



First News
First United Methodist Church
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God Calls Us

During Advent we looked at The Nativity Story through the eyes of Jesus' earthly father Joseph.



This got me thinking about how God calls us or speaks to us, and us learning to listen for God's word. Next week I am attending a retreat titled, The Big Silence. It's an opportunity to be in prayer and to listen for God's direction.

One of my favorite authors is Frederick Buechner. Here is some of his thoughts on how God speaks to us.

"The question is not whether the things that happen to you are chance things or God's things because, of course, they are both at once. There is no chance thing through which God cannot speak -- even the walk from the house to the garage that you have walked 10 thousand times before, even the moments when you cannot believe there is a God who speaks at all anywhere.

He speaks, I believe, and the words he speaks are incarnate in the flesh and blood of ourselves and of our own footsore and sacred journeys. We cannot live our lives constantly looking back, listening back, lest we be turned to pillars of longing and regret, but to live without listening at all is to live deaf to the fullness of the music. Sometimes we avoid listening for fear of what we may hear; sometimes for fear that we may hear nothing at all but the empty rattle of our own feet on the pavement. But be not afraid, says Caliban, nor is he the only one to say it. "Be not afraid," says another, "for lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He says he is with us on our journeys. He says he has been with us since each of our journeys began. Listen for him. Listen to the sweet and bitter airs of your present and your past for the sound of him." --

Frederick Buechner, *The Sacred Journey: A Memoir of Early Days* (HarperOne, 1991), 115.

See you Sunday as we listen for God's calling.

Sarah





Lectionary Readings
Sunday, January 14th
Psalm 139; I Samuel 3:1-20;
I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51



The Lectionary readings are for each Sunday of the church year, and also for special days. They provide a systematic way of reading the Bible and also to aid you in your daily devotional time.

**Opportunities for the weeks of
 January 14, 2018 thru January 20, 2018**

Sunday, January 14

9:45 Sunday School
 10:55 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 15

Office Closed!!!

Tuesday, January 16

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 Handbell Choir
 7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 18

4:00 Thursday's Child Choir
 5:30 NETworx

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20



*The church family sends love and sympathy to
 Cory Smith in the death of his grandfather,
 Hollis Edward Smith, Jr.,
 who died January 4, 2018.
 He was a resident of Mint Hill, NC*



Lay Readers

Anyone wishing to join our group of lay readers??? Please contact the church office. We would love to add to our wonderful group of readers. We have added two new readers for the new year. Thank you to Krista Herold and Cory Smith for joining our lay reader group. They do a great service in our church and would love others to participate.



2017 Church Budget

First United Methodist Church thanks our church family for a wonderful 2017 year! The church budget closed with \$24,288.74 to start the new year of 2018 and all apportionments were paid in full!!! Thank you again for your Christian love and support!

Worship in the Sanctuary January 14th

Message: **"Taking the Call"**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Kalish

Reader: Randy Tarlton

Music: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 Open My Eyes, That I May See
 Here I Am, Lord

January

Acolyte: *David Tamura*

Ushers: *Elwood Greene, John Crawford
 Eric Forbes, Richard Tamura*

Greeters: *Lonnie and Anna Baucom, Betty Canipe*

Money Stewards: *Anna Baucom, Vickie Greene, Paulette Ridley*

Close Church: *Elwood Greene, Randy Tarlton*



MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT!

December, 2017

Balance forward		\$1,769.72
INCOME:		
Worship	\$56,459.81	
Sunday School	119.00	
Budget Memorials	695.00	
Open Doors Pre-K	2333.34	
Rent Income	0.00	
Misc. (bank int.)	<u>341.82</u>	
Total Income		\$59,648.97
EXPENSES:		
Operations	\$21,382.01	
Conference	<u>12,208.50</u>	
Total Expenses		\$33,590.51
Total Monthly Balance:		\$ 24,288.74

Yearly Contribution Statements



Your Yearly Contribution statements are in the narthex during the next few weeks. If you have any questions about your statements please feel free to contact the church office.



Weather Alert!

In case of inclement weather, please listen to WSOC-TV (Channel 9) or go on their website if there is any question about the church being open. We will also do a phone tree, email and Facebook message if time allows, but the media will have any closing information.

The Mobile Food Pantry is back again and will be at Wingate UM Church on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. We are asking for volunteers from each church to be at each delivery. All volunteers are asked to be on location by 9:00 AM if possible.

Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday February 4 – after worship

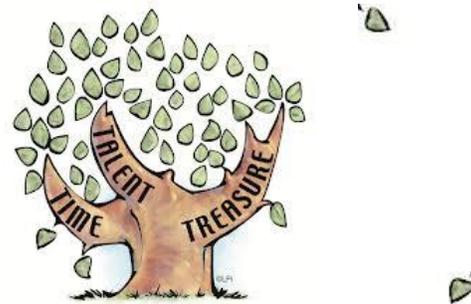


We are going to celebrate **Super Bowl**, by coming together and eating!!! But you need to bring the food. Bring your best chili or soup to be enjoyed by all. Let's not forget to bring crackers, cornbread or dessert to dress up the occasion. And you get to donate money to eat your chili. What a great opportunity! All monies donated will go to Anson Crisis Ministries to help feed the hungry. Plus bring a can or cans of food and vote for the team you want to win. There will be boxes designated for the two teams in the Super Bowl. Each can is a vote. Let's see who FUMC wants to win.

Why We Give

Christians give through their church for many reasons, including but not limited to - the following:

- *We give because God first gave to us.*
- *We give because we love God.*
- *We give because it is what Christians do.*
- *We give because it is what United Methodists do.*
- *We give to make ministry and mission happen.*
- *We give because, together, we can do what no one individual or congregation can do separately.*



We hear stories of individuals who sacrifice to give to God and they are showered with many blessings. It is true that when we give to God first our needs are met in so many miraculous ways. When we set God and the church as our priority the material things of life take on a whole new meaning.

I invite you to pray about your giving to God. On Sunday December 3rd, you were asked to bring your pledge card to the altar. Many cards were received and many were not. If you have not sent in your 2018 pledge card, please mail it to the church office as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your card, there are extra cards in the narthex or call Betty Crawford 704-694-5179 and ask for another pledge card. Thank You!!!

The Bulletin Board

On-going recycling projects for various groups continue: UMW Box tops for Education in the education hall and aluminum inside the lattice fence at the air conditioner in the back of the church.

The **Flower Calendar for 2018** is posted on the bulletin board in the education hall, across from the pastor's study. Please sign up for any open Sundays as soon as possible in order to secure the date you wish.

Upcoming Events...

January 15 – Office Closed

January 17 – Handbells and Chancel Choir

January 18 – Thursday's Child

The deadline for information for the weekly newsletter is Tuesday before noon each week.

Remember that you may make gifts to the church special funds to honor the living as well as those who have gone on. It is a great way to let friends and relatives know that you are thinking of them

Prayer List

Please help keep the prayer list up to date by letting the office know of any additions or deletions that should be made.

Sissy Hendley
 Kelly Bradley
 Rowena Tarlton
 Ed McBride
 Lib Huntley
 Bettie Huntley
 Lou Lyons
 Patsy Brasington
 Mary Jane Gray
 Laura Pratt
 Jim Huntley
 Jimmy Dennis
 Daisy & Ann Chandler
 Ronnie Privette – Rodney Privette’s father
 Dick Hibband-Sandy Bruney’s brother-in-law
 Bruce Waddell – Lula Ann Davis’ cousin
 Leigh Waddell Wagner – Lula Ann Davis’ cousin
 Frank L. Davis – Lula Ann Davis’ brother-in-law
 Betty Martin – Patsy Brasington’s sister
 Corbin Sikes – Drew Sikes’ son
 Bob Sikes – John Sikes’ brother
 Gerald Tarlton – Barbara Tarlton’s nephew
 Kim White – Brenna Kablick’s daughter
 Tsuneo Tamura –Richard Tamura’s father
 Becky Wilson – Margaret Bowers’ niece
 Abby Hicks – Krista Herold’s cousin
 Denise Horne – Krista Herold’s friend



Kathy Cannon – Sarah Kalish’s friend
 Dusty Rhodes- Pat Frost’s friend
 Frances Wright - Lou Lyon’s neighbor
 Peggy Cress – Lou Lyon’s friend
Our Christian family that have been oppressed by war, or other tragedies and all whom we name in our hearts!

Retirement/Assisted Living /Nursing Homes

*Quay Burns, Nancy Warren-**Ambassador Health & Rehab**, 2051 Country Club Rd, Wadesboro
 *Cornelia Tucker, Tebo Stephens, & Ruby Rorie –**Anson Rehab**, 405 S Greene St, Wadesboro
 *Laura Pratt, **Arbor Acres**, 1250 Arbor Road #310, Winston Salem, 27104
 *Ruth Morton-**Brickford of Suffolk** 6860 Harbour View Blvd. Apt.509 Suffolk, VA 23435
 *Ray Clayton – **Franklin Manor**, 100 Sunset Dr., Youngsville, NC 27596
 *Ed McBride-**Meadowview** 123 Anson High School Rd., Wadesboro
 *Bettie Huntley-**Penick Village** 500 E.Rhode Island Ave /S.BldgE34, Southern Pines, NC 28387
 *Laura Blalock-**Summit Place** 491 Highway 17 #308, Little River, SC 29566
 *Sara Aubry - **Universal Healthcare Brunswick**, 1070 Old Ocean Hwy., Bolivia, NC 28422
 *Jo Summers – **Woodland Terrace/ Apt 319** 300 Kildaire Woods Dr., Cary, NC 27511



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Music Director.....	Emily Privette
Assistant Music Director.....	Gail Litaker
Organist.....	Gus Farmer
Audio/Video Coordinator.....	Rick Beam
Open Doors Director.....	Thomasha Montgomery
Housekeeper.....	Diane Timmons

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