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Guilford College United Methodist Church strives to be a vibrant Christian community that *transforms* lives, *strengthens* believers, and *equips* disciples to *live beyond ourselves* in the light of Jesus Christ.

*Guilford College UMC
Living Beyond Ourselves*



**December 18 – Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am,
Learning Groups at 9:45 am
December 24 – 5:00 pm Children’s Service
7:00 pm – A Jazzy Christmas Celebration
11:00 pm – Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
December 25 – 11:00 am – One Worship Service
January 1, 2017 – 11:00 am – One Worship Service**

Christmas Eve
Offering

Every year in celebration of Christ’s birth, we use 100% of what is collected through the offerings on Christmas Eve to support missions.

Half of what is collected will go to support UMCOR’s disaster relief efforts right here in North Carolina. From wildfires in the west, to floods in the east, the loss of property and livelihood in our state this year has been devastating. When such disasters occur, United Methodists are quick to respond, giving help and hope. Not only is this organization hard-working, they are also excellent stewards. Because all of UMCOR’s overhead expenses are paid by other means, every cent you give them goes to the cause you designate.

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*Merry Christmas to each and everyone from the Church Staff.
The church office will be closed on Dec. 26th, 27th, 30th and Jan. 2nd.*

Caring

Prayer Concerns: Jackie Firebaugh, Pam Wilson, Harry Tangen, Evelyn Strader, Pete Eller, Anita Free; Barbara Gerber; Anne Martin; Bob Sandee, John Hodges, Lilli Hicks, Beth Carter, flood victims; forest fire victims, families facing storms in life, the leaders of our nation and world, those affected by violence, and those serving in the military.

Our sincere sympathy is expressed to Jody and Sybil Horner in the death of Sunny Horner, who passed away on Dec. 4; to Debbie and Tom Jenkins in the death of Debbie's brother, Grady Goff; to Bob and Marsha Cooley in the death of Bob's mother, Mildred Cooley.. Blessed are they who die in Christ only to live again.

Prayer Concerns - Extended Family: Pam Beck's mother, Barbara Hill; Barbara McDonald's sister, Nancy Neese; Karen Stone's mother, Bert Maness; Bill Hendricks; Howard Munday, Ralph Munday's father; Lynne Rees, Nancy Gladwell's sister; Ann Sykes' brother, Buddy Worley; Ann Elkins, Patty Elkins' mother; Janet Green's husband, Jerry; Phil Colvard's friend, Dan McCanless; Ybion Mlo's brother, Suan Mlo; Mildred Mallard's grandson, Weston; Melanie Crump's dad, Dale Austin; Harold & Mary Eagle's son, Michael; Ben Brothers' son, Robert; Ashley Apple; our sister church in Kinanduba, Kenya

In Home and Senior Living Facilities:

Blumenthals – Anne Mullis; **Friend's Home Guilford** – Jim & Pat Kittrell, Rachel Brawley, Sue Geringer, Florence Hardison, Blanche Rogers; **Friends Home West** – Betty Kirkman, Don Beam, Barry & Barbara Jones; **Greensboro Retirement Center** – Y'Wingenuol; **Richland Place** – Mike Dawkins, George Holmes ;**Whitestone** – Laura Tew; **Abbotswood** – Dot Brogan ;**Clapps Nursing Center** – Dot Evans; **Heritage Green** – Ellen Lancaster, Jean Wilson, Polly Scott, Colleen McKoin, Gay Fischer; Ellie Dawkins; **Pruitt Health Care** – Jim Frady; **Brighten Gardens** – Walter Zur; **Well Springs** – Barbara Ebert, Lib Connel; **In Home** – Edna Derrick, Terri Hastings, Jack Kayler, Shirley Stout, Chris Perkins, Barbara Leadbetter

OUR GUESTS IN WORSHIP

December 4: Joseph Healy; Jackie Firebaugh; Becky & Dwight Thomas; Suzie Padgett; Margaret Griffin; Linda L. Hendricks; Linda Martin; Patricia Ross; Jackie Dougherty; John & Lynn Hatcher; Linda Ryan; Melanie & Sam Nash; Linda Elhour; Ken Rehg & Kimi Miyagi; Linda Zales; Ashlyn & Tanner Zales; Robert Gibson; Bryan & Deann Gilliam; Dixie L. Brady; Nicole, Melissa & Alonzo Echevarria; Betty Maher; Rebecca Babaoff; Larry & Donna Higgins; Gina Hayes; Jeff, Lauren, Zack & Lindsay McRae; Kristian, Lisa, Natalie & Meghan Martin

December 11: Suzie Padgett; Sue Hutchinson; Marilyn Tastet; Joseph Healy; Chris & Sarah Hoff; Peggy Conaway; Gina Hayes; Jackie Dougherty; Joyce Mitchell; David Hawley; Jim & Reggie Reid; Rachel & Hannah Sellers; Linda Hendricks; Pat Evans; Katherine Forbes; Meredith Hite Esterez; Elizabeth Raynor; Bob & Reagan Walcot; Jim & Carol Kubic; Kathy, Lilia & Danny Edwards; Ann & Rick Naylor; Helen Barnes; Verne, Paula & Mariah Hill; Ken Rehg & Kimi Miyagi; John & Lynn Hatcher; Jacob Lancaster; Courtney Pollock; Ed Harlin; Nancy Gibbons; Jonathan & Emillie Cox; Geraldine Cope; Tim & Crystal Hutchinson; Mike & Maia Tussey; Grace Stafford

DVD's of Sunday Worship Services

If you or someone you know cannot attend worship services on Sundays and would like to receive a DVD of the service, please call the church office. You can be placed on our "home delivery" list." And a volunteer will bring a copy of the worship service to you each week. Or if you would like to be a volunteer to deliver these DVD's, please call the church office or Marion McNeal.

Also, if you do not have a DVD player, the church has several that we would be glad to loan so you can enjoy the services from GCUMC. Just give us a call!

VAN RIDES

If you would like for someone to pick you up on Sunday morning and bring you to church, please call the church office to have your name placed on the schedule. We can furnish rides for all services on Sunday mornings.

Caring

Thank You Notes

To Our Church Family:

Larry and I would like to thank all of you for your concern, prayers, cards, calls and food during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. We feel so blessed to be surrounded by such caring people.

We especially want to thank Pastor Tom. He seemed to always be there for us in some very critical times.

God bless all of you.

Carole Stevens

To GCUMC,

I just wanted to reach out and thank you and all of the people that had a hand in preparing and packaging this food. It is a stressful time, but the church's support and love is always helpful! Best Regards,
Benjamin Lasley, UNC-CH



2017 Flower Calendar has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you would like to furnish altar flowers on a Sunday in 2017, please sign up by the date on the calendar.

Connecting

NOTICE:

THE UMW LUNCH which was scheduled for Dec. 18th, has been re-scheduled for March 19, 2017.

Young Adult News

We are having a college and young adult retreat while many of our students are home on break. We will leave early on Thursday afternoon, December 29th, and return early on Saturday, December 31st. We'll be staying at a cabin in Alleghany County, catching up with old friends and making new ones. If you want to attend the retreat, please confirm with Robert Martin ASAP.

A Note from the Gideons

We at the Northwest Gideons Camp of Gideons International would like to express our gratitude for the kind donations that we received after our "Gideon Presentation". All of the funds received will be used to purchase Bibles distributed to young and old throughout our country and the world.

At this time 91 million bibles and testaments have been received by those needing peace and love. Our mission is to bring to those brothers and sisters who do not know Jesus to accept Him as their Savior.

I remain as a witness to the power, strength and awesomeness of our God and Savior after finding God through a Gideon Bible I was given by a nurse at an alcohol rehabilitation hospital 25 years ago that resulted in 25 years of sobriety. So again, thank you. The Word of God, accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior works!

In Christ's name, Robert Stowe, Northwest Camp

OUR ATTENDANCE

December 4, 2016

Worship.....	465
(8:30 – 12:11:00 – 304)	
Prayer Service - 40.....	238
Sunday School.....	

December 11, 2016

Worship.....	500
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Learning



CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES meet on Wednesday evenings,

6:30-7:45 p.m. as follows:

FAITH FRIENDS (Kindergarten - Grade 3) – Room C15
FAITH FILES (Grades 4-6) – Room C11

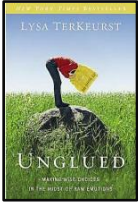


AGE 5/PRE-K through GRADE 6 SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:30-9:50 a.m.

GAME ROOM WITH: Foosball, Air Hockey, Table Bowling, Legos, Board Games and MORE!! Come to Sunday morning fun at 9:30 a.m. in Room C12, second floor children's building! SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!! BRING A FRIEND!! Preschool leaders will be in Room C4 at 9:30 a.m. for little ones.

Learning

WINTER 2017 LEARNING



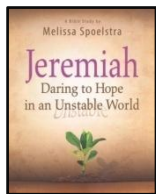
UNGLUED: MAKING WISE CHOICES IN THE MIDST OF RAW EMOTIONS

This Bible study by Lysa TerKeurst aims to help women make their emotions work for them instead of against them. She does this by helping them understand how to resolve conflict and find peace in their most important relationships, identify what type of reactor

they are, how to respond without regrets, and how to gain a sense of calm in circumstances out of your control. Women's study.

Leader: Vita Alligood, vita.alligood@gmail.com; Workbook \$6
Wednesday evenings – beginning January 11, 6:30-7:30 pm.
Room A6

(The Journey: Relationships – Beginning, Growing & Christ-Centered Levels)



JEREMIAH: DARING TO HOPE IN AN UNSTABLE WORLD

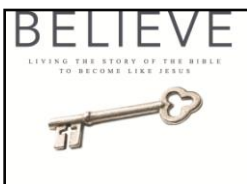
This study offers women hope for living in an uncertain world by learning to navigate the challenges and circumstances of their lives. This six-week study examines God's

words of instruction to His wayward people through the prophet Jeremiah, and provides women six guidelines for intentional living to overcome fear, worry and doubt as they surrender their wills to God's and put their hope in Him alone. Combining rich study of the Book of Jeremiah with practical life application that resonates with the realities and experiences of today's women, this study inspires all women to dare to hope, remembering that God is rich in mercy and love and has good plans for us. Women's study.

Leader: Barbara McDonald, barbs_baskets@yahoo.com.
Workbook \$10

Wednesday mornings – beginning January 18, 9:30-11:30 am
Room B6

(The Journey: Bible Understanding/Living a Spiritual Life - Beginning, Growing & Christ-Centered Levels)



BELIEVE

This study follows the worship series and explores ten key:

- Beliefs of the Christian Faith
- Practices of a Jesus-Follower
- Virtues of a Person Who is Becoming More Like Jesus

Leader: Dave Robson, drobson1@juno.com
Sunday mornings – 9:45-10:45 a.m. – Room C1
Books no cost

[The Journey: Christian Essentials – All Levels]



ACTS PART 2 – PAUL, JESUS' WITNESS TO THE GENTILES

Jesus promised His disciples that they would take the gospel to the remotest part of the earth. Observe Paul's transformation from persecutor of the church to preacher. Join him

on his journeys across the Roman world to proclaim the saving message of Jesus to Jews and Gentiles. Learn how to witness and how to live an authentic Christian life in all circumstances in the power of the Holy Spirit. Learn to be like Paul, to be bold in proclaiming the name of Jesus and to trust our sovereign Lord who enables us to endure persecution and suffering at the hands of those who hate Jesus...and therefore, hate us.

Leader: Donna Ford, dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org ;
Workbook \$18

Tuesday evenings – beginning January 18, 9:30-11:45 am –
Room A4

(The Journey: Bible Understanding – Beginning, Growing & Christ-Centered Levels)

Serving



STOP HUNGER NOW

DAY OF SERVICE – Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21.

On that day at 10:00 am we will be packing 15,000 meals through Stop Hunger Now. With a scoop of rice, veggies, protein and a vitamin packet, these meals contain everything someone

in the developing world needs to survive. They will be shipped to places affected by natural disasters and war, or places with ongoing needs like Haiti where they are distributed through orphanages and schools.

Serving Notes

Our church stepped up in a mighty way to support seniors, school children and families through the Giving Tree. We will have final numbers to share later, but you have been extremely generous. These are going to be delivered on Thursday & Friday of this week. If you have NOT returned your gifts, contact Debbie Inman ASAP at 336-456-1766.

In addition to gifts, our church gave an additional 50 winter coats for children at the Newcomers School. This school serves new immigrants to Greensboro, many of who moved from warmer climates with few possessions. Thanks for sharing the gift of warmth with our newest neighbors.

Honor Cards will be available through Sunday, Dec. 18. 100% of these cards goes to Greensboro Urban ministry.

Serving

In Need of Stocking Stuffers?



To read the story of GCUMC'S own Lilli Hicks and how you can help the Hicks family financially while also receiving a great pair of socks designed with Lilli's favorite colors and animal, the owl, visit the link below. When you get to the internet page, make sure you scroll down to read the entire story and see all of the purchasing options.

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/resilience-project-cancer#/>

Volunteers for December 18, 2016

8:30 service

Lay Reader: Pat Browne
 Stephen Minister: Sandy Pearman
 Ushers: **Austin Phillips, Captain; Ron Frazier, David Saunders, Terry Wert**

11:00 service

Lay Reader: Mark Townsend
 Nursery: Lorena Hall
 Children's Worship Shepherds: David or Juliet Grove, Mike or Stephanie Stone, Dan or Alyssa Rice,
 Ushers: Mike Ballard, Captain; Chad Benoist, George Bowen, Ben Brothers, Mike Corcoran, Steve Fennell, Val Follo, Ben Garner, Tom Jenkins, Roland Sasseville, Mike Symonds, Lewis Wilson
 Stephen Minister: Nancy Munday
 Counters: Mike Ballard, Pam Beck
 Van Driver: Ben Garner
 Altar Guild (Dec. 12-18): Rowland & Donna Jones

Volunteers for December 25, 2016

11:00 service

Ushers: Mike Ballard, Captain; Chad Benoist, George Bowen, Ben Brothers, Mike Corcoran, Steve Fennell, Val Follo, Ben Garner, Tom Jenkins, Roland Sasseville, Mike Symonds, Lewis Wilson
 Stephen Minister: Becky Archer
 Counters: Vicki Kendrick, Bobbi Peabody
 Van Driver: Val Follo
 Altar Guild: (Dec. 19-25): H'Ne Enuol & Emogene Stewaart

OUR GIVING

2016 Total Expected.....	\$ 979,000.00
Amount needed weekly.....	19,196.00
Amount needed to date.....	940,608.00
Amount received through 12/11/2016.....	947,197.70
Difference to date.....	\$ 6,590.00

Cub Scout Troops at Guilford College UMC

1st-5th Graders

Join Cub Scout Pack 109 here at Guilford College UMC. Meetings are at 6:30-7:30 pm on Monday upstairs in the Children's Wing starting again on January 9th.

Come check out what Cub Scouts is all about.

6th Grade through 18th birthday:

Join Boy Scout Troop 109 as well. Meetings are at 7:15-8:30 pm on Monday downstairs in the Children's Wing. Contact Val Follo for information on either group at 336-978-0384.

Calendar for Dec. 18-31, 2016

Sunday, December 18

8:30 am Early Worship
 9:45 am Learning Groups
 10:00am-12:00pm Children's Celebration (C14)
 11:00 am Worship
 1:30 pm Mngong Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 5:30 pm UMYF Family Christmas Dinner (FH)
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (C1)

Monday, December 19

8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH & Rock)

Tuesday, December 20

10:00 am Sarah Circle (Chop House Restaurant)
 7:00 pm Evangelism (A6)

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 pm Longest Night Service (Raleigh's Crossroads)

Thursday, December 22

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm Caroling with Raleigh's Crossroads UMC
 5:00 pm Children's Christmas Celebration
 7:00 pm A Jazzy Christmas Celebration
 11:00 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25

11:00 am One Worship Service
 1:30-3:30 pm Mngong Worship Service (FH)
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous (C1)

Monday, December 26

8:00 pm Church Office Closed
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH & Rock)

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31

11:00 am Church Office Closed
 One Worship Service

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Mike Beck

Steve & Tina Sumner

In Memory of Ilene Cummings

Donna Bowman

Ralph and Anne Cummings, Jr.

Mike and Ellie Dawkins

Sarah Gorham

Linda B. Haigh

Jackie Hendren

Martha Johnson

Marion McNeal

Austin and Helen Phillips

Polly Scott

Mary Wall

In Memory of Grady Goff (Debbie Jenkins' brother)

Mike and Ellie Dawkins

In Memory of Sunny Horner

Donna Bowman

Mike and Ellie Dawkins

Carol Ingram

James Tew Class

Martha Johnson

Mildred Mallard

Austin and Helen Phillips

Mary Wall

In Memory of Ervin Drayton Maynard

(Bette Franken's father)

Randy and Lynne Beck

In Memory of Tom Ossman

Robert and Linda Meyer

In Memory of Thad Wall

Mary Wall

January Birthdays

Jan. 1	Debbie Efird, Y-Tlui Enuol, H'Ne Enuol, Katie Nelson, Michael Soper
Jan. 2	Renee Taylor
Jan. 3	Jacob Hepler, Wes Kirkman
Jan. 4	Bobby Tanner
Jan. 5	Barbara Ebert, Leah Rice
Jan. 6	Jeff Burgess, Jamison Pearman, Katie Schaeffer, Isabella Sutton
Jan. 7	Noah Lohr, Anne Martin
Jan. 8	Gina Dixon, Matthew Igo, Walter Jones, Traci Quate
Jan. 9	David Covington, Carol Groff, Laura Schunk, Ben Simpson
Jan. 10	Nathan Kirkman, Kelsie LeHeup, Sandra Myers
Jan. 11	Melanie Bacon, Metta Ballard, Hannah Buckman
Jan. 13	Nicholas Alligood, Janice Caskie
Jan. 14	Rick McClellan, Ada Robinson
Jan. 15	Josh Dawkins, Mary Derbyshire, Stephanie Eaton, Alex Follo, Brooke Follo
Jan. 16	Nancy Coley, Y-Wing Enuol
Jan. 17	Mike Corcoran, Aggie Lawton, Michelle Waldron
Jan. 18	Savannah Benoist, Andy Morgan, Jean Wilson
Jan. 19	Ella Stone
Jan. 20	Ryan Lucas
Jan. 21	Kelsey Annas, Kirsten Corcoran, Gabriel Fiori, Joshua Ingram, Blanche Rogers
Jan. 22	Lindsay Hastings, Mackenzie Kota
Jan. 23	Larry Glover, Lisa LaVergne, Nicholas Turner
Jan. 24	H'Lus Buonkrong, Anna Buckman, Beth Carter, Jackson Fusaiotti
Jan. 25	Bannon Moriarty, Mike Moriarty, Sue Ostrander, Julia Robson, Helen Wray
Jan. 26	Blake Donato, Nancy Munday, Jackson Raper, Susan Stanfield
Jan. 27	Austin Chase, Mason Graham, Ellen Lancaster, Scott Minor, Beth Peters
Jan. 28	Patrick Barnes, Blair Dixon, Rachel Francisco, Tinsley Grove, Margaret Joyce, Bill Lucas
Jan. 29	Austin Flippen, Shannon Myers, Melissa Perciavalle
Jan. 30	Charlie Eichhorn, Florence Hardison, Jenson Heilig, Vicki Kendrick, Matt Newlin, Cheryl Smith, Emily Thomas, Sara Wasserboehr
Jan. 31	Katie Benoist, Jim Caskie, Derek Gibson, Melissa Harper, Haley Hurchens,

