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# REMARKS



What is salvation? Where do we look to understand? And how do we experience it?

In keeping with our church's Wesleyan Discipleship emphasis, let's look for some clues in one of John Wesley's most heralded sermons, "The Scripture Way of Salvation." First written and preached in 1765, "The Scripture Way of Salvation" represents Wesley's well-developed thought, forged through leading the first two and a half decades of the Methodist renewal movement in England.

A learned clergyman, John Wesley rediscovered the treasure found in the Bible. In this way, along with Martin Luther and John Calvin, Wesley was consistent with one of the hallmarks of Protestantism. Wesley, however, had a particular reading of the Bible: his personal experience of Christianity combined with the way he was traditionally instructed to yield his approach to reading, understanding, and teaching the Bible. Wesley saw an inextricable link between a) faith and b) salvation. In this sermon, Wesley wrote that faith and salvation "include the substance of all the Bible, the marrow, as it were, of the whole Scripture." Put another way, these twined themes are always in the background. Moreover, when we look for faith and salvation when reading the Bible, we can understand more fully God's Word.

Salvation is not exclusively going to heaven for pie in the sky when you die. That's what you will hear when you listen closely to the way some people talk about salvation. As the Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8, "*you are saved*" (emphasis by John Wesley himself). Salvation is not far away in the distance. And salvation is not merely now. Lest our self-absorption tempts us to relish in experiencing salvation now, Wesley calls us to have a broad view. Salvation, rightly understood, is "the entire work of God, from the first dawning of grace in the soul, till it is consummated in glory."

Let's consider more this view of salvation, because there is another popular view of salvation floating in the water. Many people talk about salvation as the big prize awaiting them after they die, almost like the television show "Let's Make a Deal." If we choose right, and it's all dependent upon us not giving into temptation and making the right guess, then we look behind the curtain. Is salvation behind curtain number one? Or maybe curtain number three?

First, salvation is not awaiting us far off in the distant future. Instead, salvation is now. Even better, it started before you and I ever put two thoughts together about God. Salvation names the broad arc of God's presence and power in our lives, including every action, conversation, thought, and feeling that delivered you from a lost soul into God's loving care. And yes, salvation is fully experienced in eternal life with God and all of the saints.

Second, God deserves all of the glory, because God's grace opens up the possibility of experiencing salvation. "Preventing grace," which usually gets re-worded and re-understood as "prevenient grace," is God's grace preparing us for "justifying grace" and "sanctifying grace." A Wesleyan understanding of grace compels us to respond to God's primary existence and movement; hence Dr. Randy Maddox coining the phrase, "responsible grace." Yes, our response is necessary in order, yet God alone is worthy of praise. We do not deserve salvation, nor do we earn it. God offers the gift. How will we respond?

May God's first dawning of grace in your soul continue to bring forth love,

Pastor Mark

# SADDLE UP AND RIDE

## With the 2019 Pony Express Campaign

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### YOUR IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

*How to Make the Most of It:*

As the year-end approaches, people 70½ and older are required to take a minimum distribution from their IRA, or be faced with a hefty tax penalty. If you must take a required minimum distribution but don't need the funds and don't want to pay income taxes on it, please consider gifting it to the Church as part of your annual support.

To qualify for the tax credit, you must have your retirement plan administrator direct the distribution DIRECTLY to First United Methodist Church of Salisbury; it cannot pass through your hands or it will trigger an income taxable event for you.

If you have questions on how to execute this gift transaction, please contact Susan Cothorn at the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina at (888) 450-1956 ext. 1507 or email her at scothorn@umfwnc.org and she will be happy to help you through the process.



*Pony Express Stewardship Celebration Kick-Off Breakfast*



## BAILEE WEISENSEL

### Our new Director of Children's Ministries

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You may have noticed this remarkably gifted and energetic person working with the children on Sunday mornings over the past several weeks. Bailee has been working toward meeting all FUMC children and their families. She is enthusiastic about growing our Children's Ministries. Bailee has a strong Christian faith, and is excited about teaching the church's children about God.

Bailee and her husband, Ben, joined FUMC last year, along with their daughter, Charleigh. Bailee is a graduate of Western Carolina University (BS in Sociology, concentration in Child Life) and has professional experience in schools and the private sector.

When you see Bailee again, be sure to welcome her!

# “THE SOURCE OF ALL LOVE”

## PART 1 OF 3 by Dr. Jesse McCartney

The following is an excerpt from Dr. McCartney's lesson on March 5, 2017 presented to the Hedrick Friendship Sunday School Class. Look for Part 2 next month!

Purpose: “To confess that God is love and that this love is revealed in the lives of Jesus and of his followers.”

“Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins. Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. (1 John 4:7-19)”

Introduction: I wanted to begin with the Scripture today because I think it sets such a wonderful tone. The writer, who may or may not have been the same person who wrote the gospel of John, seems genuinely affectionate as he teaches and explains. As commentators note, though 1 John is called an epistle, it is more in the form of a lecture or sermon, though

it is a very gentle teaching.

Commentators note, too, that the letter, or whatever we want to call it, seems to have two purposes: 1) to deepen the spiritual life of its readers and 2) to correct the heretical view of certain Gnostic teachers who denied that God had really become man in Jesus. (Intro to the letter from the New Oxford Annotated Bible). It is intended not so much to teach new doctrines as to affirm what the readers already knew and believed; and the key is that God is love; and that if he dwells in us, we also must love one another.

Most of us heard these two ideas from our earliest days in Sunday School. However, that doesn't mean we don't need, like the first readers of this epistle, to have these doctrines reaffirmed and reclaimed in our own lives.

The entire next quarter's lessons are on this theme of love and the nature of God's love, but this introductory lesson affirms that God is the source of all love; and I want to reflect today on the continuing need for this affirmation.

I have a friend who, when he prays, always begins his prayer, “Divine Spirit of Love in the Universe.” That is, he addresses his prayer to the “Divine Spirit of Love in the Universe.” We have a mutual friend who always used to tease him about that rather ornate language or eloquent invocation by saying, “That Divine Spirit of Love in the Universe is what some of us mere mortals simply call ‘God.’” Well, they are both right, but over the years, I have come to appreciate my friend's phrasing more and more; and while I affirm the fact that that Divine spirit of love is in the universe, I wish that spirit of love were more truly universal and more wide-spread, because there is plenty of evidence today—and throughout history—that the opposite of that divine spirit of love is also pretty universal.

*(Look for Part 2 in the November Ecclesia)*

## FLOWER MINISTRY

### *Needs Volunteers to Arrange and Deliver Flowers*

What a wonderful opportunity to share the message of caring and cheer to our church members who are sick, homebound, or just in need of a gesture of kindness from our faith community. The flower ministry is certainly a vital extension of our congregational care, and

it only happens through the giving of your time, talents and energies to arrange and deliver beautiful bouquets from the flowers that have graced our altar on Sunday morning. If you can help, please contact Nancy Sherriff at 704-647-0946.

# HARVEST PROCESSION NOVEMBER 18

One of the tangible ways FUMC will celebrate Thanksgiving as a congregation is to provide the ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors who don't have enough resources to purchase what they need for themselves and their families. "Harvest Procession" is a congregation-wide mission opportunity celebrated within the context of Sunday morning worship. Please keep reading to learn more about First United Methodist's first annual Harvest Procession!

\*The food will be put to good use! All food items collected on Harvest Procession Sunday will be delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries the next day. The food will be distributed by Rowan Helping Ministries that week to local families in need so they may "feast" on Thanksgiving Day as well.

\*We will provide bags & shopping lists for you! Paper shopping bags will be available in the Carter Lobby and the Fellowship Hall beginning October 21. Pick up as many bags as you are able to fill. In each bag, you will find a shopping list. Specific items have been suggested that are non-perishable and also convenient to use for those with minimal kitchen access.

\*You do the grocery shopping! Simply take the list with you to the grocery store (make it a family mission trip and take everyone with you!). Purchase all the items on the list and place them in the bags.

\*Bring your bag(s) to church on Sunday, November 18th! Attend either the 8:30am or 11:00am worship on November 18, during which you will be invited to bring a bag to the altar as a thanksgiving offering to God. Your gift of food will be incorporated into the liturgy of the worship service. Take your grocery bag(s) to your pew with you and you will be given the opportunity to literally bring your gift to the altar. If you need assistance carrying your filled grocery bag, please pull into the parking spots

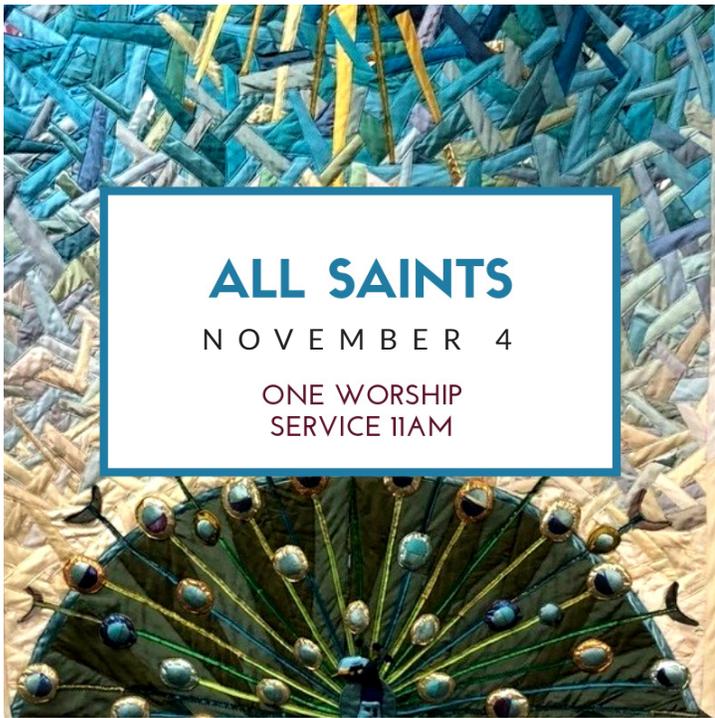


directly in front of the main entrance on Church Street and ushers and members of the Youth Group will be available to assist you.

If you are unable to attend worship on November 18th and would still like to participate, you can either make a financial contribution towards the purchase of food items for bags or you may bring a filled bag to the Fellowship Hall the week prior to November 18th and we will make sure it is brought to the Sanctuary.

If you have questions, please contact either Pastor Stacey ([stacey@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:stacey@fumcsalisbury.org)) or Mary Allen Conforti ([maryallen.conforti@gmail.com](mailto:maryallen.conforti@gmail.com)).

On the following Monday (November 19th), we will need help moving the bags from the worship space onto the church bus for delivery. Please email Pastor Stacey if you would like to volunteer! ([stacey@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:stacey@fumcsalisbury.org))



**ALL SAINTS**  
 NOVEMBER 4  
 ONE WORSHIP  
 SERVICE 11AM

All Saints' Sunday is November 4 with one service of worship at 11am. We will remember those from our congregation who entered the Church Triumphant this past year.



Amazing meals begin at 5:30 pm



**Program Snapshot:**

**October 3**

Daniel Matangira with 'The Village' Mission

**October 10**

Wesleyan Discipleship

**October 24**

Fall Festival

**October 30**

College Care Package Assembly

**November 7**

WNCC General Conference Delegation

Sign up each week by Monday at 5pm by contacting the church office (704.636.3121 | [christine@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:christine@fumcsalisbury.org)) or filling out the green cards in the pews on Sunday mornings. Kids and youth now eat free.

## BEING METHODIST IN THE BIBLE BELT

Do you ever wonder about the differences in Methodists and other denominational families? What are the different ways that we place an emphasis on salvation and the life of faith?



Come join us Sundays in October at 2:30pm with your questions for a fun, lecture-style class on Methodism!



*Are you struggling with difficulty, going through a crisis, or trying to discern next steps?*

Please remember that Pastors Mark and Stacey are available to pray, meet, and share visits with you. Pastor Mark is typically in the office Monday-Thursday; Pastor Stacey is typically in the office Tuesday-Friday.



Please join us for our annual Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 24th in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served at 5:30- please make a reservation with the church office by Monday, October 22nd to reserve a meal. Fun activities begin at 6:15pm for children preschool age through 5th grade.

Donations of bags of individually-wrapped candy and cakes would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the volunteer office until October 24th.

Beginning Sunday, October 14, you can pick up your free copy of Three Simple Rules. This book covers the General Rules of The United Methodist Church:

Do No Harm

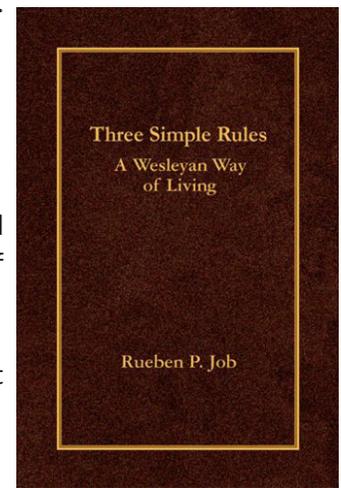
Do Good

Attend to the Ordinances of God (Stay in love with God)

Hear about these in worship on Sunday, October 21! There will also be a study based on this book on Thursday nights at 6:30 and Fridays at noon, beginning the week of October 25.

Thursday sessions will meet in the Seekers Room (B104) Friday sessions will meet at Palermo's (127 S Main Street), within walking distance of the church.

Register at [fumcsalisbury.org](http://fumcsalisbury.org)



## METHODIST CONNECTION

Methodist Connection next outing is to Mrs. Hanes Cookie Company Tuesday, October 9. We will meet at back of church at 9:30 am. Please call and make a reservation with Carol Bachl at 704-798-2333 by Sunday, October 7. We will travel by bus but may need cars too. This bakery makes the Moravian sugar and ginger cookies associated with the Christmas season. After our tour, we will go to Salem Tavern for a Dutch lunch. Hope you will join the Methodist Connection.



*The special band from Oak Park on September 11, led by our own Margaret Tucker.*

# TRUSTEES ACTIVITIES – July & August 2018

- Painting of four CDC and Pre-School classrooms and three restrooms were completed in July.
- The mechanical room restoration work has been completed. Enhancements to the boiler control system is currently under review and evaluation.
- A small landscaping project at the rear church office entrance has been approved and will be implemented in September.
- The Chapel Restoration Project is on schedule for completion in late November. Painting will begin the week of 9/6 and should be complete in three weeks. The acoustical panels have been received and are being stored on site. New flooring and the acoustical panel installation will begin after the painting has been completed. New chair delivery is scheduled for mid to late November.
- The Trustees approved the replacement of all office employee computers, server addition, miscellaneous IT upgrades, firewall improvements, and the addition of wireless capabilities throughout the Church.
- The Trustees are implementing several small building physical security recommendations resulting from suggested improvements from a security assessment performed by the Salisbury City Police Department and the FUMC Security Task Force.
- The Solar Project is moving ahead with construction to begin in early fall. Currently, construction contracts with the successful bidder are being reviewed and signed. The schedule completion of the project is late January or early February, 2019.

## FINANCE AT A GLANCE

### Aug-18

Income		
Income	Budget	Difference
58,794	78,951	(20,158)

Pledges \$16,000 short and non-pledged \$3,000 short of budget.

Expenses		
Spent	Budget	Difference
80,418	79,707	(711)

Net		
Month	Budget	Difference
(21,624)	(756)	(20,868)

### Year-To-Date

Income		
Income	Budget	Difference
618,181	631,611	(13,429)

Investment income is \$7,000 under budget. Non-pledged and loose plate collections are each \$3,000 under budget. Pledged monies are \$2,000 behind.

Expenses		
Spent	Budget	Difference
593,745	641,285	47,539

Generally expenses are running less than budget across the board. Staff and congregation are doing a great job of keeping spending in line.

Net		
Month	Budget	Difference
24,436	(9,674)	34,110



## What Is Together In Education?

Harris Teeter's Together In Education program will give **First United Methodist Church Child Development Center** funds when you link your VIC card. Linking your VIC card is so easy and there is NO LIMITS to how much we can earn.

Please tell the cashier to link your VIC Card today so we can earn money to purchase instructional materials for our center as we build our program.

**Linking First United Methodist Church Child Development Center to your VIC Card is easy!**

\*\* If you are not yet a member of My Harris Teeter, please sign up for an account so you can link your VIC card.

**LINK TODAY**

**Use Code - 6268  
FUMC CDC**

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**Spotlight**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Jude Smeltzer**

**O** Congratulations to Jude Smeltzer, 15 years old, son of Anne Ellis and Joel Smeltzer. He is a member of FUMC and an active youth participant. He has taken a job as the pianist for 2 local churches on Sunday mornings. He will play at Woodleaf United Methodist Church and Lebanon Lutheran Church. Jude has played piano since he was 6 years old. He has earned 6 gold cups at the NC Piano Festival. He also plays saxophone and is a section leader in the West Rowan Marching Falcons Band. Jude aspires to be a music therapist as a career.

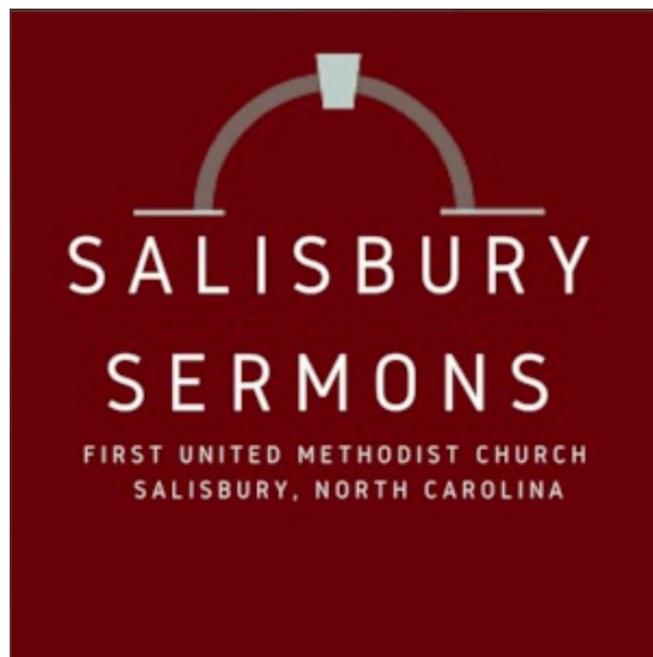


# DOORSTEP VISITORS

The way we personally follow up with guests says so much about our church. Beloved people searching for a spiritual home are welcomed by us in worship, and given a warm welcome by our Doorstep Visitors after they come to visit with us.

It takes emotional stamina to arrive at a new church on a Sunday morning! And it takes even more energy to meet new people, and to begin imagining one's life within First United Methodist Church. Your hospitality helps ease this transition, encouraging their prompt return. Would you consider being a part of this vital Doorstep Visitor Ministry?

Please contact Pastor Stacey ([stacey@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:stacey@fumcsalisbury.org)) or Gloria Matthews for more information.



FUMC's sermons are now online! You can find them at [fumcsalisbury.org/sermon-podcast.html](http://fumcsalisbury.org/sermon-podcast.html), or Salisbury Sermons on iTunes.

# PARKING



Do you know how many nearby parking spots are available?

63 -- Rowan Public Library

47 -- Wells Fargo

58 -- along South Church Street

33 -- along West Fisher Street

19 -- along West Bank Street

(with gratitude to Jim Hartsell for accumulating this data)

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Pedestrian Safety Tips:

- » Walk with a friend
- » Walk along the sidewalks
- » Cross streets at marked crosswalks

# firstARTS

Matthew Michael Brown, *Artistic Director*

*The 11<sup>th</sup> Season*

*Presents*

## AN EVENING OF ART SONG



Andrea Edith Moore, *Soprano*



Klaus Jung, *Pianist*

Friday • October 26 • 7:30pm

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# MISSION MOMENT

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who helped with the initial construction and food preparation at our Habitat House. Working with Milford Hills and Christ United Methodist Churches has enabled us to make new friends and complete the work assignments efficiently. First UMC will sponsor two additional work days on October 13 and November 3. If we remain on schedule the work assignment for October 13 will be completion of the exterior siding and construction of the rear deck. On November 3 we hope to install cabinets, closet shelving, and the porch railing. Contact Fred and Taffy Jordan to volunteer or to provide a light lunch for the workers (nfredjordan@bellsouth.net or 704-633-4514). We also need everyone to pitch in from all three churches on November 24th to complete any unfinished items.



# PRESCHOOL

We are excited this new preschool year has gotten off to a tremendous start. With three highly motivated new teachers, one in our two-year-old class and two in our three-year-old class, and three returning teachers, the school has new energy and is committed to the growth and development of our young children. In addition, the facelift our preschool classes received this past summer raises the energy level of our teachers as well as our children. There are very limited openings in our three and four-year-old classes. Anyone interested can contact Patsy Langlais at (704) 754-0443.



Patsy Langlais  
Director of Preschool & Lead Teacher  
First United Methodist Church  
217 Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 754-0443 Cplang94@fibrant.com



# FUMC AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

We are just getting starting with a new school year! This month we are concentrating on getting into a daily routine, assigning weekly duties to the children, reviewing rules and much more. We are looking forward to a great year! We have children returning to us from last year and new ones, so we are getting to know each other and ready to grow and learn together.

We have a few things coming up in the fall we are excited about. The church will have its Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 24. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and the festival begins about 6:30 PM. There will be games, candy, costume fun and more! ASC enjoys this event every year. There will be more information later.

We will have our annual "guess the weight of the pumpkin" contest (it goes home with the child who guesses closest to the actual weight) and each child will decorate a small pumpkin to take home. We will also have a Halloween

party with special treats. The weather will be cooler and we will enjoy going outdoors in the afternoons as much as possible.

We still have spaces available for more children, so if you or someone you know is interested in a program that offers homework assistance, transportation, missions, healthy snacks, daily devotions and more, please let us know. We may be contacted at 704-433-6679 or online at [www.afterschool@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:www.afterschool@fumcsalisbury.org).

Happy Fall!

Donna Frederick, Lead Teacher,  
First United Methodist Church After  
School Care  
[afterschool@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:afterschool@fumcsalisbury.org)  
(704) 433-6679



## LANGFORD HOEDOWN



1705 Briggs Road  
Sunday, October 21,  
4:00 pm  
*until sundown*

covered dish cook out • bonfire  
games • fun for all ages • bring a chair  
bluegrass music by Graham Carlton & Co.

## BACK DOOR BEAUTIFICATION



# SALISBURY YOUTH

## Volunteers Needed for Trunk or Treat

We're teaming up with several area churches to host a Community Trunk or Treat event for the second year this October! Our event will feature 10 cars from each church decked out in festive gear. Costumes are encouraged! We ask each car to supply some of their own candy, and teaming up with friends or family is welcome.

We will also be collecting individually wrapped candy in donation bins around the church to help stock our baskets. Last year we saw over 300 children, and this year we anticipate even more!

### Ways to volunteer:

- Decorate a trunk and pass out candy (limited to the first 10 cars)
- Set up/tear down team
- Facilitate games/pass out free snacks

We will also have lawn games, music, snow cones, and other fun for the whole family. Invite your neighbors, dress up, and join us Saturday October 27, 3:00-5:00pm.

To volunteer contact Jenni at [jenni@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:jenni@fumcsalisbury.org)

Join us for our second annual  
**Community Trunk or Treat**

**Saturday, October 27**  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
*Located in the parking lot at the corner of  
East Liberty and North Main Street.*



**Sponsored Church Collaboration by:**  
First Presbyterian of Salisbury, First United Methodist Church of Salisbury,  
St. John's Lutheran Church, and Stallings Memorial Baptist Church



## Salisbury Youth Students: Volunteer Spotlight

From Salisbury to Cuba, our students have been running up the count on volunteer hours all over! We could not be more proud of the youth of FUMC for making time in their busy schedules to serve others in the name of Christ.

Our students serve meals at Rowan Helping Ministries, collect and pack food for USDA and Food for Thought, clean up trails and waterways with the Boy Scouts, give their time through school efforts and alongside their sports teams, pack health kits, sort materials for Sole Hope, make



plastic yarn for bed mats, and traveled beyond the country on our trip to Cuba.

First UMC has reason to be proud of the young people within our congregation, they are incredibly generous students! This year we are partnering with Rowan Helping Ministries to pack USDA food quarterly. It's inspiring to see our youth putting together boxes of food with just the right number of items so that families across Rowan County can receive much needed supplemental food support.

In November we will be creating blessing bags to be given to people we might encounter who are currently homeless or otherwise in need. If you are interested in donating supplies for these bags, some helpful items are (new) socks, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size packages



of wet wipes, and lip balm. Donations can be left on the shelves in the Mission Room by



# CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Happy Fall from the First United Methodist Child Development Center! The children are learning and growing as we start our Themes about Trees! The curriculum themes for this month are What do we know about trees?, What do we want to find out about trees?, What foods come from trees? Who takes care of trees? What can we do with the parts of trees? We will also study the color of trees. The Child Development Center is participating in the Harris Teeter Together in Education! If you or anyone you may know shops at Harris Teeter, you can link your Harris Teeter VIC card to the Code 6268 @harristeeter.com this will help us earn money for instructional materials for our program.

We are now accepting registration for Fall Enrollment 2018 for First United Methodist Child Development Center! Serving full time care ages 3-5 years of age. For more information please contact Carey Swanner at [cdc@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:cdc@fumcsalisbury.org) or call 704-636-3121 ext110



For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26.

Carey Swanner , Lead Teacher/Director  
First United Methodist Church Child Development Center - Five Star Center  
[cdc@fumcsalisbury.org](mailto:cdc@fumcsalisbury.org)

# ONE CHURCH ONE CHILD

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**Rowan County Department of Social Services**  
**One Church One Child Ministry**  
1813 E. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28146  
Rev. Jon Hunter, Coordinator  
704-216-7914  
jon.hunter@rowancountync.gov  
[www.rowancountync.gov/rococ](http://www.rowancountync.gov/rococ)

August 2, 2018

Dear First United Methodist Church :

Thank you for your extravagant generosity. Your donation of \$2,950.00 will empower us to meet the life essentials needs of the children, teenagers and families that we serve.

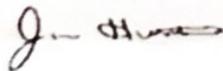
Thank you for sharing the light and love of Christ with those who need a little extra help, support, love and care.

Without your continued support, ROCOC would not be able to meet the needs of the thousands of Rowan County children and teenagers that have been blessed by this Ministry. It is because of your support that we were able to give assistance to children and teenagers 2070 times in 2017.

Thank you for helping ROCOC to ensure the safety and well-being of Rowan County children who are not able to help themselves.

It is my prayer that God will richly bless you as you are such a blessing to God's children.

Sincerely,



Jon Hunter

**Member Congregations and Community Organizations**

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Hannah Circle-B104 (Seekers Room) <b>6:30 PM</b> Susanne Circle-offsite <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - Scout Room	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting-Harter Office Suite <b>2:00 PM</b> Chrismon Class-B104 (Christian Forum) <b>6:00 PM</b> SPRC-B110 (Conference Room)	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Naomi Circle - B107 (Parlor) & Fellowship Hall <b>2:00 PM</b> Deadline for Bulletin announcements <b>5:30 PM</b> Midweek@First <b>6:15 PM</b> Disciple Fast Track - B104 <b>6:15 PM</b> The Casting Queens-B110 <b>6:30 PM</b> Covenant Bible Study-B102 <b>6:30 PM</b> Eve Circle - B107 (Parlor) <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir-Music Suite	<b>4</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Duplicate Bridge-B107 (Parlor) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room) <b>7:00 PM</b> Alanon-B110 (Conference Room)	<b>5</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Deadline for Ecclesia articles <b>3:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Camping- Old Bus <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room)	<b>6</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Camping-Old Bus <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room)
<b>7</b> <b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:45 AM</b> Children's Choir-Music Suite <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>2:00 PM</b> Worship Committee <b>2:30 PM</b> Being Methodist <b>3:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Camping- Old Bus	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - Scout Room	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Methodist Connection-Bus <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting-Harter Office Suite <b>2:00 PM</b> Chrismon Class-B104 (Christian Forum)	<b>10</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Deadline for Bulletin announcements <b>5:30 PM</b> Midweek@First-Fellowship Hall <b>6:15 PM</b> Disciple Fast Track - B104 <b>6:15 PM</b> The Casting Queens-B110 <b>6:30 PM</b> Covenant Bible Study-B102 <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir-Music Suite	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast <b>12:30 PM</b> Duplicate Bridge-B107 (Parlor) <b>6:30 PM</b> RHM Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room) <b>7:00 PM</b> Alanon-B110 (Conference Room)	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> RHM Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Preschool CPR- B110 (Conference Room) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room)	<b>13</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Boy Scouts - old bus <b>8:00 AM</b> Habitat House Build-offsite <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room)
<b>14</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Boy Scouts - old bus <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:45 AM</b> Children's Choir-Music Suite <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>2:30 PM</b> Being Methodist <b>5:30 PM</b> Club 45-Fellowship Hall	<b>15</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - Scout Room	<b>16</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting-Harter Office Suite <b>2:00 PM</b> Chrismon Class-B104 (Christian Forum) <b>6:00 PM</b> Autism Society Meeting-rooms 110 (Christian Forum) & 104 <b>6:00 PM</b> Trustees Meeting-Harter Office Suite	<b>17</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Deadline for Bulletin announcements <b>5:30 PM</b> Midweek@First-Fellowship Hall <b>6:15 PM</b> Disciple Fast Track - B104 <b>6:15 PM</b> The Casting Queens-B110 <b>6:30 PM</b> Covenant Bible Study-B102 <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir-Music Suite	<b>18</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Permanent Endowment Committee-B110 (Conference Room) <b>12:30 PM</b> Duplicate Bridge-B107 (Parlor) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room) <b>7:00 PM</b> Alanon-B110 (Conference Room)	<b>19</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Donuts with Dad (4 year olds)-Fellowship Hall <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room) <b>7:00 PM</b> Mission Bridge Club-B107 (Parlor)	<b>20</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Adopt a Village Dinner <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room)
<b>21</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Children's Choir sings-Nave <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>2:30 PM</b> Being Methodist <b>4:00 PM</b> Langford Hoedown-offsite	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta Race-Fellowship Hall <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - Scout Room	<b>23</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting-Harter Office Suite <b>2:00 PM</b> Chrismon Class-B104 (Christian Forum)	<b>24</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Deadline for Bulletin announcements <b>5:30 PM</b> CMT Fall Festival-Fellowship Hall & Ed. Bldg. <b>5:30 PM</b> Midweek@First-Fellowship Hall <b>6:15 PM</b> Disciple Fast Track - B104 <b>6:15 PM</b> The Casting Queens-B110 <b>6:30 PM</b> Covenant Bible Study-B102 <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir-Music Suite	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast <b>12:30 PM</b> Duplicate Bridge-B107 (Parlor) <b>6:30 PM</b> 3 Simple Rules (Seekers Room) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room) <b>7:00 PM</b> Alanon-B110 (Conference Room)	<b>26</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> 3 Simple Rules - Palermo's <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room) <b>7:30 PM</b> FirstARTS Concert:An Evening	<b>27</b> <b>Community Trunk or Treat with other churches-offsit</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> AA-B112 (Golden Rule Room)
<b>28</b> <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> <b>UMW Sunday</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>2:30 PM</b> Being Methodist <b>5:30 PM</b> Club 45-Fellowship Hall	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> CDC, ASCC, SDC Board Meeting-Conference Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts Parent Meeting-Fellowship Hall <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - Scout Room	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting-Harter Office Suite <b>2:00 PM</b> Chrismon Class-B104 (Christian Forum)	<b>31</b> <b>Halloween</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> PreSchool 3's Class Party-Fellowship Hall <b>2:00 PM</b> Deadline for Bulletin announcements <b>5:30 PM</b> Midweek@First-Fellowship Hall <b>6:15 PM</b> Disciple Fast Track - B104 <b>6:15 PM</b> The Casting Queens-B110 <b>6:30 PM</b> Covenant Bible Study-B102 <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir-Music Suite			

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 James Duke  
Joshua Grenoble  
Cindy Oakes

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- 2 Gabriel Cummings  
Linda Smith

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- 3 Lori Goodnight  
Jim Poteat

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- 4 Mitch Poteat  
Trevor Watson

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- 5 Gary Ingram  
Kristin Meyerhoeffer

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- 6 Chris Lanier

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- 7 Sage Huffman

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- 8 Sally Roberts  
Todd Steinman  
Bill Ward, Sr.  
Dwight Wilhelm, Jr.

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- 10 Helen Malone  
Fred Stanback, Jr.  
James Thompson

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- 11 Betty Simpson

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- 12 Tammy Livengood  
Dewey Peck  
Neil Pierce

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- 13 Carolyn Conrad  
Tom Disseler  
Darrell Lewis  
Rush Rollins  
Nathaniel Shaffer

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- 14 Scott Hunt  
Carol Ann Young

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- 15 McKinley Rollins

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- 16 Patty Langford

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- 17 Emily Bosch  
Judy Fowler

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- 18 Ed Rusher

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- 19 Tankie Embry

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- 20 Margaret Rusher

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- 21 Kelly Austin  
Rosemary Sokolowski

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- 22 Jean McCubbins

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- 23 Marcia Carter  
Megan Leonard  
John Whittington

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- 24 Susan Ogle  
Autumn Wasler

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- 25 John Kribbs  
Charles Steinman

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- 26 Steve Noell  
Tony Nussman

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- 27 Austin Lyle

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- 28 Pam Cordts  
Scott Maphis  
Sid Oakes  
Patricia Smith

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- 29 Laura Collins  
Steve Hatley  
Julia Murphy

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- 30 Lauren Allen  
Frances Miller  
Peggy Price  
Sarah Shuler  
Ned Storey

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Frances Miller  
Peggy Price  
Sarah Shuler

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## Safety Alerts...

- Remember to walk with someone to and from the building.
- When attending Midweek@First on Wednesday evenings, please remember to use one of the following three doors to enter the building: The Playground entrance; the awning entrance; or the Fellowship Hall entrance. Thank you for your cooperation.

# FUMC FAMILY AND EXTENDED FAMILY TRANSITIONS

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." ~ Psalm 46:1

## ***In Remembrance:***

Please keep these families in your prayers.

James Cornelius (*Jane Creech's father*) Aug. 25, 2018

Evelyn Gobble Graham (*Mother of Ron Gobble*)

William H. Osborne Sept. 19, 2018

Elizabeth Wilson  
(*daughter of Rachel & Harold Buchar*)

David Poole (*Brother of Bob Poole*) Sept. 19, 2018

Louise Yates (*Mother of Bob Poole*) Sept. 27, 2018

John Shumaker  
(*Father of Susan Shumaker of Richmond, VA*)

Gary Cooper (*Father of Lynn Johnson*)



Congratulations to Shakira Humble and Corey Basinger who were married on July 14, 2018. Please congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Basinger.

***Congratulations*** to Martha Miller, the "Civitan of the Year" award recipient for the North Carolina Western District of Civitan International.

# CHANGES TO YOUR DIRECTORY

*Changes:*

## **Nancy A. Zimmerman**

(another correction – last month's entry was incorrect)

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704-762-9400

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**Shakira Humble** is now Shakira Basinger and she and Cory will reside at 16 Dogwood Rd., Salisbury 28144; Lanie is still Lanie Humble.

If you know of any changes or you have changed your information, please let Christine know.(christine@fumcsalisbury.org). Thank you.

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 Mrs. Christine Maloney .....Administrative Assistant  
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 Mr. Mike Fansler .....Building Superintendent  
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 Mrs. Donna Fredrick .....Lead Teacher of After-School Child Care Program  
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