

# The Story

First United Methodist Church, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington NC 27292

## Pastor's Corner

### Back to School, Back to Church!

As summer winds down, kids are back in school, summer travels are coming to an end, and things are starting to gear up for the fall. A "Back to School, Back to Church" postcard has been prepared for you to use to invite friends and family to some of our special fall events.

Our first big event for fall, the 2015 Mayme Weaver Preaching Mission, is just around the corner. Dr. Mickey Efird will be our guest preacher again this year, focusing on the lessons of I Corinthians, ancient words for the church today. His schedule is below:

### September 13, 2015

Sunday School – 10:00-10:45 AM:

Introduction to the Early Church's Beliefs and to Paul and I Corinthians.

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM:

Standards for the Church??? Text: I Corinthians 5

Sunday evening, 7:00 PM:

A Christian's Responsibility Text: I Corinthians 8

### September 14, 2015

Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall – Q&A with Dr. Efird

(Call the church office for reservations)

Monday 7:00 PM:

What About the Next Life? Text: I Corinthians 15:35-58



On October 11, we'll have a special gathering celebrating **"60 Years on Main."**

On May 15, 1955, church members walked from the "old church" to the new facility at 310 South Main Street. This will be a homecoming event, and our 2015 Commitment Sunday, as we look at where we have been and dream about the next 60 years on Main.

After worship, we'll share "dinner on the grounds", a covered dish luncheon with all of our guests.

Looking forward to gearing up for the fall, and seeing you at FUMC!

From the Pastor's Corner,  
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The United Methodist Men's Port-A-Pit Chicken fundraiser will be on **Friday, September 11, 2015**. Sunday, September 6 will be the last chance to purchase or reserve tickets. Woody Smith will be at the back of the sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. worship service if you would like to purchase or reserve tickets.

- Meal includes:** 1/2 BBQ Chicken, slaw, beans, roll and dessert
- Tickets \$8.50** - Available now from the United Methodist Men or church office
- Eat-In 11:00a—3:00p** Fellowship Hall - drinks provided
- Take-Out 10:00a—6:00p** Pick up at lower parking lot on State Street
- Delivery** can usually be arranged for ten or more at the same location.



Got Some Spare Change?

Please consider donating your spare change (folding money also accepted) from September 1st through October 31 for the ongoing mission outreach in India. All monies will be sent to Brian and Esther (the Operation Christmas Child family from Bangalore, India) for their church's Christmas activities. Piggy banks are available on the table in the main hallway or accepted in any other manner such as in a plastic bag or container. Questions? Please see Judy or William Deal



Yard Sale - Saturday, October 3 - 7:00 a.m.—12 noon

Our children and youth ministries are sponsoring a Yard Sale on Saturday, October 3 from 7:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

If you would like to donate items, please contact Amanda Bostick (336-596-1363) or Lee Mabe (336-240-2713) for details. Please do not drop off donated items at the church before contacting either Amanda or Lee.

If you would like to set-up and sell your own items, you may rent a parking space (or two) for \$5.00 per space. An easy way to have your "own" yard sale and make some money.

**ALL** proceeds from donated items sold and parking spaces rented will go toward the children's and youth ministries activities and events.

Mid-Week Family Fellowship

Each Wednesday beginning September 23 through December 16. No meeting on Nov 11 or Nov 25.

Mid-Week Family Fellowship meals and programs are intended for the entire family and will take place within the Fellowship Hall. A nursery for younger children will be available.

Reservation forms will be inserted in the weekly bulletin. **Standing Reservations** for the entire Sept.-Dec. season are encouraged, however, you may make a **Weekly Reservation**. Also, you may contact the church office by phone 336-248-2886 or email [dhuskins@firstumclex.org](mailto:dhuskins@firstumclex.org) no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. You will find the monthly meal and program schedule listed in the newsletter calendar section.

<b>Weekly Schedule:</b>	
<b>6:00 – 6:40:</b>	Dinner Served
<b>6:40 – 6:50:</b>	Devotion & Announcements
<b>6:50 – 7:20:</b>	Program
<b>7:20 – 7:25:</b>	Closing & Sending Forth

Fall Bible Study

**The Call The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul** by Adam Hamilton will be offered in a Wednesday morning and/or Thursday evening group setting—depending on participation interest.

Rev. Doug Rowe will be leading the study beginning:

- Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall continuing for six weeks through October 21
- Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall continuing for six weeks (no meeting on Oct. 15) through October 22

"Paul is the most important figure, after Jesus, in the Christian faith. Jesus is our central figure, is our Savior and our Lord, but Paul is the one who interpreted Jesus. What is the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection? How does that affect our lives? He was the first Christian theologian and then he took the gospel out into the world."

—Adam Hamilton, Author

Week 1	Called to Follow Christ	Week 4	Called to Love
Week 2	Called to Go	Week 5	Called to Give
Week 3	Called to Suffer	Week 6	Called to Be Faithful

**Make your reservations today by returning this form to the church office.** Call: 336-248-2886 or Email: [dhuskins@firstumclex.org](mailto:dhuskins@firstumclex.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday morning \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday evening \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK ONE**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2015

## Worship

### Staffed Child Care

Birth—5 years  
Both Worship Services and  
Sunday School  
Children's Ministry Area on the  
Ground Floor

### Sunday School

All Ages  
9:45a

### Worship

Early Worship  
1st & 3rd Sundays at 8:30a  
Sanctuary  
2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:30a  
Fellowship Hall

### Morning Worship

Each Sunday at 11:00a  
Sanctuary

### We Worship with the Children

Each Sunday during the 11:00a  
Morning Worship Service

### Children's Worship

Each Sunday following "We  
Worship with the Children" in  
the Children's Ministry Area on  
the Ground Floor

September 6 Amanda Bostick  
September 13 Christa Weeks  
September 20 Laurie Briggs  
September 27 Emy Garrett

## Sermon Series

### FORWARD

#### Run with Perseverance

September 20  
*Running with Love*  
Matthew 13:1-9

September 27  
*Running with Generosity*  
Matthew 25:14-19

October 4  
Rev. Doug Rowe  
*Running with...*

October 11  
*Running with Grace*  
Mark 10:35-45

## Weekly Group Meetings

### Boy Scouts

Mondays at 7p  
Youth/Scout House

### Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays at 7:45a  
Cagney's Restaurant

### Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7p

### Men's Devotion & Fellowship

Thursdays at 7:15a  
Biscuit King

## Mid-Week Family Fellowship

Wednesdays at 6p  
Fellowship Hall

### September 23

FALL KICK-OFF (Outside—  
Weather Permitting—if needed,  
we will move inside.)

Program: *Picnic Supper & Songs  
on the Lawn with the ALIVE Praise  
Band*

Menu: Hamburgers & Hotdogs

### September 30

Program: *Who Knew?*  
Menu: Meatloaf

## Events

### Port-a-Pit BBQ Chicken

Fundraiser sponsored by  
United Methodist Men  
Friday, September 11

### Bake Sale Fundraiser

sponsored by United Methodist  
Women  
Friday, September 11

### Mayme Weaver Preaching Mission

Sunday, September 13  
9:00a Juice & Java  
10:00a Adult Sunday School  
Fellowship Hall  
11:00a Morning Worship  
7:00p Evening Worship

Monday, September 14  
12:00p Luncheon  
7:00p Evening Worship

### Lunch with the Pastors

Sunday, September 27 at 12p  
Fellowship Hall

## Meetings

### United Methodist Women Group 2

Tuesday, September 1 at 10a  
Parlor

### United Methodist Women Group 12

Tuesday, September 8 at 7p  
Fellowship Hall

### Davidson Prison Ministry

Thursday, September 10 at 12p  
Parlor

### Stewardship

Thursday, September 10 at  
5:30p  
Conference Room

### Faithseekers Gathering

Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30p  
Wendy Norris' Lake House

### Endowment

Sunday, September 13 at 4p  
Parlor

### Board of Trustees

Sunday, September 13 at 5p  
Parlor

### Evangelism

Monday, September 14 at 6p  
Conference Room

### Altar Guild

Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30p  
Parlor

### Missions Committee

Tuesday, September 15 at 7p  
Conference Room

### Newsletter Articles Due

September 15 for October  
Issue

### United Methodist Men

Sunday, September 20 at 8:30a  
Fellowship Hall

### Finance

Sunday, September 20 at 7p  
Parlor

### Genesis Sunday School Class

Tuesday, September 22 at 6p  
Crisis Ministries to serve meal  
Contact: Debby Brown

### Endowment Funds of FUMC Presentation

Sunday, September 27 at 10a  
Fellowship Hall

**FALL BEACH RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 18-20**  
**Registration Due: SEPTEMBER 13**

Sunday, September 6	Labor Day Weekend - no meeting
Sunday, September 13 5:30p-6:30p 7:00p	Welcome Back CTW Youth & Welcome Rising 6th Graders!! Kick-Off and Pizza Fellowship Mayme Weaver Preaching Mission, Sanctuary
Friday-Sunday September 18-20	FALL BEACH RETREAT—Cherry Grove Beach, SC Meet in <b>FUMC parking lot @ 1:00p on Sept. 18</b>
Sunday, September 27 5:00p—6:00p	Getting To Know Our New Bibles
Location:	We will meet in the <b>Youth House</b> unless otherwise stated.
Time:	We will meet from <b>5:00p-6:00p</b> unless otherwise stated.

**For more information about CTW Youth Ministry:**  
**Lee Mabe, Director of Youth Ministry 336-248-2886 or [lmabe@firstumclex.org](mailto:lmabe@firstumclex.org)**

**Children’s Ministries & HIS Club**

Children’s Ministries (ages Kindergarten-2nd grade)  
HIS Club (ages 3rd-4th-5th grade)

**FALL KICK-OFF**

Sunday, September 20 - 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.  
Game Day for All! Bring your favorite game for outside (weather permitting) or inside.  
Wear your old play clothes.

Grace Episcopal Arts Discovery Summer Camp was held during the week of July 27. FUMC was responsible for providing food to the campers for one day of camp.  
FUMC campers attending were Jacob Ellis and Xander Bostick.



**Operation Christmas Child 20 Shoebox Challenge**

Our annual Operation Christmas Child campaign kickoff begins September 1st this year. While the Operation Christmas Child family from India were here for their visit, the children (Fabi and Joe) packed a total of 20 shoeboxes. So...the challenge this year is for each Sunday School class to pack at least 20 shoeboxes also.

If you are not part of a Sunday School class and would like to donate items for the children of the church to pack shoeboxes, please leave items in the collection box near the fellowship hall.

Additional "GO" (Gospel Opportunity) shoeboxes will be available in the hallway near the fellowship hall. All shoeboxes are to be turned in no later than OCC Collection Week which is November 16-23! Let's get involved and meet the 20 shoebox challenge from Fabi and Joe.

Also...consider volunteering to staff the OCC Relay Center at our church the week of November 16-23...sign-up sheets will be placed in the Information Center near the church workroom.



**Administrative Council**

The Administrative Council has ordered a state of the art sound system for our sanctuary at a cost of \$35,000. Installation will take place in October. Many members have expressed a desire to participate financially to defer a portion of the cost. A Love Offering may be sent to the church and will be greatly appreciated.

Please note “Sound System Love Offering” when making your contribution.

Mail to: Alma Carlton, Financial Secretary, First United Methodist Church, 310 S. Main Street  
Lexington, NC 27292

Olen Easter, Trustees Chairperson

## Finance Committee

The Operating Fund through July reflects net operating income of \$18,460. Expenses for the first seven months of 2015 are \$3,600 below budget, contributing to the net operating income. Expenses, however, tend to lag during the summer months and can be expected to reach budget levels as we approach the end of the year.

Total revenues of \$347,431 for the first seven months are \$14,900 above budget. This is probably a closer indicator of our net operating income for the period. As expected the summer months have brought a number of weeks below our weekly offerings needs. However, on average, offerings have kept pace with the budget.

As we move into the second half of 2015 the Finance Committee has begun to look toward year-end and the 2016 budget. The Committee believes we have made substantial progress from the 2013 budget year. This will be our second year of a balanced budget, as yearly expenses were brought in-line with pledges and offerings. In addition the Finance Committee has worked with the Trustees on the upgrade of the air condition system, repairing the stain glass windows and repair of the organ.

Much of this was possible through use of the General Memorial Fund. Memorials to specific funds are good, but the usage of those funds is restricted. The general Memorial Fund, on the other hand, can be used where needed, as it was with the cost of the stain glass windows. The proposed new sound system would be another area where these funds could be used to match the Trustees in covering the cost. While this would nearly deplete the current Memorial fund, the Finance Committee has great confidence in the direction our church is going.

It is also with confidence that the Finance Committee begins its preparation of the 2016 budget. Following your commitment to this year's Stewardship campaign the Finance Committee will reach out to our church committees and prepare a balanced budget for 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monty Oliver, Finance Chair

## Photo Gallery



On Sunday, August 23, the Kononia Sunday School class participated in the Second Annual Bible Challenge Battle of the Sexes. Teams were equally matched and it was obvious that both teams have been reading their Bibles regularly because very few questions were missed. It was very close but moderator Lauren Hall declared that the women were the winners. Stayed tuned for news of a tie breaker match to be scheduled at some future date.



While working at Dixie Furniture, Mr. Henry Link asked Curtis Leonard to work on a project to make signs for some of the area churches that may have needed one. There are two of the original signs left today, the one at FUMC and one on Linwood Road.

We appreciate that Curtis takes care of the upkeep of our sign located on State Street.

## Blood Drive Update

Thank you to all those who gave the gift of life at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on August 18. There were 34 units donated. Thank you to Peggy Lamoureux for organizing our blood drives and the volunteers who faithfully serve at them.

## Alive in Christian Activity

"A Trip Back In Time to Mayberry" also known as Mount Airy...on **Thursday, October 15**

Transportation Cost \$3 per person - Please pay when you sign-up at the church office or see Judy Deal. **Space is limited.**

We will eat lunch at Snappy Lunch, visit the Andy Griffith Museum, Andy Griffith's home place, and explore other Mayberry attractions. Please bring additional money to pay for your lunch, shopping, etc.

Questions? Contact the church office: 336-248-2886 or [dhuskins@firstumclex.org](mailto:dhuskins@firstumclex.org)



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## Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Sarah Miller, Stephanie Miller Berrier (Mark), Heather Miller Koonts (Matt), Daniel Miller (Linda), Michael Miller (Robin), and their families upon the death of David Griffin Miller, III on July 29, 2015.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Mary D. Hooks, Hilda D. Brower, and their families upon the death of their brother, David D. Dagenhart of Harrisburg, NC on August 2, 2015.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Libby Calvert (Andy) and their families upon the death of her father, Edward Darrell Burkhart, on August 9, 2015.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Gerda Elkins and her family upon the death of her brother, Kalle Lillelund, from Denmark, on August 17, 2015.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Georgianna Niven and family upon the death of her husband, William "Bill" Niven, on August 17, 2015.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Patricia Smith, Shelley Irwin (Michael), Mary Paige Smith (Maria), Kathy Baragona (Alan) and their families upon the death of Barbara "Bobbie" Anne Smith on August 25, 2015.

## **Prayer Requests**

Paul Smith

Efird Wilson

Ruby Taylor

Monty Oliver

Max Wood

Pegge Wood Copley

Frances Everhart

John & Judy Hensch

Earl Hester

Dot Kinsey

Larry Langley

Pat Leonard

Vavaneen Lewis

Shelly Roberts

## **Alston-Brook**

Isabelle Trimpey

## **Brookdale Lexington**

Opal Bloome

## **Triad Care & Rehab**

Julie Smith

## **Wood Haven**

Louise Pope

## **Piedmont Crossing**

Margaret Beck

Barbara Proctor

Jim & Margaret Ragan

Nancy Wilkinson

Wayne Thomas

Jo Doris Beck

Margaret McCrary Carver

## **Extended Family/Friends**

Linda Hicks

Arlin Buttke

Cornelia Briggs

Paul Briggs

Debbie Rickard

Robert, Doris, Keith Hunt

Dewey Carlton

Martha Daniel

Dorrie Stockton

Margaret Hodges

Debra Ann Leonard

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Larry Solomon

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Ed Wilkerson

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