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP). This world-class program gives students the opportunity to participate in a globally recognized curriculum that is both challenging and inspiring.

Through the MYP, students engage in inquiry-based learning, explore real-world issues, and develop critical thinking, communication, and collaboration skills that help them grow as learners and leaders.

At ECMS, we are shaping students who are ready to take on the world!

Have questions or want to learn more? Contact Millie Griffith at mgriffith@ecpps.k12.nc.us, and visit the International Baccalaureate Organization website for more details.



Millie told us that the teachers like getting candy bars and "dirty sodas" as rewards as they learn and teach this new curriculum. We decided to purchase a variety of candy bars and the syrup for the "Dirty Soda" for them to enjoy. JoAnn and Judy delivered these treats to Millie at ECMS. We wish her, the teachers at ECMS, and the students success in their new program.

Submitted by Betty Jo Raby

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated school supplies! Your generosity allowed our women's group, City Road's Helping Hands, to provide much-needed school supplies to students at Elizabeth City Middle School and Northside Elementary School.

Because of your kindness, local students are starting the school year with supplies they need to learn, grow, and succeed. We are so grateful for everyone who helped make this outreach possible!

Many hands truly make light work—and together, we are making a difference in our community!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



City Road Kids

Hello from our City Road Kids,

Our Sunday mornings focus on helping our children grow in faith and learning how to live as disciples of Jesus. As Christians, we know that our faith can impact each and every aspect of our lives.

In the upcoming months, we will continue exploring ways that we can grow our faith in God. We have been discussing what it means to have compassion and how we can share it with others just as God does with us. We will learn how Joseph experienced God's compassion through the ups and downs of his relationships with his brothers, betrayal by them and the hardships that resulted from it, and his eventual rise to leadership and reconciliation with his brothers.

We will continue stories about Joseph's journey and learn how God was with him along the way. These stories show us that God will never leave us, even through the hard things. I pray that these stories from the Old Testament will encourage us to look for the ways God's compassion shows up in our lives.



Questions to consider:

What does "compassion" mean to you?
How could you show compassion to those in need?
What are some things you are grateful for?
What can make it hard to forgive someone who hurt you?



Audrey, Charlotte, and I have many wonderful discussions together on Sunday mornings. I am truly thankful for our class time together.

Ms. Mary Beth

City Road Youth

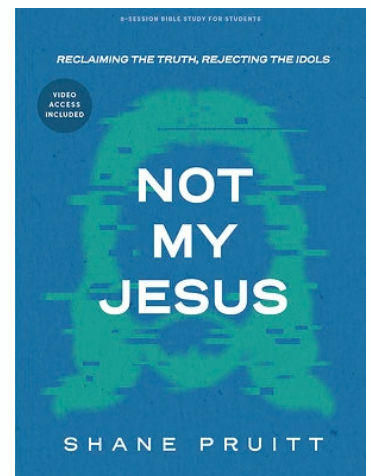
Our Youth Class meets every Sunday morning from 10:00–10:40 a.m., and we'd love for you to join us!

We're wrapping up our current study on the Book of John, taking a closer look at who Jesus is and what His life and teachings mean for us today.

Next up, we're diving into a new book study called Not My Jesus! We'll explore what the Bible really says about Jesus and challenge some of the ideas we may have heard along the way.

Youth ages 12 and up are invited to join us! Whether you've been coming for years, haven't been in a while, or have never joined us before, there's a place for you. Grab a friend, bring your questions, and come hang out with us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.!

Youth Leader,
Dawn Baker



Thank You!

Jimmy and I want to thank our church family for all the delicious meals you provided us while I am recovering from surgery. We appreciate your kindness. Thanks for all your prayers, cards, and phone calls while I am recovering. We have so much gratitude and love for you all. We miss you and hope to be back soon.
Linda and Jimmy Cartwright

City Road UMC,

Thank you for your generous donation of school supplies! We appreciate your drive to make sure that every Yellow Jacket has what they need to succeed academically at the HIVE. We look forward to another year of partnership.

Jonathan Snead, Principal



August 5 - Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Tim and Missy, given by Bill and Vicky Long.

August 16 - Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Carol Saunders' Birthday, given by her family.
Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Joe Griffith, given by Rae and Millie Griffith.

August 23 - Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Robert and Charlene Pippen's 57th Wedding Anniversary, given by their family

August 27 - Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kaitlyn Frazier's 16th Birthday, given by Mom, Dad, and Pierce.

September 27 - Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pierce Frazier's 13th Birthday, given by Mom, Dad, and Kaitlyn.



Prayer List:

Betty Dowdy, Judy Venters, Lea Robinson, Cecilia Koch, Curtis Brickhouse, Mike Stokely, Susan Pritchard, Alicia Perry, Pearl Spear, Mary Lou Croft, Ronnie Pippen, Howard Flowers, Meiggs Family, Lucy Sawyer's family, Dora White, Douglas Ivy, Joe Peel, Barbara Jackson, Carl Gray, Vince Saunders, Carolyn Beech, Sammy Nelson, Don Cherry's family, Albert & Sherry Lewis, Joey Fightmaster, Frank Koch, Missy Nicholson, Linda Morgan, Charles Gregg, Vicki Long, Debbie White, Rex Tillett's Family, Chris Elsen's family (Curtis' sister)

Upcoming Events



Shoeboxes will be available on October 11 and need to be returned to the church by November 22.



Thanksgiving bags will go out on November 15 and need to be returned on November 22. These bags of food are delivered to the Food Bank of the Albemarle.

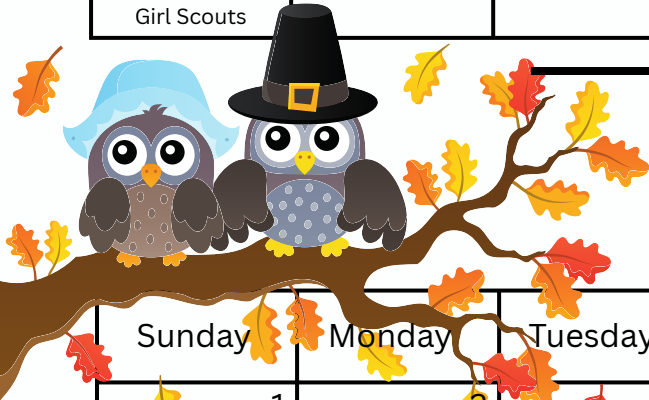


Hanging of the greens will take place immediately after church on November 22, with a light lunch provided before we begin decorating.

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 Pierce Frazier	9	10 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Girl Scout Leadership 9:30 - 3:30
11 Board Meeting after worship service Rhonda Leonard, Mason Mims Girl Scouts	12 Ansley Strickland	13	14 City Road Helping Hands 1:00pm	15	16 Keith Boyce	17 Karen Pendleton, Tim Nicholson
18	19 Steve Bradley	20	21 Jimmy Cartwright, Jesse Luton	22 James McLamb	23 Florence Rodgers, Katelyn Sharber	24
25 Girl Scouts	26	27	28	29 Blood Drive 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	30	31



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sandi Heron, John Baker, Tami Williams	2	3 Addie Saunders	4	5 Food Bank Volunteering 2:00 - 4:00	6	7 Warren White
8 Board Meeting after worship service Girl Scouts	9 Tommy Venters, Brianna Sawyer	10	11 City Road Helping Hands 1:00pm Amy Betts, Lib Lange	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Brenda Luton, Presley Stamper, Axl Tester
15	16	17 Gavin White, Annette Bright	18	19 Benjamin Banach	20	21
22 Hanging of the Greens Mitzi Cartwright Girl Scouts	23 Paul Lange	24 Seth Herron	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27 Dawn Baker, Becky Morgan, Daniel Meads	28 Sherry Edwards
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30					





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Greetings in the Name of Jesus,

I am so happy to be connecting with you on this side of summer camp. What a thrill it was to be a part of the leadership team at Camp Rockfish, where lives were impacted every day. I realized after just a few days on site, that this was way more than Camp, this is a place of transformative ministry and something you, as a member of an NCCUMC congregation, can be so proud of.

On my first Monday on the job, I was greeted by our Summer Camp Coordinator. She had tears in her eyes and told me the story of one of our campers that had just checked in. When the camper arrived, her mom pulled aside one of our Day Camp Staff to share that just two days prior, there had been a fire in their home. They lost everything, including their family pet. After stopping by a store to purchase a few necessities her daughter would need for that week's day camp, she arrived worried that surely she had missed a few items. The staff assured her that not only would her daughter have a great experience, she would also not go without. With confidence, her mom left camp with plans to pick through the ashes of their home.

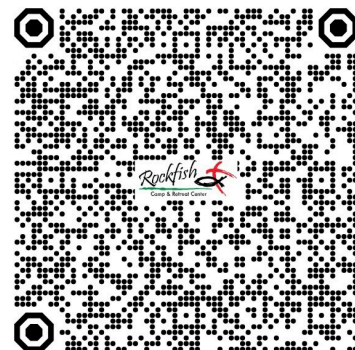
As a Pastor, I heard that story, and while I knew the churches in our area could help, I also knew that we could as well. We delved into our own supplies and packed them into a backpack along with a Camp T-shirt and water bottle from the Camp store. On their own accord, counselors provided snacks and drinks to supply this camper's backpack like the rest of the campers. In addition, our kitchen staff packed up some leftovers from lunch. This mom was so very thankful. And, yet, the giving didn't stop there.

I reached out to our Executive Director and asked if we could find the funds; would it be okay to sponsor this child's Day Camp experience for the remainder of summer. That request was immediately met with, "Absolutely!" I wrote a simple email to five local pastors, and within a week we raised the funds to cover this distressed camper's day camp for the last 4 weeks of summer. That's the power of this connection, the love this community has for their camps, and a testament to the disciple-making ministry we share as United Methodists.

Today I am reaching out to you to ask for your help to fill the gap in our Campership Fund for 2026. We provided almost \$20,000 in Camperships through grants and private donations from people like you. One of those campers was this child in great need following a house fire. There were so many others I met that this ministry made a lasting impact on through the Campership scholarships. Currently, we have a \$5,000 shortfall in our 2026 Campership Fund, and we would love your help in closing that gap as we celebrate the awesome Summer of 2026. Won't you consider supporting sending a child to camp? You can always increase the impact of your gift through employer matching programs. One-time donations are welcomed, or you can partner with us in monthly giving with an automatic bank draft. The Rockfish team and the campers who benefit from Campership scholarships would greatly appreciate it. I also invite you to pray for Camp, for our campers and particularly this camper and her family.

With love as your companion in Christ,

Rev. Josh Tester
Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center



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