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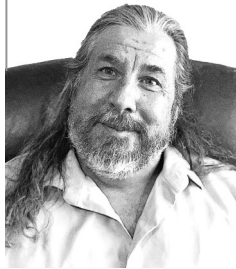
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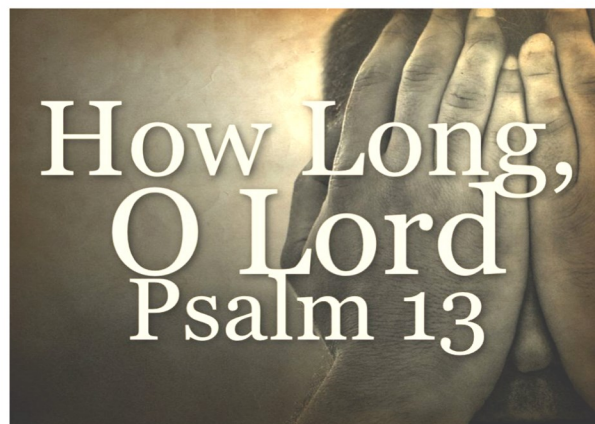
Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and God's blessings of peace, hope, and assurance.

If you're like most people in this world, you are probably crying out "How Long, Lord." I know that I have. How long till some sort of normalcy returns? How long till some safety and security can be realized again? How long (add any partition that you like). This year thus far has definitely been one for

the history books. Life itself is more polarized than I have seen in my life; politics, race, gender, nationality, the haves and the have nots. A virus that cannot be seen without a microscope brought the world to a halt with restrictions of personal and collective movement that has laid waste to many economies. The tropics have been overactive to say the least and there has never been 2 hurricanes in the Gulf at the same time until now.

While our "How Long, Lord" questions are valid, I believe that God shows us through the Psalmist' in Psalm 13 a cry that will better our lives and deepen our personal relationship with our creator, because it focuses us toward God. Maybe 2020 is going to be year of clearer vision for each of us more than we could have ever realized. Could God be using this year to awaken the world to his presence and disappointment? Could God be using this year to awaken his children how far they have strayed? I believe so! The Psalmist' cries out in the seeming Lord's absence. Pleading and screaming for his presence. Only ending in praise and thanksgiving.

Will you join me children of the living God in refocusing our cry of how long?



How long, Lord, until my self-centeredness and hatred are defeated? How long, Lord until I can love as you love? How long, Lord until I trust you more than myself? How long, Lord until the world will realize your presence? Because if we will, a revival will burst forth in us and through us setting our world on fire for God!

Shalom  
Pastor Chad



## Who's Who at BUMC

Pastor

Pastor Chad Shoaf

Administrative Council Chair

Brian Logan

Treasurer

Kelly Speer

SPPRC Chair

Avalon Doub

Parsonage Chair

Bill McMurray

Nurture

Michelle Doub

Outreach

TBD

Witness

TBD

Lay Leader

Steve Gentry

Lay Delegate

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Deborah Wyatt

## JOIN US



The ladies of the church are looking for people who would like to crochet or knit lap blankets/shawls for shut-ins or people staying in Hospice Home.

Don't know how to crochet? NO problem! Shirley Doub will teach you! What a great chance to learn a new skill, enjoy some fellowship, and do something nice for our community.

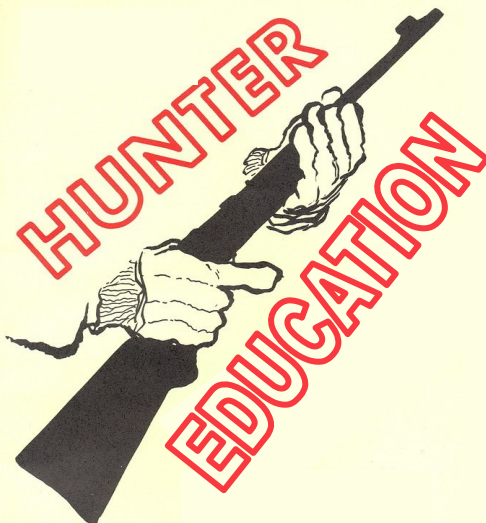
The more people who participate, the more lap blankets/shawls we can make.

We are looking to start sometime in September. Time and place are yet to be determined and will depend on the number of people interested and the schedules of everyone involved.

If interested, please contact Shirley Doub @ 336-830-4132 or Debbie Griffin @ 336-961-6978. Please come join in on good fun and fellowship! Guaranteed to enjoy!



# FORBUSH



**BBQ  
Chicken  
Plate Sale!**

**October 3rd  
Pick-Up  
at the High School**

Plates will include  
1/2 chicken, slaw,  
beans, roll and  
dessert for \$15  
per plate.

Each ticket also has 4 chances to win.

1st place is for a gun.

2nd place is for \$100.

3rd & 4th place is for \$50 each.

*Tickets can be procured from the Shoaf family*



**The 2020 WNC Annual Conference** session was held virtually via various streaming platforms (including the WNC Facebook and YouTube livestreams) on Saturday, August 8th, 2020. Various petitions were put forth for a vote. All of the petitions passed easily. The issues were mostly routine personnel changes, budgetary proposals, and procedural “house-keeping” items. The more noteworthy happenings were churches that requested disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church for reasons of conscience. Also several churches were approved for closure due to low enrollment and/or insolvency.

All of the petition items voted on can be found in this document:

<http://wnc-email.brtapp.com/files/websites/www/blog/2020.supplement.final.pdf>

The actual streamed conference can be viewed here: <https://www.wnccumc.org/streamac>

Listed below are details of the more noteworthy petitions put forth for a vote:

### DISAFFILIATING CHURCHES

The Special Session of the General Conference in February 2019 created a pathway for churches to leave the denomination under certain circumstances. ¶ 2553 allows a church to disaffiliate “for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the *Book of Discipline* related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow.”

¶ 2553 stipulates that the church must hold a church conference whereby at least 2/3 of the members in attendance vote to disaffiliate. The church then negotiates a “disaffiliation agreement” with the Conference Board of Trustees. Finally, the annual conference must approve the agreement. The following churches requested disaffiliation under ¶ 2553 of the 2016 *Book of Discipline* at this session of the annual conference:

The following churches requested and were approved for disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church:

Bethel UMC (Midland),	Hardison UMC (Mocksville)
Brown’s View UMC (Bostic)	Mount Pleasant UMC (Thomasville)
Cedar Grove UMC (Bostic)	Mount Zion UMC (Lenoir)
Golden Valley UMC (Bostic)	

### RESOLUTIONS OF CHURCH DISCONTINUANCE AND ABANDONMENT

The following churches were approved for closure:

Brevard’s Chapel UMC (Lincoln County)	Peachtree UMC (Cherokee County)
Columbus UMC (Polk County)	Pine Bluff UMC (Cabarrus County)
Davis Chapel UMC (Buncombe County)	Plaza UMC (Mecklenburg County)
Grace UMC (Cleveland County)	Rosman UMC (Transylvania County)
Hanes UMC (Forsyth County)	Siloam UMC (Davidson County)
Lilesville UMC (Anson County)	Swannanoa UMC (Buncombe County)
Louisa Chapel UMC (Haywood County)	Transou UMC (Ashe County)
Main Street UMC (Rowan County)	White’s Chapel UMC (Randolph County)
Northwood UMC (Guilford County)	





# PODCAST

A podcast from the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Twice a month, we feature local experts on a variety of topics from leadership to innovation and share examples of churches in our conference reaching their communities

in new ways. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, defined Means of Grace as the outward signs, words or actions that are the ordinary channels conveying God's grace to the souls of people. We break them into two categories – works of piety – like prayer, studying the scriptures, worshipping together and sharing in the sacraments – and works of mercy – doing good works, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, seeking justice, and working to end oppression and discrimination. So when we're talking about leadership or discipleship or an outreach initiative, it's about more than doing a program well, it's a means of God's grace to the world. Rev. Kim Ingram, Rev. Luke Edwards, Jesse Enniss and Melissa McGill host. Our theme song was written and performed by Rev. Kyle Sigmon, an ordained deacon and a talented musician in Boone, NC. Find us on iTunes, Spotify, Google Play or wherever you get your podcasts. Or listen here:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/means-of-grace/id1480784039>



Don't miss another edition of the BUMC newsletter! Get it automatically delivered to your inbox every month.

Send an email to

[DeborahWyatt@protonmail.com](mailto:DeborahWyatt@protonmail.com)

if you would like to get on the monthly email distribution list.



## Sign up for United Methodist Women News!

United Methodist Women News is a free newspaper published by the United Methodist Women National Office highlighting recent events and issues happening within the organization and its members. Stay in touch and informed! You can sign up for the e-news, including choosing the topics that interest you most:

Visit: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/umwnews>

## Sunday Lectionary Readings



### 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149 or Psalm 148

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

### 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

or Psalm 78

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

### 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

## A CLOSER LOOK AT THE OFFERING - WEBINAR

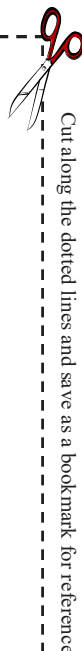
Churches are struggling with the decline in people using checks or carrying cash, and the rise of digital money to take care of financial commitments. It has left many to question whether "passing the plate" is a relevant part of worship. In the present pandemic as many look ahead at protocols for reopening in-person worship, the question is even more pressing. Join us for this webinar as Ken Sloane and his guest Dr. Ed Phillips share a discussion of the past, present, and future of "the offering" in worship as the vehicle for funding ministry, and what might be best practices as we move into the future

DATE: Thursday, Sept 10, 2020

TIME: 8:00 PM

WEBINAR SIGN-UP:

[www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/september-10-2020-a-closer-look-at-the-offering](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/september-10-2020-a-closer-look-at-the-offering)



## Clemmons Farmers Market



The Village of Clemmons is committed to providing a venue for the Clemmons Farmers Market where local farmers, producers, and bakers provide a variety of products directly to the community. The market inspires open communication between growers and consumers, promotes eating fresh and buying local, and provides a wide variety of nutritional food choices. We are a producer-only market: our farmers, growers, and bakers only sell items they make, bake, or grow themselves.

Where: Jerry Long Family YMCA  
1150 S Peace Haven Road  
Clemmons, NC 27012

When: Saturday 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26  
: 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM



## Latest news

## from the Nominations Committee

Committee positions at BUMC usually entail a 2 to 3 year commitment. Generally after the commitment ends, the person in the position automatically "rolls off" and a replacement is selected by the Nominations Committee.

Due to COVID-19, most committees have been unusually inactive this year and it doesn't seem likely, at this point, that things will change considerably anytime soon.

Given this lack of activity, the Nominations Committee is proposing that all committee members consider extending their commitment for one more year. So, for example, if you were set to "roll off" in 2020, you would now "roll off" in 2021. Likewise if you were set to "roll off" in 2021, you would now "roll off" in 2022.

Please contact Pastor Chad if you have any questions or concerns.

Psalm 56:9-13

**This I know: God is for me  
IN HIM I TRUST.  
I shall not be afraid.  
FOR GOD HAS DELIVERED ME  
That I may walk before Him  
IN THE LIGHT OF LIFE.**

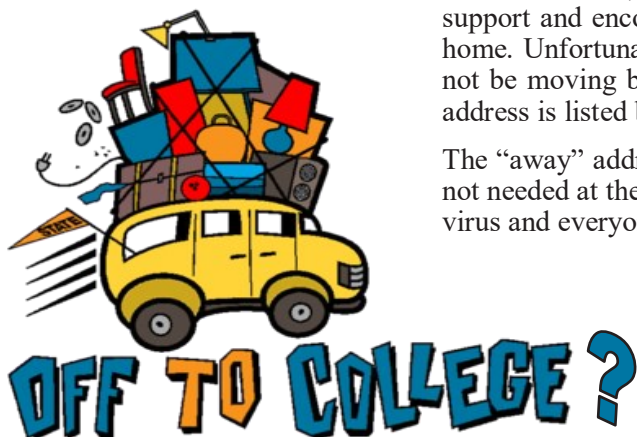
# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Amanda Pardue	9/1	Melissa J. Hutchens	9/15
Holly Logan	9/3	Michelle Doub	9/22
Shannon Young	9/4	Jeff Bruce	9/22
Emma Gentry	9/6	Bessie Boggs	9/26
Martha Wall	9/6	Kayly Connor	9/27
Zola Speer	9/8	Bill Griffin	9/27
Chad Gentry	9/11	Brian Logan	9/27
Shelby Bruce	9/12	LeAnn Doub	9/29
Taylor Young	9/12		





*Like everything else in 2020*, nothing about going off to college this year was normal. Usually, for first year college students, teary-eyed moms wave good-bye as their off-spring leave the nest for the first time. Returning students pack up eagerly anticipating resuming their college life. Well...that part went off as usual. However, college life was short-lived for many students as COVID-19 outbreaks caused students to return home shortly after they had gotten settled in. How disappointing! It's looking like the college experience will be mostly virtual for awhile.



Here at BUMC, many people enjoy sending cards and notes, with words of support and encouragement, to our college students while they're away from home. Unfortunately for our students, for now anyhow, only Anna Doub will not be moving back home. If you would like to send her a card, her "away" address is listed below.

The "away" addresses of our other students are listed below as well. Though not needed at the moment, tuck them away because there will be an end to this virus and everyone will return to college at some point. Right?

In the meantime, if you run across one of our homebound students, stop and give them a virtual hug. And, as always, don't forget to keep them all in your prayers.



# "NOT SO FAST!" says COVID-19!

**Anna Doub (ECU)**  
206 S. Library Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

**Kala Doub (Appalachian)**  
355 Old East King St.  
Building 355, Apt. 102  
Boone, NC 28607

**Natalie Doub (ECU)**  
Greene Hall 1009  
East Carolina University  
1000 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

**Jack Logan (NC State)**  
2730 Wolf Village Way  
Unit 1194  
Raleigh, NC 27607

**Austin Pardue (UNC)**  
Room 237  
555 Paul Hardin Drive  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Ansleigh Reid (ECU)**  
Greene Hall 1009  
East Carolina University  
Greenville, NC 27858

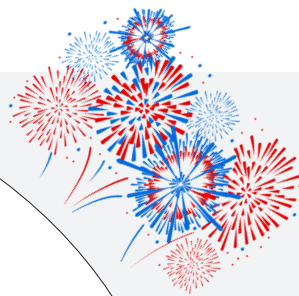


*Just a friendly reminder...*



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.



## GOD AND COUNTRY FIREWORKS

The God & Country Fireworks will be Saturday September 5th at dusk. The location is the Rec facility just behind the East Bend Senior Center.

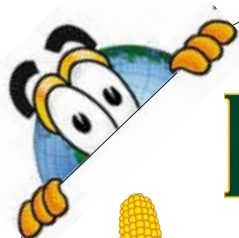
## The Sixth Annual North Carolina Folk Festival will showcase live performances in movie format on September 11 - 13

The North Carolina Folk Festival is proud to announce our 2020 Virtual Concert Series is coming to a monitor near you September 11th through 13th! Join us via television broadcast, the internet, or good old fashioned radio for three days of our socially distanced celebration of North Carolina's rich cultural heritage through music, dance, crafts, and more! All for FREE!

While the continued threat COVID-19 poses to public health here in North Carolina prevents us from being able to hold our in-person event safely, now more than ever we are in need of the space the festival provides to connect with one another, reaffirm the value of people of color in our community, and remind us of traditions that have gotten us through hard times before. Whether you are a long time festival goer or new comer looking for a way to pass the time at home, the North Carolina Folk Festival's 2020 Virtual Concert Series has a bit of hurting, healing, and hope to offer everyone in this moment.

Expect over 10 live performances by some of your favorite North Carolina artists filmed at iconic Greensboro locations

For more information, visit:  
<https://ncfolkfestival.com/virtual-event/>



# YADKIN FARMERS Market



**TUESDAYS**  
3 PM - 6 PM  
9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29

**SATURDAYS**  
9 AM - 1 PM  
9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

Yadkinville may be a small town, but the bounty of the market offerings are vast! Any given week we have an assortment of locally grown produce, locally raised and butchered meats, flowers, potted plants, herbs, dried teas, eggs, and kombucha - even locally made dog treats!

1141 Tennessee St  
Yadkinville NC



*Enjoy a Front Row Seat Safely at Home*  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13, 2020**

NC Artists in New Pre-Recorded Live  
Performances at Iconic Greensboro Locations

Each Day a New 2-Hour Performance  
Streamed Online



This movie format is "not your average virtual experience." Produced in partnership with Emmy Award-Winning 7 Cinematics.



# WNCC UMW ANNUAL CELEBRATION

BY ZOOM WEBINAR  
September 26 & 27



The WNCC UMW Program Committee has made the decision to cancel our Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska for September 11-13, 2020.

Our Annual Celebration will be a virtual event via Zoom Webinar on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27. It will be necessary to register for the free Zoom Webinar. More information soon on this process. [Watch the Annual Celebration page of our website](#) for updates.

Lake Junaluska has been very gracious in regard to our agreement. We've had a long relationship with them and we greatly appreciate the understanding they have shown to us. We look forward to the day when we can return to the Lake for another United Methodist Women event!

## WHEN

Saturday, September 26, 2020 to  
Sunday, September 27, 2020

[Add to my calendar](#)

## Email

[ssjsmars@charter.net](mailto:ssjsmars@charter.net)

## Contact

Joanie Strohm

**Online Registration is free and will  
open on September 1, 2020**

For more information, visit:  
<https://wnccumw.org/events/annual-celebration-2020/>

## HAPPY LABOR DAY



## The Worker's Prayer

Lord, I thank You for this job and  
the blessings it provides.  
May You watch over me this day  
and keep me safe from harm.  
Create in me a willing spirit  
and happy heart.  
Grant me the ambition to work hard  
and give me the strength to finish  
what I have started.  
May my hands always be prepared  
to help lighten another's load.  
And finally, Lord, remind me that  
the quality of my work is a reflection  
of You to those around me.

*Amen*



# The Fruits of our Labor Day September 4 - 7, 2020

*2020 Theme: "Covid, Covid,  
go away, eat a North Carolina  
apple everyday!"*

Due to the ongoing concerns over the Coronavirus, we have determined that we are unable to hold a Street Fair including the associated Entertainment and Kiddie Carnival, as well as, the King Apple Parade.

Please check our daily schedule pages to find out what is still going this year with the many events operated by our non-profits and our local apple growers: <https://www.ncapplefestival.org/>

Despite the cancelled activities, there will still be plenty of fun things to do. Do you think you have what it takes to make a delicious apple cake, pie, etc.? If so, please contact NC Cooperative Extension at 828-697-4891 to

participate in the annual Apple Recipe Contest. The contest takes place on Friday, September 4, 2020 in Jackson Park.

Don't forget to stop at the Mineral and Lapidary Museum while at the NC Apple Festival. Don't forget the geode cracking in front of the museum!

There will be plenty of shopping available from local vendors to farmer's markets to arts and crafts booths with plenty of sidewalk sales. There will be something for everybody!

Keep the tradition of the Apple Festival Races going from wherever you are with the Hunter Subaru Virtual Apple Festival Races. This event has something for runners of every level with an individual 8k, team 5k, and

Chick-fil-A Mini Moo Mile. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce has decided to host this event virtually! You can enjoy your Labor Day tradition from wherever you are! Pre-registration Fee: 8K- \$25.00, 5K- \$25.00 per team, Mini Moo Mile- \$10.00

Full breakfast featuring pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, gravy, biscuits, apples, coffee and juice. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door. Children are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door and Children under six free. For more information on the breakfast please contact the Hendersonville Elks Lodge 1616 at 828-693-3424. The Lodge is located at 546 N. Justice Street, Henderson, NC.



# What's happening

## SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>God and Country fireworks at dusk</i>
6	7 <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	8	9	10	11 	12 
13 	14	15 	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Annual Celebration</i> 
27 <i>Annual Celebration</i> 	28	29	30 <i>United States Census 2020 ENDS</i>			

Reminder

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United States®  
Census  
2020

If you haven't done so yet, please fill out and return your 2020 census form. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year and the results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets. It has never been easier to

respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail - all without having to meet a census taker.

The U.S. Census Bureau will end the count on Sept. 30th, 2020. In December 2020, the Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law. By March 31st, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to the states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

For more information or to fill out the census questionnaire, go here: <https://2020census.gov/>

### BUMC 2021 APPORTIONMENT AVAILABLE



Quarterly  
Administrative  
Council Meeting

DATE: 9/15/2020  
TIME: 7:00 PM  
PLACE: Zoom

The 2021 budget for the Western North Carolina Conference was approved by the virtual conference and subsequent balloting. The apportionments have now been uploaded to each applicable church's dashboard including conference, general church and district apportionments. Apportionments are based on a formula approved by the annual conference that is applied against the average of certain local church expenses over a three year period. BUMC apportionment for 2021 can be viewed here: <https://www.wnccumc.org/church-apportionments/2166476?year=2021>



# CONTACT INFORMATION



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Church Phone: 336-250-2801  
Home Phone: 336-699-2697



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2419 Baltimore Rd  
East Bend NC 27018



Internet

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<http://www.baltimoreumc.com>  
Church e-mail:  
[cshoaf@wnccumc.net](mailto:cshoaf@wnccumc.net)

## 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



Find us on:  
**facebook.**

*Baltimore UMC East Bend*

## 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

Get your phone number added to our phone tree list to get the latest announcements.

## 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.

Baltimore United Methodist Church  
2419 Baltimore Rd  
East Bend NC 27018



Or Current Resident