



# THE BEACON

WATAUGA FIRST  
United Methodist Church

Rev. Sheila Fiorella, Pastor

February 2019

## A Message from Our Pastor

A high-profile public figure is expected to show up at your place of employment or in your home. It could be the mayor of the city, or a state senator, or the owner of a professional football team. I want to ask you—how would you prepare for his or her arrival? Would you prepare any differently than if, let’s say, the internet guy was coming to fix your connection?

In the New Testament book of Mark Chapter 12, religion scholars, or scribes, were VIP’s of the Jewish faith. They were well-respected in the community and it was thought that they were entitled to have the best seats at banquets and potluck luncheons. At least, that was the perception. But Jesus criticized the religion scholars of his day, time and time again. He didn’t like that what people were seeing on the outside and attributing as important did not match what was being done in secret.

The Bible says Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

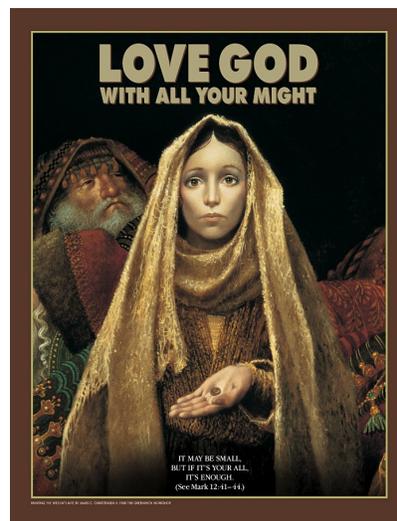
The perception is that the poor widow and her gift are unimportant and insignificant, both from a social and

monetary perspective. But the reality is that this gift, offered from this “little one” of society, is all-important from God’s perspective. She matters. SHE is a VIP in God’s eyes.

As humans, we make judgments, we form opinions based on what we see. Based on what someone looks like on the outside, which could be real or fake. We have these perceptions that persons with a certain socioeconomic status or educational status or racial status are somehow more or less important, when God is saying those things don’t matter. What matters is, did you give your all? Were you extravagant with your LOVE? You see, perception is one thing, but sometimes reality is something else, entirely different. Reality is what’s going on behind the scenes and in someone’s heart.

A high-profile public figure is expected to show up at your place of employment or in your home. His name is Jesus Christ. Will you open your door, your heart, your

mind to him? What are you afraid of? That you’re too weak, too sinful, too rich, too poor, too, you fill in the blank? I want to encourage you: open up; prepare for his arrival. I hear God knocking now.



Rev. Sheila

Holy Communion Sunday, 3 February 2019

***Worship God, Learn the Scripture, Live it in the world.***

## The Hands and Feet of God

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, five youth and four adults representing First United Methodist Church of Watauga served the Agape meal at Broadway Baptist Church in Ft. Worth. The guests are hungry and/or homeless residents in the community. Over 150 people were served a hot meal at family style tables. Pastor Sheila served as a host at one table, while the rest of us were runners. All agreed the experience changed our understanding of how many people live very different lives, and just how blessed we are. Thank you, Austin, Brody, Jacob, Maddie, Mike, Rei and Sheila for sharing God's Love, Agape love.



Lori Duncan

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Acolytes	Counters
3 Feb	Rosemary Norris and Darlene Sledge	Nikki McLeroy	Emma Corrigan	Duane Buckley and Henry Harrison
10 Feb	Yoma and Don Johnson	Scouts	Jacob Hoppe	Carol McKone and Jim Bates
17 Feb	Claire Hickey and Susan Tucker	Melanie Bell	Langdon Corrigan	Lori Duncan and Duane Buckley
24 Feb	Debbie and Henry Harrison	Betty King	Barb Buckley	Doris Maxwell and Paul Killion

**Don't Forget!**



**Mission Statement**  
 Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Vision Statement**  
 Worship God,  
 Learn the Scripture,  
 Live it in the World

**STAFF:**

- Rev. Sheila Fiorella**  
*Pastor*
- Darin Hoppe**  
*Director of Music*
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*Piano Accompanist*
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# Faith & Finances

We had several challenges that we worked through as a church in 2018, and still a new year has arrived. Happy New Year to all! Hallelujah, we have a new roof and the inside work is almost finalized. We still have some work to do on the two outside sheds, but most of the materials have been acquired. So, it is time to move onto our next adventure.

In the next AD Board meeting on January 28, we will finalize our budget for 2019, as we have already voted and passed the proposed budget in the last Finance meeting. We have kept this year's budget to the bare minimum of \$156,166 - a decrease of \$22,216 from 2018 budget; and most of the savings were due to reduction in payroll. As most of you know, our church mortgage loan came due in October and we negotiated another loan with Texas Methodist Foundation with monthly payments of \$600; and the loan will mature in about 8 years.

It is time to move forward from concentrating inside the church and repairs to outside into our community. I love this quote from John F. Kennedy, our 35<sup>th</sup> president, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." We need to go out into our community and ask, "What we can do

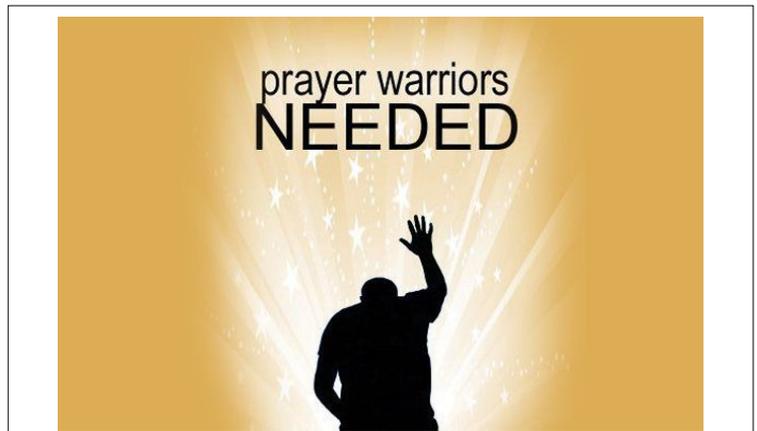
for you? What can I help you with today? What are your needs today?" When I am at church, within these four walls, I feel good - like the lyrics "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand, all Other Ground is Sinking Sand;" and I just feel it is time to adventure out into our community and turn some sinking sand into Solid Rock.

The Lord is growing and working in our church; let us take the light outside the walls and let it shine. God bless and guide you and your family throughout the New Year!

Thank you All for what you do at FUMC of Watauga!



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The Prayer Circle is becoming The Prayer Warriors. Once a week, a list of who to pray for will be e-mailed to the Prayer Warriors. All who are willing to pray for the needs of our Church, church family, community, and people around the world, as well as praise for what God gives us, please e-mail me and let me know.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him. 1 John 5:14-15

Alice Garrett  
Evangelism Chair  
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Wednesday Night Bible Study		Potluck Dinner
		At 6:00 PM
6 Feb	Soup	Bible Study
13 Feb	Sub Sandwiches	At 6:45 PM
20 Feb	Mexican	New Worship
27 Feb	Chicken	At 7:30 PM

# Thank You

The love, gratitude, and appreciation are hard to put into words for everything that you all did for us. The love and prayers that we felt from you is real, so real! You are all so amazing.

Tracey's death was such a sudden shock and unbelievable, as so many others know from their own experiences, but I know he is with Jesus. His funeral was a celebration of his life. He was special in different ways to different people. He will be so missed by so many.

Once again, thank you for the food, cards, prayers, your time, but most of all, your love.

Love,  
Yoma, Don, Troy, and Toby



Sunday, 10 February  
11:45 AM



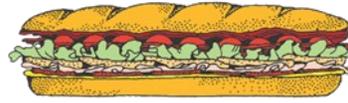
I want to thank all of the donors and volunteers in 2018 for a great year. Special Thanks to Kin & Margie Pier for their very generous donation of the proceeds from the Barbie Sales! The Shop brought in over \$7,000 to be used for "Missions." If you haven't been in the Shop in the last 6-12 months, we have rearranged some things. Come check us out! Since all Christmas items are stored now, we have plenty of display space available for "new" donations! God Bless Everyone!

Ruth Strong



# Upcoming Events in Our Church

Youth selling sub sandwiches to help Fund their mission trip this summer. Pre order or pick up a meal for the Super bowl on 3 February, after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service.



Annual Soup drive ends Sunday, 3 February. Please help us accomplish our goal of 2019 cans to donate to NorthEast Emergency Distribution. God Bless!

## Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, 5 March 2019, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Come and Join us for the Food and stay and make new friends.

Contact Doris Maxwell at [jdmaxwell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdmaxwell@sbcglobal.net) or Yoma Johnson at [yjohnson003@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yjohnson003@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.



## Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, 6 March 2019, at 7:00 PM

Remember that you are dust and that to dust you shall return.

## Sandwich Making for the Presbyterian Night Shelter!

First Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the kitchen. Make sandwiches for those in need. Great fun and make new friends.



## Weekend Snack Packs - Please help feed our children in school.

Each Sunday at 11:45 AM in Room 107. Donated food and/or help pack the bags. List of items can be found in lobby.

## Do you know how to sing?

Our choir director would love to have you join the choir and/or bells.

Contact Darin Hoppe at [darinhoppe@gmail.com](mailto:darinhoppe@gmail.com).



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Your Communication leader,

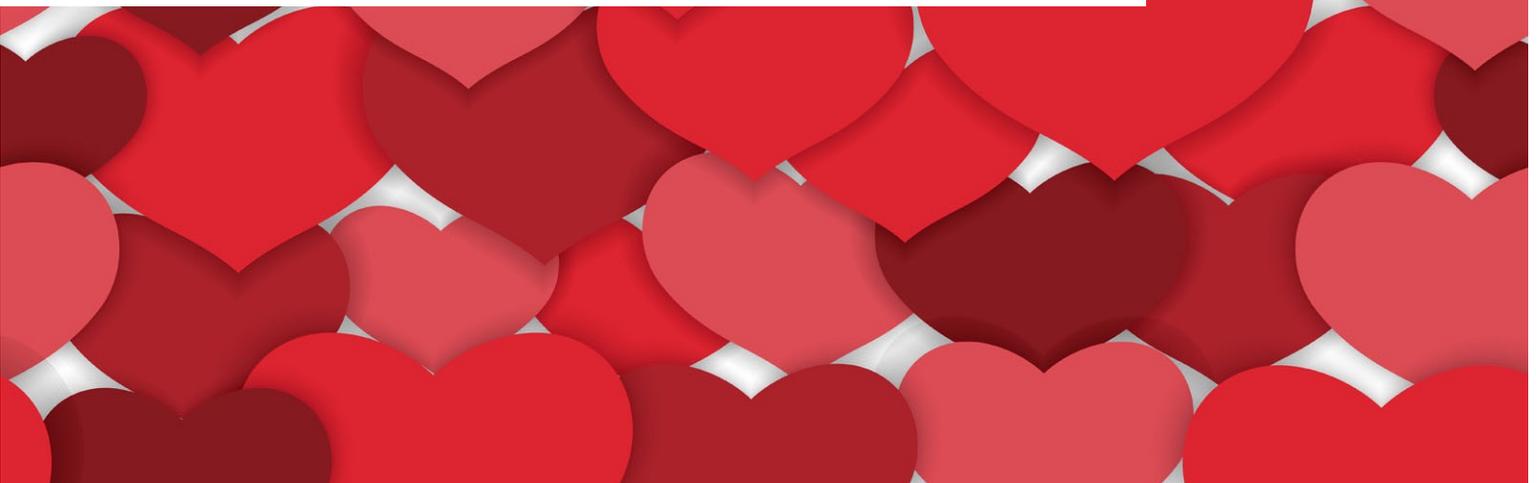
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Brandon Stringfellow	02/02
Lois Bridegam	02/06
Rosalie Hickey	02/06
Seini Mila	02/06
Lorin Walls	02/08
Lillie Watkins	02/13
Ruth Strong	02/15
Jackson Mazza	02/16
Jim Autry	02/18
Benjamin Bledsoe	02/19
Chad Russell	02/20
Angelia Dodd	02/22
Edyth Wade	02/24
Robert Wade	02/24
Candice Wyatt	02/28

If your birth date is incorrect or is not listed, please email the church office:

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# Start

When is Valentine's Day?

Have you ever sent a Valentine's card to someone?

Have you ever received chocolates?

Trade places with another player

What is the most romantic movie you have seen?

What does Valentine's Day celebrate?

Are you a romantic?

Go Ahead 2 Spaces



What are the Valentine's Day colors?

Name 3 romance movies.

Miss a Turn

Do you believe in love at first sight?

Name 3 places people go on Valentine's Day

Name 3 things people do on Valentine's Day.

Name 3 Valentine's Day gifts.

Go back! You got hit by Cupid

What did you do last Valentine's day?

What do roses symbolize?

What does "head over heels in love" mean?



Do you know any love songs?

Go forward 2 Spaces

Do you know any love poems?

Go Back! You got hit by Cupid!

Have you ever written a love note?

Go Ahead 1 Space

Who would be your ideal Valentine?

Have you ever spent Valentine's Day alone?

Happy Valentine's Day!



Have you ever been hit by Cupid?

Toss a coin. For heads move 2 squares. For tails move 1 square.

When you land on a square you must answer the question in the square.

The first person to reach Cupid is the winner!



You found Cupid!  
You win!





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**THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WATAUGA  
WELCOMES ALL TO COME AND JOIN US**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE**

**8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:15 A.M.**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, STARTING 6 FEBRUARY**

**6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

**POTLUCK SUPPER 6:00 TO 6:45, BIBLE STUDY, 6:45 TO 7:30,**

**WORSHIP 7:30 TO 8:00**

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