

# Ecclesia

OCTOBER 2023



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## THE HIGHLIGHTS

### On the Covers

*Front:* The Joubert family at our recent fellowship meal

*Back:* John & Steve painting in the youth room

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Candy donations for children's fall festival, and small denomination (\$5) gift cards for college ministry care packages will be collected through October!

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October is Rowan Helping Ministries Awareness Month for churches

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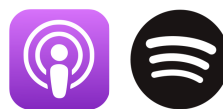
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OCTOBER 1 -  
NOVEMBER 5

# WORSHIP TOGETHER

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ONE UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE  
SIX SUNDAYS AT 11:00AM

**October 1**

World Communion Sunday

**October 8**

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

**October 15**

Laity Sunday

**October 22**

**October 29**

United Women in Faith Sunday

**November 5**

All Saints' Sunday



## Re:Marks

A conversation Jesus had two thousand years ago carries relevance for us today. We read about this in John chapter 4, when Jesus was standing near a well.

A Samaritan woman walked within proximity to Jesus, close enough that she could hear him say, "Give me a drink." Evidently the disciples had gone into the nearby city to buy food, leaving Jesus by himself. Ordinarily, a Hebrew man would not strike up a conversation with a Samaritan woman. The social conventions of the day would not allow it. The woman pointed this out to Jesus, who responded, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and would have given you living water."

For us to engage this biblical story, we would do well to ask ourselves two simple questions:

- Do we know the gift of God?
- Do we know who it is that is talking?

If so, then we will be ready to receive "living water." According to Jesus, when we drink this living water, we will never thirst again. The woman quickly realizes that this water cannot be drawn up from the well in a bucket.

And you and I know that this living water cannot come out of our faucets. For the women at the well and for us today, Jesus' tangible illustration invites us to imagine God's grace. Everyone gets thirsty. Everyone needs water. And everyone who receives the living water of God's grace will be satisfied!

Jesus' conversation with this woman does not end with simply sipping water. There's much more! Jesus eventually reveals himself as the Messiah, and then talks about worshipping in "spirit and truth." That phrase is repeated, thus demonstrated emphasis, to describe those who are true worshippers. Taken all together, our imaginations taste God's grace – it breaks down barriers, prompting people to worship in spirit and truth.

Let's worship "in spirit and truth." Yes, this should be the case every time we gather for worship, though I am especially thinking about the month of October. Every Sunday is special for different reasons. Different liturgical acts and themes will signify each Sunday, guiding our hearts and minds to reflect on God's grace every time.

What does worshipping God "in spirit and truth" mean? When we open ourselves to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we begin to notice the following shifts during the worship experience:

- ➡ We let go of the reigns, and we care more about what God wants than what we want
- ➡ The preferences we treasure fade away, and we care more about the needs of others than our own
- ➡ The hang-ups from the past no longer matter, and we care more about the present moment with God and the Body of Christ

The living water we taste during worship will guide us to the Truth, who is Jesus!

Grace and peace,

*Mark Conforti*

Pastor Mark





# Stewardship Commitment Sunday, October 8



## October 8 is Commitment Sunday!

The Stewardship Committee encourages as many church members as are able to attend worship in-person on Commitment Sunday as we Gather Together and lay our commitment cards on the altar table, and renew our commitment to God and to the ministry of First United Methodist Church. There will be one, unified worship service that day at 11:00am.

The Stewardship Campaign may look like a financial campaign from the outside, but it is really about giving the church an opportunity to live out the vows we took when we joined the church - to support God's work at FUMC through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness!

## Why We Gather Together

A series of seven videos have been created to complement this year's Stewardship Campaign. To view these interviews with church leaders about "Why We Gather," use the QR Code above to visit the church's YouTube channel.



Special thanks to Regan Roakes for her marvelous job in facilitating the interviews, and to Tyler Conforti for editing the video series!



**First United Methodist Church**  
2024 Stewardship Commitment Card

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

**We GATHER TOGETHER**

STEWARDSHIP 2024

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
UNDESIGNATED OPERATING FUND CAPITAL FUND

\*This is a (check one) \_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_ Yearly figure

☐ I/We desire to enroll in online giving ☐ I/We desire to use a credit card for our commitment this year

Our Business Administrator will contact you for the necessary information.

## Stewardship 2024 Commitment Cards

Bring your commitment card with you to worship on October 8. One unified service at 11:00!

*(extra commitment cards will be available if you forget yours at home, and an online version is also available to you at [fumcsalisbury.org/stewardship](http://fumcsalisbury.org/stewardship))*

## Laity & UWF Sundays



**Sunday, October 15**  
**11:00 a.m.**



**Sunday, October 29**  
**11:00 a.m.**





A LIGHTHOUSE CONGREGATIONS EVENT

# GRACE FEST

## SUNDAY

## OCTOBER 8

## STARTING AT 3PM

BELL TOWER GREEN  
DOWNTOWN  
SALISBURY

### Block Work



# BLOCKWORK

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS ONE BLOCK AT A TIME

**SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER!**

[www.salisburync.gov/BlockWork](http://www.salisburync.gov/BlockWork) ✉ [blockwork@salisburync.gov](mailto:blockwork@salisburync.gov) ☎ (704) 638-5240

**BY FRIDAY, OCT. 20**

Volunteers help with exterior repairs like painting, carpentry, and landscaping

*"Block Work brings residents and community volunteers together to build cleaner and safer neighborhoods, one block at a time!"*

**Sign up to volunteer with this City of Salisbury initiative on October 28**

Shifts available from 7:00am - 7:00pm

John Carnes is one of the project managers for Block Work this year!

**SIGN UP  
HERE**





# October Tour 2023

October Tour  
Volunteers List



**FUMC is a stop on  
the October Tour  
this year!**

**Volunteer for a shift to  
welcome visitors or give  
them a brief tour of our  
Sanctuary!**

**October 14 - 15**

*More information about Historic Salisbury Foundation's October Tour event can be found at [octobertour.com](http://octobertour.com)*



## All Saints' Sunday November 05 11:00 a.m.

### **Do Methodists Believe in Saints?**

**Yes, and no...**

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Learn more about John Wesley's perspective on All Saints Day at [www.umc.org/en/content/all-saints-day-a-holy-day-john-wesley-loved](http://www.umc.org/en/content/all-saints-day-a-holy-day-john-wesley-loved)



# Around the Table

one goal: nurturing people in body & spirit  
one time: all meals are at 6:00pm



## Community Meals

Purpose: to connect with  
the community &  
welcome new people

Location: Porte Cochere

Community Meal  
Next: october 4  
November 1

## Fellowship Meals

Purpose: to foster  
fellowship among church  
members

Location: Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Meal  
Next: october 18  
November 15

## Covered Dish Meals

Purpose: to participate in  
the ministry of feeding  
people in body & spirit

Location: Fellowship Hall

Covered Dish Meal  
coming this winter!  
Next: December 6

## OCTOBER

Community Meal, october 4  
**FREE! (DONATIONS WELCOME)**

Fellowship Meal, october 18  
**\$8 PER ADULT, (CHILDREN & YOUTH EAT FREE)**  
**RESERVATION REQUIRED BY MONDAY, OCT. 16.**

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT CAN BE  
MADE ONLINE OR BY CALLING THE  
CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS,  
9AM - 3PM (MON-FRI).



**NOVEMBER  
COMMUNITY  
MEAL IS GOING  
TO INCLUDE A  
CHILI COOK-OFF!**



# Church History

Methodists have a rich and diverse worship tradition. Our founder, John Wesley, was a priest in the Church of England. He once wrote, “there is no Liturgy in the world, either in ancient or modern language, which breathes more of a solid scriptural, rational piety, than the Common Prayer of the Church of England.” When American Methodists formed the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784, Wesley sent them a slightly modified version of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer. His edited version eliminated a few items and shortened the service. However, he expected American Methodists to worship the same way as those in the Church of England.



Early Methodist worship was also known for enthusiastic singing. Thanks to the hymns of John Wesley’s brother, Charles, making a joyful noise became a key characteristic of Methodism. If you read his verses in a modern hymnal, you will see how Methodists sang their theology.

American Methodism particularly thrived at Camp Meetings. These outdoor gatherings embodied the English Methodist tradition of field preaching. Living on isolated farms, many settlers had few opportunities to attend church services. Camp meetings were scheduled for times when most farmers had completed seasonal chores. People gathered at a preannounced site. They lived in tents, covered wagons, or crudely constructed huts. Preaching, singing, and bible reading continued all day. As one preacher ended his sermon another would step up to take his place. Camp Meetings were also important social reunions. Many a young person met their spouse at a Camp Meeting.

Wesley’s high Anglican liturgy became mixed in America with revivalism. A Methodist circuit rider might visit a new frontier farm and receive overnight accommodations. In the evening, he would instruct the children and lead a simple worship service including hymns, prayers, scripture, and maybe a sermon. On later visits, if the congregation expanded to include neighbors, they would construct a temporary brush arbor or a small building for worship. The order of worship at both home and church remained very simple.

When our Salisbury congregation moved from a log cabin to a fine downtown brick sanctuary, worship services likely included elements of both formal ritual and informal revivalism. The *Book of Discipline* provided specific rituals for Holy Communion, Baptism, Funerals, and Weddings but not for Sunday worship.

For much of our congregation’s history, the first half of the Sunday service included liturgical items such as a Call to Worship, Hymns, Prayer of Confession, Responsive Reading, Apostles’ Creed, *Gloria Patri*, Announcements, Scripture lesson, and Pastoral Prayer. The order of these items differed from church to church, pastor to pastor, and Sunday to Sunday; but they always included an offering. (My father usually served as an usher and referred to this first part of the service as the “preliminaries.”)

The sermon came after the offering. For many worshipers like my father, the sermon was the “main event.” It provided a strong link to revivalism. Church members even renamed their pastor “Preacher.” After a sermon, the service closed with a final hymn, an act of commitment or altar call, and a benediction. Many Methodist churches still follow this basic pattern.

Fred Jordan, Church Historian

## THE FOUR-FOLD PATTERN OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

# 1

ENTRANCE

# 2

PROCLAMATION  
& RESPONSE

# 3

THANKSGIVING

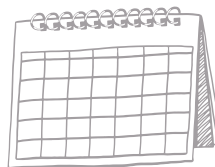
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SENDING  
FORTH

# Youth Ministry

## Salisbury Youth 6-12 GRADE MINISTRY

Newsletter



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

# FALL 2023



(left) The youth group was gifted a ping pong table!! (right) Dudley subs in for a handbell ringer who was out of town!

### Testing Our Memories

This year the youth group has set a few goals for ourselves. One of those is to dive deeper into passages of scripture, studying one text for several weeks at a time, Part of this is memorizing passages of Scripture. The first memory verse was Ephesians 2:8-9. Recently on a Sunday night we tested our memories and five of the youth were able to recite the verses from memory. Several others were able to fill in the blanks on the cards pictured on the right.

OCTOBER

- 1 - Connect Retreat
- 8 - GRACE FEST  
(rescheduled date)
- 15 - YOUTH GROUP
- 22 - YOUTH GROUP
- 25 - Fall Festival  
(volunteer)
- 29 - YOUTH GROUP

NOVEMBER

- 6 - YOUTH GROUP
- 13 - no youth group  
(veterans day wknd)
- 20 - Thanksgiving  
Potluck  
(Advent decorating & Harvest  
Procession food sorting)
- 27 - no youth group  
(Thanksgiving wknd)



### College Ministry Collecting \$5 Gift Cards

We have a great crew of college students, and would love to bless them with some care package items around finals time this fall.

To bless all 24 students we currently have in college, we are collecting \$5 gift cards to places like Starbucks, Taco Bell, Chic-Fil-A - places they could go to get a treat after a big day of studying!

To donate, you can bring gift cards or monetary donations to the church office before **November 10!**



## Confirmation

Confirmation Classes begin October 15 at Milford Hills. We will host classes at FUMC in November.

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



# Welcoming Whitney Cassell!

## What is your role on staff?

I am a seminary intern. My role is to attend staff and worship meetings, participate in Sunday worship and make pastoral care visits. I am attending Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, pursuing a Masters in Divinity with the specialization in Pastoral Care. I hope to either be a Pastoral Care Associate Minister at a church or a hospital chaplain. Before coming to FUMC Salisbury I was the Director of Missions and Witness at Williamson's Chapel UMC.

## Tell us about your family:

My husband of twenty years, Chris, works as the VP of Sustainability at Lowes Corporate. He has a passion for taking care of the world we live in and for social justice and gets to pursue both in his career. He loves spending time in the mountains, playing golf and gaming. My oldest son, Ali, is originally from Afghanistan. He officially joined our family four and a half years ago. He is a junior in high school and loves to play soccer. He works hard at everything he does and has a smile that lights up a room. My daughter, Julia, is fifteen and in ninth grade. She is a true artist. She designs and sews clothes, rides horses, and loves the theater. My youngest, Connor, is in eighth grade. He is a golfer like his dad, loves spending time with his friends and has an interest in behavioral science.

## Tell us about your call to ministry:

We have all been called to be Christ's hands and feet in this world; to love and serve one another. A moment when I sensed my calling to ordained ministry specifically happened while serving communion over ten years ago... Some things had taken place that left me sad and upset with several of the members of the church at the time. Despite my hurt feelings, I showed up to serve as I had been asked. That morning, while serving people who had deeply hurt me, I looked into each person's eyes and shared the words, "This is Christ's blood, shed for you." I saw them in a different light. I looked at them through God's eyes, not my own. Christ had died and loved every single one of these people. He shed his blood for each of them. The nourishment of communion took on a whole new meaning for me. There were many events that followed throughout the years that brought me to where I am now but I guess you could sum it up by saying I want to bring people to Christ's Table and share God's love with them.

## What has your experience been like at FUMC so far?

Being at FUMC has been a life-giving experience for me. The genuine love and grace of God can be seen in all of its members and the staff. The very first day I was there a homeless man walked in right in the middle of the service and walked down the middle aisle. Nancy passed her hymnal to him and pointed to where we were in our song. Everyone was so genuine, kind and loving. I knew this was a good place then and there. Also in a time when pastors have been burning out, it is so refreshing to be around Pastor Mark. He has a passion for Christ that is evident in all he does. I am looking forward to learning as much as I possibly can from his guidance and example.



## For Such a Time as This



"WE ARE ALL A COLLECTION  
OF OUR STORIES.  
REMEMBER WHO WE ARE,  
AND WHOSE WE ARE!"  
- REV. SHERRI BARNES



"HEBREWS REMINDS US THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME, WE  
ARE NOT ALONE. WE ARE NOT EVER ALL ON OUR OWN."

- REV. SHERRI BARNES





**FUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

# **FALL FESTIVAL**

**OCTOBER 25, 2023**

**5:30PM - 7:00 PM**

**TRUNK R' TREAT.  
PUMPKIN PICKING.  
GAMES. COSTUMES.  
CANDY. FUN.**

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SALISBURY, NC  
EST. 1789



**REGISTER HERE!**



# Children's Ministry



On September 24 we celebrated the baptism of one of the children in our congregation!

We rejoice with the family of

**Jacob Lucas**

*Son of Anton & Casey Joubert*



## OCTOBER

**8** - Rescheduled Grace Fest

**18** - Kid's Connection from 5PM - 6:30PM (Fellowship Hall)

**21** - Preschool Playdate @ 11AM (Willams Playground)

**25** - Fall Festival @ 5:30PM (Front Lawn)



## NOVEMBER

**18**- Preschool Playdate @ 11AM (Willams Playground)

**19** - Kid's Connection/Youth Thanksgiving Potluck (& Harvest Procession food sorting)



## CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

Please drop off peanut-free candy and Little Debbie cakes in bin in the Carter lobby by October 20.

*Fall Festival - October 25*

## Kid's Connection

All 1st - 5th graders are welcome to join us the third Sunday of each month from 5:00 - 6:30PM for fun, food and fellowship! Bring a friend!



## Childcare Programs

### OUR WONDERFUL PROGRAM DIRECTORS:

Scotty Adcock, *After School  
Child Care & Summer Day  
Camp Program*  
afterschool@fumcsalisbury.org  
(704)636-3121 x. 116

Kelly Austin, *Preschool*  
kellyhaustin@gmail.com  
(704)636-3121 x. 115

Brittney Lewis,  
*Child Development Center*  
cdc@fumcsalisbury.org  
(704)636-3121 x. 110



## Scouting at FUMC: Troop 442



In October we will be going to the Nantahala Outdoor Center for a raft ride on class 3 rapids. The following day we'll be hiking in the area to Cheoah Overlook. Troop 442 has enjoyed this exciting adventure for decades - see picture on the left from a trip in the mid-90's!







# GROUND ED IN SCRIPTURE PEOPLE OF GOD

## Core Value: Grounded in Scripture

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”

-Philippians 4.8-9 (NRSV)

*“[John] Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason.”*

*- The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2016), ¶ 105, p. 82*

**The Bible is our primary source for understanding and growing in faith.**

Experience

**The Wesleyan  
Quadrilateral**

Reason

Scripture

### Prayer

Thank You, God, for meeting us where we are every day. We are so grateful for the Bible, and the opportunities we have to meet Christ there and learn the way to heaven. May we continue to draw closer to You as we come into Your presence through the words of Scripture each day. *Amen.*

### WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The #BeUMC campaign reminds us of who we are at our best. As people of God called The United Methodist Church, we're faithful followers of Jesus seeking to make the world a better place.

# #BeUMC

# Rowan Helping Ministries Month

## October is Church Awareness Month

Rowan Helping Ministries' Faith Relations Committee is celebrating 'Awareness Month' during the month of October to highlight the work Rowan Helping Ministries does every day to put God's love into action!

To the right you'll find statistics about the ways Rowan Helping Ministries met the needs of so many of our neighbors here in Rowan County over the last year.

For more information about the impact of Rowan Helping Ministries, use the QR code to view this year's Impact Report.



If you are part of a group who would be interested in taking a tour to learn more, you're welcome to talk to FUMC's Faith Relations Ambassadors - Phil Conrad & Jen Fogt, or contact Rowan Helping Ministries' Director of Community Relations - Raeshawn Palmer, [rpalmer@rowanhelpingministries.org](mailto:rpalmer@rowanhelpingministries.org)



**SERVED AND FED THE HUNGRY**  
67,082 meals in Jeannie's Kitchen



**DISTRIBUTED GROCERIES**  
998,377 pounds of food provided to 3,194 households through our three food pantries

**SHELTERED THE HOMELESS**  
727 men, women, and children received shelter services



**PROVIDED MEALS FOR FOOD-INSECURE STUDENTS**  
36,447 bags of shelf-stable food items to 1,067 food-insecure students for the weekends

**OUTREACH FOR HEALTHIER LIVING**  
224 unsheltered individuals took 1,757 showers, 53 received primary medical care; and 99 received behavioral health services with CRCHC. 147 individuals attended group mental health sessions



**PREVENTED HOMELESSNESS**  
\$528,385 in financial assistance vouchers issued to 944 households in crisis to prevent evictions and utility disconnections. 287 shelter guests successfully moved to permanent housing

**PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**  
413 guests participated in classes which taught valuable life skills such as resume building, financial planning, & stress reduction



**VOLUNTEERS are the heart of our organization**  
2,041 volunteers dedicated 35,346 hours of service to our community for a value of \$976,609



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

### Serving Meals in Jeannie's Kitchen

October: Music Ministry  
Dinner, October 14 & Breakfast, October 15

November: Discovery Class  
Dinner, November 9 & Breakfast, November 10  
*Interested in your group serving a meal? Contact Taffy Jordan!*

### Food Packing

Fourth Wednesdays, during the school year  
Next Packing Party:  
October 25, 2:00-3:00pm

*Interested in coming to a packing party? Contact Jen Fogt!*

## Painting in the Youth Room

Thank you to the crew of painters, organized by Rikki Spencer, who recently painted one of the youth rooms upstairs! It looks fantastic, and we can't wait to use the space for Confirmation Classes this fall.



If you like to paint, contact Rikki Spencer or Jen Fogt, we have more to do in the Education Building!

## 5th Sunday Seminary



### Pastor Mark leading discussion

On October 29, Pastor Mark will be leading a study during 5th Sunday Seminary, and discussing ideas put forward about these special 5th Sundays in the future.



NOVEMBER 5TH, 4PM

# CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE FAURÉ REQUIEM



131 W. COUNCIL ST.  
DOWNTOWN SALISBURY

ALL ARE INVITED  
TO COME, LISTEN, PRAY,  
AND REMEMBER THOSE WE LOVE.

**FREE ADMISSION.**

@STLUKESSALISBURY

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AND ANTHEMS BY  
EDGAR BAINTON, GERAINT LEWIS,  
DANIEL GAWTHROP

SOLOISTS: MARK STEPHENSON, BARITONE  
CAROLINE STEPHENSON, SOPRANO  
& ST. LUKE'S CHORISTERS

ORGANIST: MICHAEL ROWLAND

ST. LUKE'S CHOIRS AND GUEST  
SINGERS FROM OUR NEIGHBORING  
CHURCHES - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN,  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST, FIRST  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN &  
SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL AME ZION



## Coming Soon

### Chili Cook-Off November 1

The Community meal on November 1 will also be a chance to put your chili recipe up to the test! Bring a pot of chili to share, and you could win the trophy!

### Harvest Procession November 19

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods, to be donated to Rowan Helping Ministries. Shopping List will be in the November Ecclesia!

### Advent Decorating November 26

The Sundays of Advent this year are December 3, 10, 17, and 24. This means we will be decorating for Advent on Sunday, November 26! It also means that the fourth Sunday of Advent will be on Christmas Eve - yes, we will have both morning and evening worship services that day!

### Do you have an article for the *Ecclesia*?

Send them to Jenni@fumcsalisbury.org with "(Month to be printed) Ecclesia" in the subject line.

Articles should be submitted by the first Friday of the month prior to when you would like it printed.

### Access the Church Calendar Any Time

Access the church calendar any time! Just go to [fumcsalisbury.org](http://fumcsalisbury.org) and look under the "Connect" tab. There you can also find a digital version of the *Ecclesia*.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>1</b> Jay Duke<br>Josh Grenoble                     | <b>14</b> Scott Hunt<br>Carole Ann Duke Young | <b>25</b> Jack Kribbs<br>Charles Steinman               |
| <b>2</b> Linda Smith                                   | <b>15</b>                                     | <b>26</b> Ellen Robertson<br>Tony Nussman               |
| <b>3</b> J. C. Ludwig<br>Jim Poteat                    | <b>16</b> Patty Langford                      | <b>27</b> Millie Weisensel                              |
| <b>4</b> Trevor Watson                                 | <b>17</b> Emily Bosch                         | <b>28</b> Scott Maphis                                  |
| <b>5</b> Gary Ingram<br>Ann Ludwig                     | <b>18</b> Ed Rusher                           | <b>29</b> Jim Calloway<br>Laura Collins<br>Steve Hatley |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>19</b>                                     | <b>30</b> Frances Miller<br>Peggy Price<br>Dena Oldham  |
| <b>7</b> Pat Paschall                                  | <b>20</b> Maggie Rusher                       | <b>31</b> Lynne Johnson<br>Teresa Johnson               |
| <b>8</b> Sally Roberts<br>Todd Steinman                | <b>21</b> Kelly Austin<br>Rosemary Sokolowski |   |
| <b>9</b> Bob Gresham                                   | <b>22</b>                                     |   |
| <b>10</b> Larry Oldham<br>Fred Stanback, Jr.           | <b>23</b> Marcia Carter<br>Megan Leonard      |   |
| <b>11</b>  | <b>24</b> Susan Ogle<br>Autumn Walser         |   |
| <b>12</b> Tammy Livengood<br>Dewey Peck<br>Neil Pierce |   |   |
| <b>13</b> Tom Dissler<br>Nate Shaffer                  |   |   |

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## Upgrading our Curb Appeal



**Have you noticed the upgraded signage our ushers have been displaying on Sunday mornings?**

We recently updated the cones marking visitor & handicap parking spaces to help people identify those spaces when they arrive at church. When you invite friends to church, they'll be welcomed by our signage before they even step out of their car!



## United Methodist Church Structure

### DID YOU KNOW?

CHARLOTTE, NC IS HOSTING THE NEXT  
UNITED METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE!



UNITED METHODISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL BE  
COMING TO NORTH CAROLINA FOR THIS 'ONCE EVERY FOUR  
YEARS' GATHERING APRIL 23 - MAY 3, 2024!

### WHAT IS CHURCH COUNCIL?

UMC Churches are organized by a committee structure, made up of church members who make decisions on behalf of the church body. Groups such as the Finance and Trustees committees are responsible to Church Council. All church members are welcome to attend Church Council meetings, and invited to give their input to committee chairs in-between meetings. Voting members of Church Council include committee chairpersons, the council chair, church lay leader, and a few other positions. Several church staff members serve as ex officio members of the council. A full list of this year's council members can be found in the 2023 Church Profile available on our website.

You can learn more about the structure of our denomination by visiting [www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/structure](http://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/structure)

## Directory Updates



Access the online directory anytime by going to [fumcsalisbury.ctrn.co](http://fumcsalisbury.ctrn.co), following the link on our website (under 'Connect'), or downloading the Online Member Directory app on your smartphone or tablet. Enter the access code **fumcsalisbury** and your unique username and password.

You can update your information at any time, if you would like assistance in updating your information please contact the church office.



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