



# First News

## First United Methodist Church

### Wadesboro, NC

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Dear Disciples:

While I was away on vacation, I left “star words” to celebrate Epiphany and to provide a focus word for people to use for prayer and reflection for this year. (If you didn’t receive one, visit our Facebook page and screenshot or pause the video for yours, or drop by the church office to pick up one.) I waited to draw mine until my return from vacation. Much to my delight, I drew “Vision”!

Every few years, God’s people need to renew and refocus our vision so that we might see clearly what God is calling us to in this place and this particular moment. God is at work to bring the kingdom; we just have to *see* where that is!

So, YOU are invited to come to our Churchwide Visioning Retreat on Saturday, **February 5** from **10-2**! Your voice and perspective is really important to the process. In the meantime, I invite you to reflect on these questions:

- *Looking back over the (centuries &) decades of this church’s life and witness, what have been some of the highlights where God has clearly been at work?*
- *What are the most important things our church has contributed to your life? Who or what made a difference?*
- *What are the essential, central characteristics or ways of life that make our church unique? What is most important about our church?*
- *Make three wishes for the future of our church. Describe what the church would look like if these three wishes came true?*

I’m looking forward to envisioning God’s future with you,

Pastor Stacey

## Lectionary Readings

**January 9**  
Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29; Acts 8:14-17;  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**January 16**  
Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10  
1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

**January 23**  
Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 30;  
Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-31a;  
Luke 4:14-21

**January 30**  
Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6;  
1 Cor 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

*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 19 thru February 13

#### Jan. 18-25

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### Sunday, January 23

9:30 Sunday School

11:00 Worship in sanctuary

#### Wednesday, January 26

7:30 Handbells & choir resume

#### Sunday, January 30

9:30 Sunday School

11:00 Worship in sanctuary

#### Tuesday, Feb. 1

5:30 Anson Youth Choir Mtg.  
(fellowship hall)

#### Wednesday, Feb. 2

7:30 Handbells & choir

#### Thursday, Feb. 3

Mobile Food Pantry, Wingate UMC

#### Saturday, Feb. 5

10:00-2:00 Church-wide Visioning Retreat

#### Sunday, Feb. 6

9:30 Sunday School

11:00 Worship in sanctuary

#### Wednesday, Feb. 9

7:30 Handbells & choir

#### Sunday, Feb. 13

9:30 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

\*"Souper Bowl of Caring"

(More info to come)

#### **Worship in the sanctuary January 16**

Message: "How the Spirit Speaks"

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- Rev. Stacey Lundy

Reader: Bill Capel

#### **Worship in the sanctuary January 23**

Message: "In the Power of the Spirit"

Luke 4:14-21

- Rev. Stacey Lundy

Reader: Cory Smith

#### **Worship in the sanctuary January 30**

Message: "Emotional Whiplash"

Luke 4:21-30

-Rev. Stacey Lundy

Reader: Krista Herold

#### **Worship in the sanctuary February 6**

Message: "The Power of Vision"

Luke 5:1-11

-Rev. Stacey Lundy

Reader: Beverley Getzen

#### **Worship in the sanctuary February 13**

Message: "Double-Edged Sword"

Luke 6:17-26

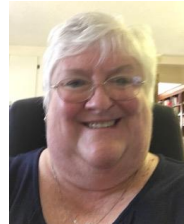
-Rev. Stacey Lundy

Reader: Randy Tarlton



### Introducing.....Sharon Lowe

Hi! I am so happy to be a part of your church staff. I know I have big shoes to fill but I am learning and will try my hardest to make this a smooth transition. I live in Norwood with my husband of 32 years, David Lowe. He serves as pastor for Love's Chapel UMC in Stanfield and Green Memorial UMC in Aquadale. We have one daughter, Whitley, who is completing her junior year at UNC-Wilmington. I retired in 2019 with 30+ years in public education. I am a graduate of South Stanly High School, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, and UNC-Greensboro. I am a life-long member of Cedar Grove UMC in Norwood where I serve as music director. (I have been church pianist since the age of 12, I think.)



I am very thankful for this opportunity and look forward to meeting you in person. Please stop by the office and say "hello"!

## In-person Worship Protocols!!!

As our county is BACK in Critical Spread (**Red** in State COVID mapping), please be more mindful of masking in shared spaces (especially with face-to-face conversation). Join us for worship in-person in the Sanctuary and online (Facebook Live on Sunday am, YouTube later)! Masking and vaccinations continue to be the best protection against infection, along with physical distancing and hand washing.

Let us continue to love each other well by being mindful of these things as well as staying home if you feel ill or have had COVID exposure. We continue to monitor the status of COVID cases in the county as well as recommendations from our Annual Conference. Masks are available in the narthex for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued thoughtfulness and flexibility.



The **Flower Calendar for 2022** 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.

## 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.*

Mary Jane Gray  
Lula Ann Davis  
Lib Huntley  
Anna Baucom  
Kelly Greene Petrill  
Nancy Huntley  
Ruth Hickman  
Catherine Wright  
Judy Kalish  
Charles Runkle – David Runkle's brother  
Susie Mark – Barbara Tarlton's friend  
Linda Herold-Krista's mother  
Dustin Morton-Elizabeth Presson's brother-in-law  
Lillie Morton-Paulette Ridley's friend  
Donna Schindler – Pat Frost's sister  
Betty Martin – Patsy Brasington's sister

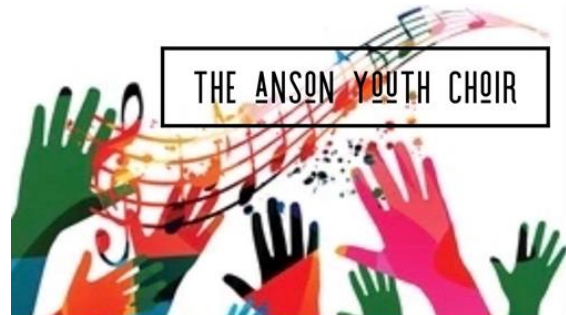
Also, the **Money Steward schedule** is posted on the same bulletin board.

**The deadline for information for the bi-weekly newsletter is Tuesday before noon of that week.**

**Year-end statements are now available in the narthex.**

### ANSON YOUTH SINGERS

**On Feb. 1 at 5:30, Anson Youth Singers will meet for the first time! This group is for 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in Anson County and beyond, directed by Emily Privette and accompanied by Gail Litaker. Please share with young singers!**



Roy Lee Helms – Selene Hardison's family  
Jill Gullede-Leigh Crawford Dawson's friend  
Matt Comer  
COVID 19 Victims and their families!  
**AND... all whom we name in our hearts!**

### Retirement/Assisted Living /Nursing Homes

\*Ray Clayton – **Franklin Manor**,  
100 Sunset Dr., Youngsville, NC 27596  
\*Chuck Kiser, Eleanor Pesce, – **Meadowview**,  
123 Anson High School Rd., Wadesboro  
\*Nancy Warren-**Wadesboro Health & Rehab**,  
2051 Country Club Rd, Wadesboro, NC



**\*\*Our heartfelt prayers go out to the family of Eleanor Pesce who passed away Tuesday, Jan. 11. (Arrangements not available at time of printing.)**



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Administrative Assistant.....	Sharon Lowe
Music Director.....	Emily Privette
Assistant Music Director.....	Gail L'Itaker
Organist.....	Gus Farmer
Audio/Video Coordinator.....	Rick Beam, John Crawford
Open Doors Director.....	Lyndsey Myers-Adams
Housekeeper.....	Diane Timmons

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class postage paid Wadesboro, NC Permit #5**