



# THE BEACON

WATAUGA FIRST  
United Methodist Church

Rev. Sheila Fiorella, Pastor

September 2019

## Snack Packs

Wow! It's that time of the year again to help provide food for our elementary school kids. Our snack pack ministry is ready to gear up for another school year! We are starting to gather food and donations, and will start to deliver when we get the number of kids to provide for, probably mid September.

I would like to thank **all of you** for providing the helping hands, the food, and the funds for the program to purchase food as needed. For those of you that have not heard, each week our Snack Pack Buddies pack the bags for the weekend snacks for low income children that might not otherwise have food and would go hungry. This is an ongoing need for the whole school year. Our country has an abundance, but we still have kids here in Watauga that do not have enough to eat. Please help!

There are several ways you can help. Maybe you can: donate an hour on Sunday to help pack the snack packs; pick up an "approved food list" in the hallway; or leave a donation in the "Snack Packs" jar of any amount to help purchase needed food in bulk. Please continue to watch the expiration dates to give us the longest time

possible to use the food.

Thank you again for your past and future support!

Don Johnson



28 September 2019

Rain Date: 5 October 2019

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

At 6112 Watauga Rd.

How time flies! September 28th will soon be here and we need to start preparing for the Fall Festival. This is an all church event and we need lots of help. That's one of the things that makes FUMC Watauga so special is how we work together (please take time to read Ecclesiastes 4:9). You can start bringing garage sale items Sunday, 1 September 2019, to the church. Also, start thinking about bake sale items and frozen dinners to be sold. If you're a craft person and want to donate something for the craft table, it would be appreciated.

The Shepherd Shop is going to be open as well. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family to come by; put it on your Facebook page and Nextdoor; and let's get the word out so it will be a big success.

Thanks in advance,

Yoma

817-281-5410

Holy Communion Sunday, 1 September 2019

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

# It's Your Turn

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Acolytes	Counters
1 Sep	Rosemary Norris and Wendy Garcia	Jack Bell	Maddie Mazza	Duane Buckley and Henry Harrison
8 Sep	Yoma and Don Johnson	Ron McLeroy	Jackson Goodwin	Carol McKone and Jim Bates
15 Sep	David Adair and Susan Tucker	Nikki McLeroy	Ethan Corrigan	Lori Duncan and Duane Buckley
22 Sep	Debbie and Henry Harrison	Melanie Bell	Emma Corrigan	Doris Maxwell and Paul Killion
29 Sep	Youth	Betty King	Langdon Corrigan	Duane Buckley and Mike Duncan

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Potluck Dinner

At 6:00 PM

Bible Study

At 6:45 PM

No New Day  
Worship until  
October

4 Sep	Soup
11 Sep	Sub Sandwiches
18 Sep	Mexican
25 Sep	Chicken

## Do you know how to sing?

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

Contact Darin Hoppe at  
darinhoppe@gmail.com.



## 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

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# A Message from Our Pastor

## GOD CAN GUIDE US

In 1999, in the aftermath of the death of John Kennedy, Jr., amateur pilot Stephen Hedges wrote about the difficulty of flying a plane by instruments alone—an essential skill if you want to fly at night or in fog. It is easy for a pilot to fall into an uncontrolled bank and crash without this skill.

Hedges noted that during one instrument lesson, “I flew the headings and turns as instructed, but even with ten hours of instrument flying in my logbook, I was amazed at how quickly the plane slid into a banking turn if I diverted my attention for just a few moments. The first time it happened, a pang of panic shot through me, a momentary fear that made it even more difficult to comprehend what the plane was doing.” But when he heard his teacher next to him calmly say, “Watch your bank,” Hedges quickly leveled the plane.

Similarly, Christians can easily get distracted when going through the foggy times of life. Seeking guidance is as simple—and as difficult—as looking to the Lord. Christ is always there, leading us and guiding us to safe places. It’s our job to listen and to watch for the Lord’s advice.

The Bible says, “Mortals make elaborate plans, but God has the last word.... Humans are satisfied with whatever looks good; God probes for what *is* good.” Proverbs 16:1-2 The Bible is our primary means for understanding God’s will. God will guide us, but not force us. God will lead us, but not take away our free will. So how do we get guidance from the Bible?

Well, first of all, guidance doesn’t come from putting our hands on its leather cover and gleaning wisdom by osmosis. Only by being familiar with the entire book—by studying individual passages and learning the overarching story—do we come to know the heart of God. Second, we hear from God through the Bible by asking the Holy Spirit to open our spiritual eyes. The Word is living and active, and its truth comes upon us mightily and unexpectedly from passages we thought we knew inside out, providing fresh insight to our specific situations.

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Volunteers at the Shepherd Shop have decided to keep the Shop **open** during the **Fall Festival** this year... hoping that more potential customers **discover** we are here! We will be having a **sale**, too! We will start stocking our fall/cold weather apparel after Labor Day.

Ruth Strong



## Bible Study on Christian Beliefs

One of the Bible Connection Groups that meet on Wednesday nights will start a new study on the 4 September 2019. The group will be discussing Christian Beliefs. A systematic study of our beliefs as Christians can provide many personal and practical benefits. Christian beliefs help us make sense of the world we live in, strengthen our identity in Christ, guide our thinking and direct our behavior. But most importantly, Christian beliefs help us draw near to God. So join us as we look into the revelation of God, the Triune God, human nature, how God saves us, the role of the Church, and hope for the future. The Bible Connection Groups start at 6:45 PM. Come at 6:00 PM to participate in the potluck dinner and stay after to worship in the New Day Worship service at 7:30 PM.

Alice Garrett



Artzy Creations



# Upcoming



## WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

Saturday, 12 October 2019

9:00 AM

Please come help out. There is plenty of work to be done - inside and outside. There is a job for everyone. Come for the work and stay for the fellowship.

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Today, are you seeking out God's guidance by reading His Word? As you do, ask that the Holy Spirit lead you and speak directly to your heart, trusting in her guidance.

Rev. Sheila



Natalie Walls	09/05
Ryan Bates	09/06
Donyè Cody	09/07
Wade Bass	09/09
Taylor Eakins	09/09
Darlene Sledge	09/09
Austen Rowe	09/10
Kathy Jones	09/13
Jonathan Bowman	09/14
Levi Bridegam	09/14
Beth Rabalais	09/15
Adam Bates	09/16
David Hickey	09/16
Carol Ann Sherratt	09/16
Melanie Bell	09/24
Judah Verden	09/27
Leah Winkelmann	09/30
Blanks Jr. Oglesby	09/30
Lisa Wilson	09/30

If your birth date is incorrect or is not listed, please email the church office at [fumcwatauga@att.net](mailto:fumcwatauga@att.net)

# Continuing

## NEED

NorthEast Emergency Distribution  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month  
Donate canned good and non-perishable items (such as baby diapers) for needy families in Tarrant County. There is a shopping cart in the lobby for these items.

## Sandwich Making for the Presbyterian Night Shelter



1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the church's kitchen.

## Craft Fellowship

Each Tuesday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, in the room next to the nursery. Come learn to quilt or bring your craft and fellowship with us.

## Ladies Luncheon

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 11:00 AM, at Texas Star Grill: 6101 Rufe Snow Drive. Nikki Clugsten 817-379-9934.



## New Day Gatherings

Each Wednesday Night  
6:00 PM Community Potluck  
6:45 PM Bible Connection Groups  
7:30 PM No New Day Worship until October

"A Safe Space Where Everyone Knows Your Name."





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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### **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.

#### **NEW DAY GATHERINGS**

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

COMMUNITY POTLUCK 6:00 TO 6:45,  
BIBLE CONNECTION GROUPS, 6:45 TO 7:30,  
NEW DAY WORSHIP 7:30 TO 8:00



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