

LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH

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Special Message: Obey God and Watch What Happens!

Adapted from Mike Ramsey's sermon on July 30th

Elijah was an ordinary man who did extraordinary miracles! He was chosen by God as a prophet. God told him exactly what to do and Elijah obeyed, even though he may not have understood why. Elijah did not have all the answers, but he trusted God. God led Elijah to the widow and her son, who were starving and near death. However, God had a different plan and provided for Elijah, the widow, and her son in the midst of a drought! The widow was helpless and hopeless, but she trusted Elijah and knew he was a man of God.

"Just remember, how much meal & oil? Not much I mind you, just a little bit, just enough to make one more loaf of bread." Mike Ramsey

In 1 Kings 17, we see the power of God to sustain His people and His faithfulness when we are obedient. As God's children, we are to walk in faith, talk to God, obey Him, and remain in fellowship with others. Carry out God's instructions!!

Youth Breakfast Fundraiser and Fellowship!

Thank you to our church for supporting our youth. I hope everyone enjoyed the pancakes and trimmings. We raised \$1300.00 to help us go to Surge. Our church family is such a blessing! Please keep our youth, youth leaders, and the participants in your prayers for safe travels and spiritual growth.

What is Surge?

CLUB Ministries is offering an incredible 3 days of fun and worship at Fort Caswell located in beautiful Oak Island. From August 11-13, 2023 our youth will join other youth groups to attend this non-denominational event designed to educate, enlighten and energize young people through the Word of God...and just before heading back to school! There will be inspirational speakers, inspiring worship music and free-time opportunities for youth groups to explore this incredible coastal region.

Hallsboro/Artesia Elementary Back-To-School Support

LWMC's outreach missions includes supporting our local school system, and it's time to collect school supplies. Donation boxes will be placed in the narthex and fellowship hall or you can put supplies in the office. LWMC Missions will be buying the backpacks and the congregation will fill them up! Here's what the school requested: Facial tissue, paper towels, dry eraser markers, zip-lock bags (all sizes), glue sticks, Clorox wipes, highlighters, pencils, colored pencils, erasers, hand sanitizer, water bottles, post-it notes, Lysol spray, permanent markers, ear buds, crayons, safety scissors, composition books (no metal spiral ones), pocket folders, plastic pencil box and zipper pencil pouches.

Updates on Global Methodist Church NC Provisional Annual Conference (GMCNCPAC)

The first GMCNCPAC will convene on October 5-7, 2023 in Fayetteville.

- Oct 5th: Clergy Conference
- Oct 6th: Convening Conference
- Oct. 7th: Ordination Service

Please visit the GMCNCPAC website at <https://gmcncpac.org/> for additional details and contact information for our NC GMC leaders.

Our GMC NC leaders:

David Banks, President

Kari Howard, VP

Matt Seals, Mt. Olive District Presiding Elder (LWMC's District)

Rev. Matt Thorley, Local Presiding Elder for LWMC, Shiloh, Riegelwood, and Elizabethtown.

Rev. Dalma Cribb is the local presiding elder for Peace, Lebanon, Evergreen, & Mishop Springs.

Our next Waccamaw Circle meeting is Sept. 18th at 7 pm. LWMC will be hosting and all are invited.

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What's Happening at LWMC

Our nursery is getting a facelift! The Partnership Sunday School joined together to paint and update the nursery, and have volunteered to keep the nursery during Sunday School to promote attendance. We know the importance of Sunday School and want parents to love the nursery!



*Please consider signing up for church and Sunday School nursery-our church is growing and the babies are too! See Patty Hobbs if you can serve in this way.

Bible Study

*We invite everyone to Bible study on Tuesdays at 7 pm. We are studying the book of Judges, which is rich in history and God's redeeming grace and unending mercy. Anyone can join in at any time. See Wendi Rhodes with questions.

* Peace Methodist Church is having a Bible study every Tuesday at 11 am and 6 pm. If you are interested, see Ann Clarke for more information.

Please mark your calendar for **Homecoming 2023** as it will be the **SECOND** Sunday, October 8, rather than the first Sunday of the month as approved by our administrative council. **Please help us to spread the word and invite others!**

Mission Opportunities

- ⇒ Red Bird Mission Trip will be October 15-20, 2023. We will be working in the community on home repairs, working in the food ministry, and in the community store. If you are interested in more information, see Jeff and Ann Clarke or email missionaryfriends@gmail.com
- ⇒ Hallsboro/Artesia Elementary School will continue to be "our school" for support. Needs arise during the year and we will keep you informed of specific needs beyond their initial back-to-school supply drive. Please keep the school, leaders, and families, in your prayers.
- ⇒ Christmas Outreach Opportunities: Please prayerfully consider helping with one of our Christmas ministries including the Shoe Boxes and the Angel Trees.
- ⇒ If you know of needs in our community, please reach out to Jeff & Ann Clarke.

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Discover Your Gifts & Talents: Prepare to Serve

We are nearing the time for the annual church committee membership and organization evaluation. If you feel lead to serve on a church committee or be part of one of the church teams, please be in prayer of ways you can serve. Do you wonder about your God-given gifts and how you can use your gifts in God's service? Have you ever taken a spiritual gift inventory? There are many options, and one is from Lifeway at <https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service>.

Leadership - Leadership aids the body by leading and directing members to accomplish the goals and purposes of the church. Leadership motivates people to work together in unity toward common goals (Rom. 12:8).

Administration - Persons with the gift of administration lead the body by steering others to remain on task. Administration enables the body to organize according to God-given purposes and long-term goals (1 Cor. 12:28).

Teaching - Teaching is instructing members in the truths and doctrines of God's Word for the purposes of building up, unifying, and maturing the body (1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7; Eph. 4:11).

Knowledge - The gift of knowledge manifests itself in teaching and training in discipleship. It is the God-given ability to learn, know, and explain the precious truths of God's Word. A word of knowledge is a Spirit-revealed truth (1 Cor. 12:28).

Wisdom - Wisdom is the gift that discerns the work of the Holy Spirit in the body and applies His teachings and actions to the needs of the body (1 Cor. 12:28).

Prophecy - The gift of prophecy is proclaiming the Word of God boldly. This builds up the body and leads to conviction of sin. Prophecy manifests itself in preaching and teaching (1 Cor. 12:10; Rom. 12:6).

Discernment - Discernment aids the body by recognizing the true intentions of those within or related to the body. Discernment tests the message and actions of others for the protection and well-being of the body (1 Cor. 12:10).

Exhortation - Possessors of this gift encourage members to be involved in and enthusiastic about the work of the Lord. Members with this gift are good counselors and motivate others to service. Exhortation exhibits itself in preaching, teaching, and ministry (Rom. 12:8).

Gene Wilkes, Lifeway Christian Resources

Flowers for August:

August 6th: B. Pope

August 13th: P. Mills-Winkler

August 20th: W. Rhodes

Please continue to be in prayer for our next Pastor and our PPRC as they continue to discern the needs of LWMC in pastor selection. This is a difficult process and we are blessed to have faithful servants on our PPRC to guide us in this process.

If you know of a need within our church family and our community, please reach out to Amy Sessions or Elizabeth Ehlers.

We are the body of Christ and are instructed to support each other:

- ♦ A simple card to let someone know that you are thinking of them
- ♦ A short phone call to say hello
- ♦ A visit to let someone know that they are not alone
- ♦ Take time to talk to someone and really hear their story.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 ESV

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Meet Our New GMC Elder Rev. Matt Thorley

Pastor Matt grew up in the mountains of North Carolina in Murphy. Following graduating high school, Matt joined the United States Marine Corp as a Saxophone Instrumentalist, where he met his lovely wife, Corbin, who served as a Percussionist in the Marine Corps.

Matt and Corbin have served and lived on both coasts and in Okinawa, Japan, due to their service. Matt received his BA in Biblical Studies from Regent University and his Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. Together, they have a son, Caedan, and a daughter, Lisa, who keep them on their toes! When not in church, the Thorley family enjoys being outdoors and exploring historical landmarks.



Interesting fact about Rev. Thorley: When was serving on active duty in Japan, he learned how to solve the Rubik's cube in under 30 seconds!

He pastors Trinity Methodist Church. He started at Trinity in February, 2023 and was ordained through the Association of Independent Methodists in 2014 and joined GMC at the onset of GMC.

He is the Presiding Elder for Trinity Methodist in Elizabethtown, Shiloh, Riegelwood, and LWMC. We plan to meet as a Global Methodist Circle with Peace, Mishop Springs, and Evergreen to continue the fellowship and united service. Our next "Circle" meeting is scheduled for September 18th at 7 pm and LWMC is hosting! The meeting is open to everyone. Please come out and meet members of our local GMCs. We share mission ideas and ways we can work together by reaching the unchurched and serving God in our community!

Let's welcome our new Elder and pray for his leadership!