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## Faithfulness in Forgotten Places Why Small Obedience Matters to God

When the Holy Spirit cultivates his fruit in our lives, he often works in ways we would never pray for (Galatians 5:22–23). To grow the fruit of love in us, he may give us an enemy; to grow the fruit of peace, he may allow conflict to come near. And to grow the fruit of faithfulness, he may send us to forgotten places.

*Forgotten places* are those corners of the world where no one seems to be watching, where our efforts go unseen, unthanked. Perhaps we labor among diapers and dishes, cubicles and emails. Or maybe, more painfully, among unfruitful mission fields, rebellious children, or spouses whose love has cooled. All of us live in forgotten places sometimes; some live there all the time.

### Drudgery as a Disciple

We should beware of underestimating the spiritual strain of such monotonous and seemingly unrewarded toil. The daily duties in forgotten places may be small, but pile them up over months, years, or decades, and you may start to sympathize with Oswald Chambers when he writes,

“We do not need the grace of God to stand crises, human nature and pride are sufficient, we can face the strain magnificently; but it does require the supernatural grace of God to live twenty-four hours in every day as a saint, to go through drudgery as a disciple, to live an ordinary, unobserved, ignored existence as a disciple of Jesus.”

Chambers may overstate his case - but not by much. In truth, the forgotten places can feel like a wilderness, and many days come when we find ourselves searching for something to keep us going, some water from the rock to sustain us in this desert (Psalm 105:41).

We will find it, not in the forgotten places themselves, but in the God who sent us here, who is with us here, and who promises to reward us here.

### God’s Providence

At times, we may stare at the responsibilities in front of us and wonder how we landed here. How did we wander into this wilderness of drab days and hidden obedience? We have be-

come familiar with the backward glance, wondering if we missed a turn somewhere. How clarifying, then, to remember that our life situation is not ultimately a matter of chance, nor of any mistakes we have made, nor even of the string of events leading up to the present, but of God’s providence. The tasks in front of us are, at least for today, God’s assignment to us.

To be sure, God’s providence does not nullify the decision - and perhaps the mistakes or sins - that led us to this station in life, nor does it discourage us from striving after better circumstances: we are more than twigs in the stream of God’s purposes. But God’s providence does teach us to see, as the Heidelberg Catechism puts it, that “leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.” No matter how we got here, the forgotten places are ultimately from our Father’s hand.

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## Western North Carolina Conference Resource Center

SUPPORTING MINISTRY AND DISCIPLESHIP



Did you know that you can borrow books, DVDs, curriculum, VBS starter kits, canvas labyrinths, and more from the conference?

The Resource Center is a **FREE** lending library for all United Methodist churches in the Western North Carolina Conference.

We offer resources for Sunday School, small groups, Stephen Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, youth group, stewardship campaigns, sermon preparation, personal devotion, and much more. With more than 6,000 resources, we are sure to have something to fit your needs!



### NOTE FROM THE RESOURCE CENTER

Though we won't be onsite for this year's annual conference, we are still here to provide for your needs.

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## Friends of the Lake 5K Road Race, Walk & Kids' Fun Run



The Friends of the Lake 5K Road Race, Walk & Kids' Fun Run is a charitable event to support the recreation opportunities of Lake Junaluska through the Friends of the Lake program. Profits support the annual maintenance and improvement of the recreation areas so that Lake Junaluska continues to be a place where the community can enjoy the walking trail, gardens and breathtaking vistas. The Friends of the Lake 5K Road Race, Walk and Kids Fun Run has been rescheduled from April 11<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Labor Day).

For more information visit: <https://www.yadkinvalleydistrictumc.org/event/13615693>



## ***Forgotten Places***

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Over and again, God describes our own plans and efforts as significant, but his as decisive - even over the most personal matters of life. He determines when and where we live (Acts 17:26). He assigns to us a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). He apportions spiritual gifts as he wills (1 Corinthians 12:11). He entrusts to us a number of talents - whether five, two, or just one (Matthew 25:15). He gives us a specific ministry (Colossians 4:17). He even calls us to a particular life (1 Corinthians 7:17).

In time, this forgotten place may give way to somewhere different - and depending on the circumstances, we may be wise to seek that change. But for now, we can look at the responsibilities in front of us and say with relief, "My Father's hand has led me here."

### **God's Pleasure**

God not only sends us to the forgotten places, however; he also meets us there. When we labor in obscurity, he is near (Psalm 139:5). When our work escapes the notice of every human eye, it does not escape his (Luke 12:7). He catches every whispered prayer, every Godward groan. He stands ready at every moment to mark the smallest tasks we perform in faith.

The wise man tells us why: "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight" (Proverbs 12:22). God delights not mainly in the greatness of the work, but in the faithfulness of the worker. What else could explain the New Testament's insistence that even the lowest, most invisible members of society are "serving the Lord Christ" when they walk faithfully in their callings (Colossians 3:24)? The smallest duties done in faith become duties done for Christ.

The missionary Hudson Taylor was fond of saying, "A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a great thing." Cooking a meal, filling a spreadsheet, buying groceries, wiping a child's nose — these are little things. But if done faithfully for Christ's sake, they become greater than all the tri-

umphs and trophies of an unbelieving world. They become the delight of our watching Lord.

### **God's Promise**

Once we have traced God's providence in the past and felt his pleasure in the present, he would have us consider the future, when all our obedience will be rewarded.

When many Christians imagine judgment day, we assume the spotlight will fall on the grand acts of sin and righteousness. And surely it will — but not only. Remarkably, when Jesus and the apostles speak of that day, they often focus on life's ordinary moments.

"On the day of judgment people will give account for *every careless word* they speak," Jesus tells us (Matthew 12:36). On the other hand, God will reward his people for the smallest good works they do by his grace: for giving to the needy (Matthew 6:4), for praying in the closet (Matthew 6:6), for fasting in secret (Matthew 6:18), even for giving a cup of cold water to one of Christ's disciples (Matthew 10:42).

The apostle Paul similarly writes that "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 5:10). But then in Ephesians he clarifies the kind of *good* he has in mind: not just extravagant good, impressive good, or above-average good, but "whatever good" (Ephesians 6:8). Come judgment day, every scrap of unseen obedience will find its fitting reward.

Living and dying in forgotten places, then, is no infallible index of our labor in God's eyes. Many saints, in fact, will not know the true worth of what they've done for Christ until Christ himself tells them (Matthew 25:37–40).

### **Exceptional in the Ordinary**

Chambers, after remarking on the grace required to endure drudgery as a disciple, goes on to write, "It is inbred in us that we have to do exceptional things for God; but we have not. We have to be exceptional in the ordinary things, to

be holy in mean streets, among mean people, and this is not learned in five minutes."

Again, Chambers may slightly overstate his case. God sometimes *does* call us to do exceptional things for him: to adopt children, to launch ministries, to plant churches, to move overseas. But the point still holds, because none of us will do anything exceptional unless we have first learned, through ten thousand steps of faithfulness, to be exceptional in the ordinary.

We are not on our own here. Faithfulness, remember, is a fruit of the Spirit. And to bear that fruit in us, he would have us treasure up the providence, the pleasure, and the promises of God that hem us in behind and before, and follow us into every forgotten place.

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# LORD,

look at my family  
with your eyes of love,  
Help us to face  
difficult times.

I pray you fill our  
hearts with your peace.

Lord, I know  
we can overcome  
every problem with you.



*Little Church Mouse*  
© Ged Beckland / Hutch 2016

## Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries (DBOM) Offering will take place on Sunday August 23rd

For 21 years DBOM has offered volunteer led Disciple Bible Study ministry in our state and federal prisons and juvenile training schools. Thousands of inmates have received ministry from DBOM. Now, in light of changing times, DBOM is revisioning to provide even greater work among our churches! While DBOM will continue to offer sound Bible teaching, DBOM will respond to urgent societal needs to adding advocacy, education and prison reform to her work. Soon you will be hearing much more about this! Please keep DBOM strong by participating in the special offering. You can give members of your congregation an opportunity to give individually or make a general church or mission budget donation to DBOM.



*Offering ministry in both  
prisons and pews.*

August 23rd is DBOM Offering Sunday

**Your gift can help an inmate  
find a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ!**

**Please support Disciple Bible Outreach Sunday 2020**

Give online at [www.disciplebibleoutreach.org](http://www.disciplebibleoutreach.org)  
or mail your offering to:  
**Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries**  
**PO Box 358**  
**Oak Island, NC 28465**



*While cement walls, razor wire, and locked  
gates remind us of our past mistakes, your  
ministry reminds us that we are not beyond  
of the redemptive love of Jesus Christ."*  
**Disciple Prison Participant**

## Sunday Lectionary Readings



### 9th Sunday after Pentecost

*August 2, 2020*

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

### 10th Sunday after Pentecost

*August 9, 2020*

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

### 11th Sunday after Pentecost

*August 16, 2020*

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

### 12th Sunday after Pentecost

*August 23, 2020*

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

### 13th Sunday after Pentecost

*August 30, 2020*

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

### Special Sunday in August

On August 23rd, United Methodist Churches throughout North Carolina will join in a special offering to support the ministry of Disciple Bible Outreach. The goals for the Disciple Prison Ministry are:

1. To facilitate DISCIPLE groups in order for all class members to become more biblically literate and spiritually nourished.
2. To make more devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
3. To educate inmates on how to witness about their faith to others and live as disciples.
4. To open the hearts of many congregations to the needs of prison ministry.



# WESTERN NC CONFERENCE | 2020 PROGRAM AND REPORTS

## STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2019

Compiled from the Report of the Pastors and Local Churches  
Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Description	2018	2019	Difference
<b>MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION</b>			
Total professing members reported at the close of last year	275,988	271,578	1% Decrease
Received this year on Profession of Faith through confirmation	1,538	1,286	16% Decrease
Received this year on Profession of Faith other than confirmation	1,400	1,333	4% Decrease
Membership restored by Affirmation of Faith	324	280	13% Decrease
Added by correction	287	241	16% Decrease
Transferred in from another United Methodist Church	2,092	1,900	9% Decrease
Transferred in from a non-United Methodist Church	1,208	1,227	1% Increase
Removed by Charge Conference Action	3,215	2,026	36% Decrease
Withdrawn from Professing Membership	862	1,763	104% Increase
Removed by Correction	1,835	1,166	36% Decrease
Transferred out to another United Methodist Church	1,251	1,359	8% Increase
Transferred out to a non-United Methodist Church	617	747	21% Increase
Removed by death/deceased	3,424	3,332	2% Decrease
<b>TOTAL PROFESSING MEMBERS</b> reported at the close of this year	<b>271,621</b>	<b>267,233</b>	<b>1% Decrease</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>TOTAL CHURCH INCOME</b>	<b>\$273,871,540</b>	<b>\$265,722,637</b>	<b>2% Decrease</b>
<b>ASSETS AND EXPENSES</b>			
<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$250,954,849</b>	<b>\$266,795,180</b>	<b>6% Increase</b>



### THE DUKE ENDOWMENT

Strong Rural Churches Strengthen Their Communities

THE DUKE ENDOWMENT was formed in December 1924 by the industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, who famously said that if it were not for his father and The Methodist Church, he would not have amounted to anything.

When forming his endowment, Duke named four areas of focus: higher education, health care, child welfare, and rural United Methodist churches in North Carolina. For almost 96 years, the endowment has engaged

Theirs are powerful and faithful stories, which you may experience at the Rural Church Development website:

<http://dukeendowment.org/program-areas/rural-church>.

United Methodist Churches have deep roots across North Carolina and play pivotal roles within rural districts. In addition to being centers of weekly worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals, these churches are home to community events, food pantries and

with rural churches to strengthen their ministries all across the conference and state.

Formed by the grace and love of God, and led by the spirit, rural churches understand what it means to “love their neighbors.”

child care centers. By developing rural United Methodist churches and supporting their clergy leaders, we aim to expand church outreach across North Carolina. We work collaboratively with the North Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences of the United Methodist Church and Duke Divinity School to help rural churches serve their neighbors.

In 2019, the Rural Church program area of the endowment made 51 new grants totaling over \$35.2 million, including a \$12 million, five-year award to Duke Divinity School to strengthen the M.Div. degree and reimagine the heart of Methodism, to continue to bolster the clergy leadership pool in the Western North Carolina Conference.



## Western North Carolina Annual Conference DISTRICT REPORTS - YADKIN VALLEY DISTRICT

The Yadkin Valley District engaged in some exciting ministries and is awaiting the passing of the pandemic to implement other plans.

The Justice and Reconciliation team has experienced renewal under the leadership of its part-time staff person, Dr. Jack Lawson. Meeting regularly, they have plans for a “working/learning pilgrimage” to the US/Mexico border, in order to engage in ministry and become more aware of the situations in detention centers. Moreover, several notable Truth Cafes were held throughout the district. Two Truth Cafes were especially high in impact. In Mount Airy, churches of several denominations participated along with many civic leaders. As a town, Mount Airy adopted the results of the Truth Café as their plan to move toward racial and economic reconciliation. In Clemmons, Centenary UMC hosted a Truth Café with three congregations – a predominately Anglo, African-American and Hispanic congregation.

Dr. Vincent Howell is working on follow-up strategies for the congregations to implement together.

The district had several laypersons “go deeper” in Biblical studies, theological understanding, spiritual growth and missions through participation in Neighborhood Seminary, hosted by High Point University. United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men remain strong.

Church Vitality had a very active year, meeting nearly monthly under the leadership of the Rev. Darren Crotts and Vitality Associate the Rev. Randy Blanchard. Their time together has resulted in offering resources, guidance and spiritual support to a number of initiatives. The sale proceeds of an urban church (which according to The Book of Discipline ear-marks funding for urban ministry) resulted in strong support of an exciting new missional ministry being birthed at St. Paul’s UMC, Winston-Salem. In addition, support was continued for the vibrant, Kingdom-shaping mission church, New Story. Numerous Fresh Expressions and dinner churches were established and the Rev. Marilyn Weiler joined the vitality team as the liaison and guide for these endeavors. A lively, effective cooperative parish, Anchor Parish, has entered its second year of existence, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Lauren Anderson. The district is also excited about a new church start in Mount Airy under the leadership of the Rev. Diane Harper. Pine Grove, Kernersville has finished the conference Transformation Journey

and is now moving into the implementation phase. Additionally, Central Terrace in Winston-Salem is one of the pilot churches for ImagineHub.

Three years ago, appreciative inquiry missional network charge conferences led to the establishing of “ministry equipping priorities” for the district to offer to the congregations. The theme for this year was “equipping the saints for generosity.” The first event in generosity occurred at this conference year’s rounds of missional network charge conferences. Other events planned in conjunction with Duke Divinity School were postponed due to the pandemic.

This year does bring with it the ending of an experiment in the form of a missional, monastic community, The Foundry House, on the campus of the Crossnore Children’s Home and School. This ministry effort, in conjunction with the Wake Forest School of Divinity, Missional Wisdom, Crossnore, and the district reached near capacity this year, but graduation of student residents led the leadership team to determine that the project would conclude this August.

Churches of all sizes have responded wonderfully to the pandemic and are carrying on ministry in unique, faithful, and creative ways, while praying and longing for the day when the UM Christians in the Yadkin Valley may congregate once again.

*Mike Bailey,  
District Superintendent*



*Just a friendly  
reminder...*



The United Methodist Women should be reading their 5 categories of books. From captivating novels and heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues such as climate change and mass incarceration, there’s something for everyone. The books are at church (newer classroom by bathrooms in fellowship hall) and can be picked up and dropped off there.

Or visit <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram> and select any publications from 2016 - 2020 and get the selection from libraries, local bookstores or online.





JESUS CLEANS  
THE HEART  
WE DISINFECT  
THE PEW

CALVARY FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH

FAITH NOT CANCELLED  
HOPE NOT CLOSED  
LOVE NOT QUARANTINED  
PASTOR DAYTON STAMEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 SUNDAY EVENING 6:00  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 WEDNESDAY 7:00

JESUS CAN WASH AWAY  
SIN. BUT YOU'VE STILL GOT  
TO WASH YOUR HANDS

Northlake Lutheran  
Church

WASH HANDS  
DON'T TOUCH FACE  
HYGENESIS 24:7  
STAY HOME. NO  
SUNDAY WORSHIP

 **RESCUE**   
United Methodist Church

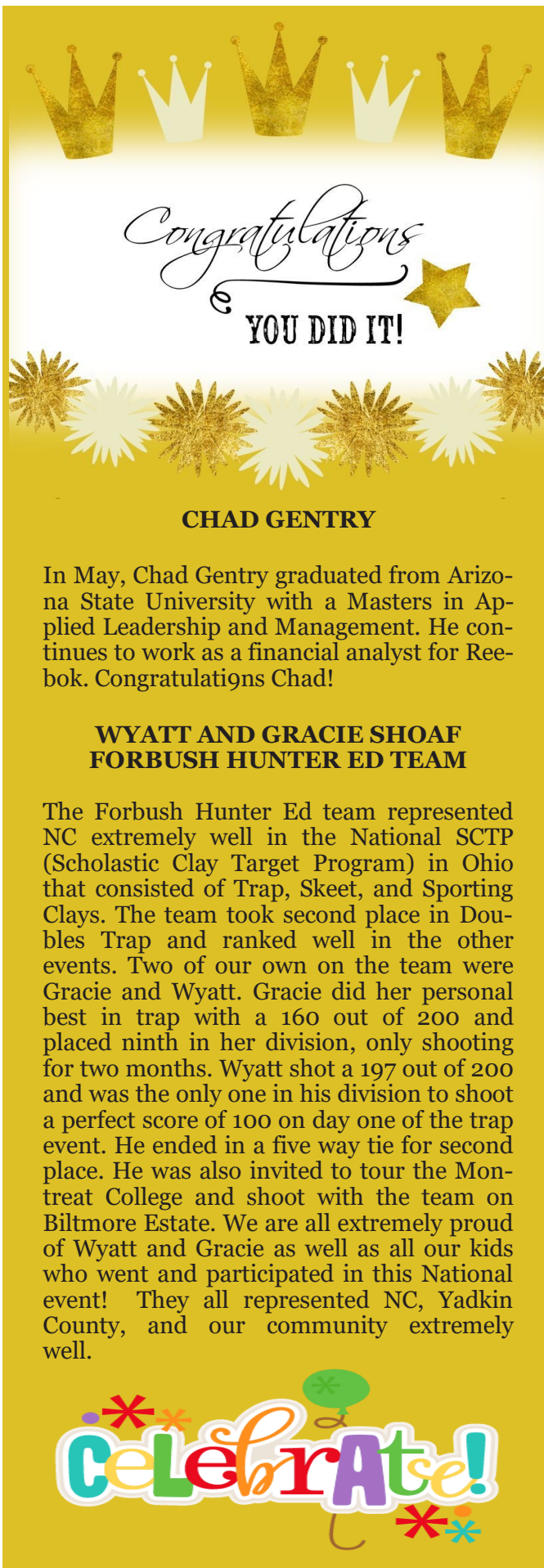
JOIN US SUNDAY  
WE HAVE JESUS  
AND TOILET PAPER

SOUTHEAST BAPTIST  
CHURCH  God with us  
in us & through us

WASH YOUR HANDS & SAY  
YOUR PRAYERS CAUSE JESUS  
& GERMS ARE EVERYWHERE

EDGEWOOD  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Open and Affirming

SERVICES  
CANCELLED  
GOD MAKING  
HOUSE CALLS




### CHAD GENTRY

In May, Chad Gentry graduated from Arizona State University with a Masters in Applied Leadership and Management. He continues to work as a financial analyst for Reebok. Congratulations Chad!

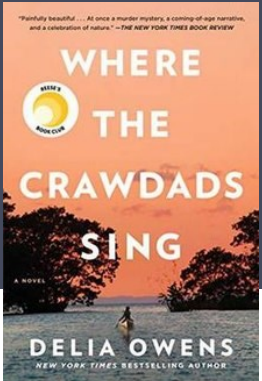
### WYATT AND GRACIE SHOAF FORBUSH HUNTER ED TEAM

The Forbush Hunter Ed team represented NC extremely well in the National SCTP (Scholastic Clay Target Program) in Ohio that consisted of Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. The team took second place in Doubles Trap and ranked well in the other events. Two of our own on the team were Gracie and Wyatt. Gracie did her personal best in trap with a 160 out of 200 and placed ninth in her division, only shooting for two months. Wyatt shot a 197 out of 200 and was the only one in his division to shoot a perfect score of 100 on day one of the trap event. He ended in a five way tie for second place. He was also invited to tour the Montreat College and shoot with the team on Biltmore Estate. We are all extremely proud of Wyatt and Gracie as well as all our kids who went and participated in this National event! They all represented NC, Yadkin County, and our community extremely well.





**“Where the Crawdads Sing”**  
by Delia Owens



Set in Barkley Cove, a fictional town in North Carolina, this story of intrigue about the “Marsh Girl,” is about the survival of a sensitive and intelligent child, as she coped for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. It is a coming-of-age story entwined in a tale of possible murder. The author reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

*Recommended by Sharon Gentry*



## Secret Sisters

Please remember to reach out to your secret heart sister! Send her unexpected gifts, cards, poems and prayers, encouraging her until the big reveal later in the year.

Secret Sisters promote gentle, routine, one-way communication. Turn the secret sister experience into a joyful time of caring and support for someone special!

- Mail her a note or card.
- Have a friend drop off a small token of appreciation.
- If she attends the Sunday outdoor service, leave her a nice little surprise there.

Above all, remember to pray for your sister. It is so special knowing that there is someone who is praying for you every day!



# What's happening

## August 2020

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23	24	25			28	29
30	31					

Stay Tuned.  
Coming Soon!

happy birthday  
we want to celebrate you!



## August Birthdays

Henry Logan	8/2	Joseph Sikes	8/14
Gracie Shoaf	8/3	Kaden Conrad	8/21
Debi Binkley	8/4	Steve Doub	8/21
Darrell Doub	8/5	Justin Phillips	8/28
B. Kearn Reece	8/9	Austin Pardue	8/29
Carolyn Smitherman	8/9	Kerry Hauser	8/29
Betty Jo Wyatt	8/11	Chad Shoaf	8/30



On Sunday, July 19, East Bend United held a food drive for Yadkin Christian Ministries. This was a joint effort of Baltimore, East Bend, Mount Pleasant, New Hope, Prospect, Shady

Grove, and Stony Knoll UMC. This amazing group braved the extreme heat to collect 1,178 pantry items and \$300 in cash. We had a special young visitor. Alana Doub came by to deliver a vehicle filled with food. For her birthday party, she requested food items for this event. Thanks to those who organized this successful event. These congregations did an amazing job getting the message out to the community. We appreciate all who participated with a food or monetary gift. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring community.





## Tools for Connecting with People Living with Dementia when Behaviors are Challenging

In this session we will introduce Teepa Snow's GEMS dementia classification model to guide communication and effective engagement to better connect with the person living with dementia. Our goal is to help facilitate positive, supportive communication between the caregiver and the person being cared for. We will also demonstrate and describe verbal and physical techniques to increase the probability of positive

interactions. The overall goal of the session is to reduce or minimize unproductive conversations and resistive behaviors by using effective verbal and physical skills.

Shelly Edwards is a Positive Approach certified trainer and consultant who has specialized in dementia caregiver support for thirteen years. She is the Development Coordinator for Positive Approach, which is the

organization headed by Teepa Snow, who is regarded as the leading dementia trainer and consultant around the world. She has been a trainer for Oregon Care Partners since its inception in 2014, providing classes about dementia, challenging behaviors, and communication skills for care partners of all types. Shelly is a member of Portland First United Methodist Church.

### Webinar Registration:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xlNOXxPsQoSpfutw9Vxzmg?timezone\\_id=America%2FNew\\_York](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xlNOXxPsQoSpfutw9Vxzmg?timezone_id=America%2FNew_York)



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CARING FOR OR IMPROVING YOUR CHURCH'S PROGRAM OF HISTORY?

### Are you interested in caring for or improving your church's program of history?

The General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church will be offering a Local Church Historian School in 2020 for church historians—or anyone interested in the story of their church.

This is the same school developed and offered by the Indiana Conference in the past, now updated, and being offered by the General Commission on

Archives and History to any United Methodist church globally.\*

The Local Church Historian School curriculum will cover a wide range of skills necessary to become a "complete" church historian. Participating congregations will benefit from a new consciousness of their heritage and legacy and be motivated to study their unique stories and proclaim it to those around them. LCHS is a 12-week long course that allows participants to move at their own pace through a series of exercises. Each week participants will receive reading material and an assignment(s) via email. They can then move at their own pace to get through the readings and complete the assignment—even if it takes them longer than 12 weeks. During the course, they will have access to an assigned moderator for any questions that might arise as well as access to a closed Facebook group with other course participants. Once completed, the participant will receive a certificate from GCAH.

The Book of Discipline says our Com-

mission is "to encourage and assist the local churches in preserving their records, compiling their histories and celebrating their heritage...." This school provides United Methodists the opportunity to do just that.

**The school will begin on September, 14, 2020.** Plan now to use this opportunity to ensure that the heritage of each of our churches will be celebrated and that each church can receive the full benefit of its own amazing story.

Register here for the online course: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/MMsXW6v/LCHS>

*\*The only prerequisite for the Local Church Historian School is access to dependable email service. (Minimal computer skills are required.)*

**For more information about the offerings and resources of the General Commission on Archives & History, visit: [www.GCAH.org](http://www.GCAH.org).**





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## Want to Get Involved at BUMC?

At BUMC, we encourage everyone to get involved. There are many ways to join in:



Provide Flowers for a Sunday Service  
Join the United Methodist Women  
Volunteer as a Nursery Attendant  
Join the United Methodist Men  
Join the Table Talk Group  
Become an usher  
Join the Choir



## Office Hours

The Church Office is open Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would like to add birthdays and anniversaries to our monthly calendar.

## BUMC Phone Tree

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## Schedule of Services

Baltimore United Methodist Church worship services start at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Worship is followed by Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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