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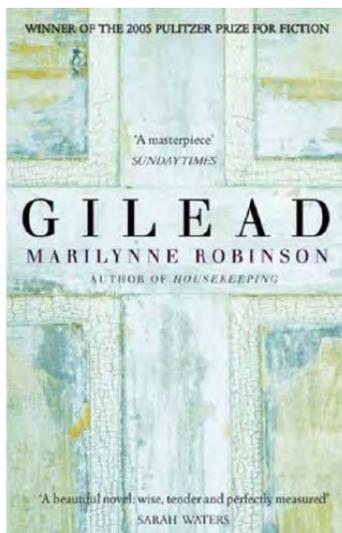
June 2015

Our New Summer Book!

We know how it is: Summer isn't the time you want to start anything too intense, too hard, too deep. Just ask any child; they'll tell you summer is no time for learning! Summer is for novels on the beach! That's why our summer book this year is...Fiction! And not just any fiction. Award-winning, beloved, spiritual fiction. ~Read more about *Gilead* on page 4

Books are NOW available for \$10 at the Front Desk. Every Thursday this summer during the lunch hour Rev. Erin Beall will be at DeBeen Espresso coffee shop for book discussion, and in late August Wesley Memorial will host a dinner and panel discussion of the book with Revs. Al Ward, Jared Stine, and Erin Beall.

So, invite your friends, pick up your book, and let's read, grow, and be inspired together through Marilynne Robinson's *Gilead*!



FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-5

Music Camp

June 22-25, 2015 • 9 am - 12 noon

Our theme for camp is
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Singing, Drama, Liturgical Dance,
and Chime Playing each day!

REGISTER AT: www.wesley memorial.org

WESLEY MEMORIAL
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1225 Chestnut Drive
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SINGING

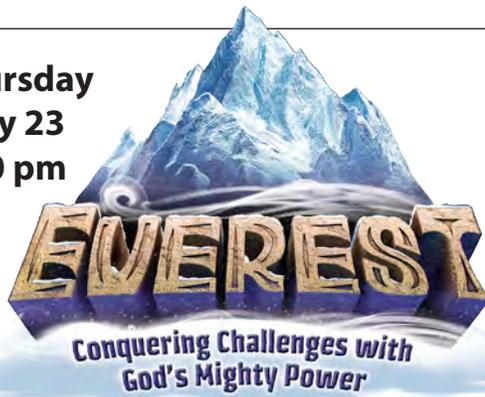
DANCE

DRAMA

CHIMES

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Monday-Thursday**July 20-July 23****9 am-12:30 pm****4 year olds*-5th graders~*Must be 4 by August 31**

At Everest VBS, kids embark on the coolest adventure of the summer! Everest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-something we call God Sightings.

Make sure your child is signed up to go on this exciting, icy expedition to the slopes of Mount Everest where they'll discover they can "Conquer Challenges with God's Mighty Power!"

To register follow the VBS link on the church website www.wesleymemorial.org

Sunday School Promotion will be August 30. All children 2's-5th grade will remain in the class they have been in all year until then.

Kindergarten through fifth grade began Summer Sunday School on May 31. We will focus on stories that are about water in each of the three stations we will visit each Sunday. Some of our favorites-Jonah and the Whale, Jesus Walks on Water and the Woman at the Well. We will be adding a new station to the summer's rotation that everyone will like.

Three's and four's will continue with Grow, Proclaim, Serve units of: I can care for God's creation, I can teach others about God and I can learn and share God's word.

**Can you help with these VBS supplies?****Decorations:** Need ASAP to begin making our scenes

- Blue and White Acrylic Craft paint-large size for painting props and scenes
- Foam paint brushes-all sizes
- White foam insulation 4x8' sheets (1 1/2-2" thick)
- Blue "Painters Tape"
- Duct Tape
- White batting
- Fake snow (like used at Christmas)

Other items needed by July 10

- Paper plates-small
- Paper cups (5 oz.)
- 9 oz. Clear plastic cups
- Plastic spoons
- Wet Wipes
- "Gold Fish" crackers or Walmart brand "Penguins"
- Banana chips
- Mini chocolate chips
- Mini marshmallows
- Raisins-large boxes
- Cereals-large boxes: Cheerios, Chex, Kix, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Rice Crispies, etc. (no nuts/tree nut products)
- Fruit snacks-bulk container if possible
- Vanilla & chocolate instant pudding
- Pizza sauce (jars)
- Pita bread (rounds)

**Please place items in labeled boxes
on Elementary Hall. Thank You!
Mt Everest VBS Team**

Do you have any of these around your house that we could borrow? This will help "set the scene" for our camping expedition up Mt Everest.

Camping gear:

- Tents (free standing-pop up style)
- Sleeping bags
- Lanterns

Climbing equipment:

- Snow shoes (ok I know this is a long shot)
- Wooden crates
- Rope

If you have these items and are willing to allow us to borrow them, please contact Debbie so we can assure your items are returned properly. Thank you!



Contact: **Debbie Foust**
Director of Children's Ministries
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the Underground

Wesley Memorial Student Ministries

Bruce Hathaway Scholarship Winner

Every year, Student Ministries recognizes our students who are graduating from high school. We recognize one outstanding high school graduate in Student Ministries to receive the Bruce Hathaway scholarship. Voted on by the Kerygma leaders, this \$500 scholarship is given to the student who they believe has dedicated their time to the ministry and been profoundly impacted by the church. This year's scholarship recipient is **Reggie Freeman**.

Reggie Freeman has been an active member of the Student Ministries. An upcoming graduate of Andrews High School, Reggie has been involved with the program for many years. Reggie was also approved to become an Eagle Scout this past spring. He will be joining the U.S. Army Reserves. If you see Reggie around, be sure to congratulate him on this achievement. We wish him, and all of our seniors, the best of luck as they start the next chapters in their lives.

New Series in June: Propel

When you were a kid, what did you look forward to most? Was it taking off the training wheels? Being tall enough to ride whatever you wanted at the fair? Getting to wear makeup? Or driving a car? It seems there's something in every little kid that loves the idea of growing up. That doesn't really go away as we get older. Middle school makes us wish for high school. High school makes us wish for college. And most of the time, we know what it takes to get from one level to the next, but what about spiritually? How do we know we're moving forward in our faith? And what are the things that help us get there? The good news is that, God wants us to grow. He wants to see us move forward. So, He doesn't make it complicated. This June, we will look at four things God uses to propel our faith, so that we may find that growing up spiritually can be simpler than we ever imagined.



Lead Small Initiative

Starting this summer, Student Ministries is starting a new program called the "Lead Small Initiative". What is Lead Small? Lead Small, based on the same book by Reggie Joiner, states that student ministry thrives in small group settings. It's where relationships are birthed, and the Gospel can truly come to life. We will be doing small changes throughout the summer as a "trial run", with the hopes of unveiling all of our changes by this fall. Stay tuned!

Summer "Friday Fundays"

Even though we will be slowing down for the summer, doesn't mean that we still won't be having fun. We will have two get-togethers this summer, both of which will be on Fridays. On June 26, we will be taking a trip to go tubing at the Dan River in Virginia. On July 24, we will be going on our previously-postponed trip to Carowinds. We hope your student can join us for both of them!

Summer Sunday School

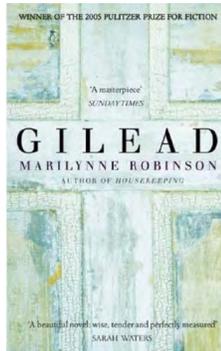
This summer, we will still be meeting for Sunday School. However, we will be meeting in large groups instead of our regular classrooms. Please join us from 9:45-10:45 am in the Underground every Sunday this summer!



Contact: **Jay Butler**
 Director of Student Ministries
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Gilead

Adults from all corners of the congregation are invited to join us as together we read Marilynne Robinson's novel *Gilead*. This breathtaking, heartbreaking, and inspiring novel won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, as well as the National Book Critics Circle Award. Assigned in book clubs and seminary classes alike, this book is beloved by Christians of all ilk.



Gilead's main character is retired and ailing preacher John Ames. The plot, told in letters to his young son, centers on his waning and waxing spirituality, as he ages and his body begins to fail him. We see into the lives of his family and friends, who struggle to make sense of the troubles of rural life in the small town of Gilead, Iowa. We experience with John the enduring presence of God, even as our hearts fail us and our faith is questioned.

~See front cover for discussion gathering times

Learning to Walk in the Dark

Barbara Brown Taylor is an author, preacher, and speaker whose name you probably have heard before...because your pastors love her and can't stop quoting her! Now's your chance to read her latest (and possibly greatest!) book. *Learning to Walk in the Dark* is a fabulous and easy read that explores the dark side of faith: the side of doubts and fears, questions and unanswered prayers. Taylor asks the question: If God is only the God of the daytime, of brilliant sunshine and happy days, then what are we to do when the sun sets? So bring a bag supper or a snack and join us as we find that God is the God of the dark night, as well, and that there is truly nothing to fear!

Wednesday nights from 5:15-6:45, May 20-July 1 (Special Note: CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME!) For more information or to register, contact Erin Beall (812-4815 or ebeall@wesleymemorial.org) Books are \$12

Wanted: New or Slightly Used Martha's & Stephen's.

Looking for a volunteer commitment that is flexible and a few times a year? Have you been a Martha or Stephen in the past and willing to make a commitment again for 2015-16? Flexible days and hours are available as well as training.

Already a current Martha & Stephen...you will be given the opportunity to RE-UP with the option to change duties, add and/or subtract from your current commitment.

Duties Available: Calling, Setting Tables, Serving (serving drinks, wiping trays, cleaning up at end of meal, or Host or Hostess (opportunity to choose one of the options or a combination up to all of the options.)

Host or Hostess: The host/hostess coordinates the volunteers as well as assists in the duties. Average length of commitment is 1 ½ hours per event scheduled.

Server: The server works under the direction of the host/hostess and is asked to serve drinks, serve desserts, collect and wipe trays, or carry trays for those unable to do so. Average length of commitment is 1 ½ hours per event scheduled.

Setting tables: The setter is asked to do just that... set tables with placemats, napkins, silverware and salt & pepper shakers as needed. Average length of commitment is ½ hour per event.

Caller: Call to remind the servers and setters of their volunteer commitment (leave messages if unavailable) and compile the information (substitutions, etc.) and relay the information to the host/hostess. Average length of commitment is 15 minutes per event.

Contact Cindy Dominick at 812-4814 or cdominick@wesleymemorial.org for questions or to sign-up. Volunteer opportunities will begin in September.

MUSIC CAMP IS ALMOST HERE!

Music Camp will be June 22-25 from 9 am-12 noon for rising 2nd-5th graders. They will have singing, chime ringing, liturgical dance and drama every day. Children should bring a labeled snack each day. On Thursday, June 25, all parents will be invited to a child-lead worship service at 11:30 am in the Dining Hall. The children will demonstrate what they have been learning. The camp is free, but please register at wesleymemorial.org. Registration closes on June 6. Invite a friend to come!



The Chancel Choir will rehearse throughout the summer. They are rehearsing music for summer worship but they have also started on special anthems for fall and on Christmas music. After rehearsal on June 17 we will have cookies and coffee and on July 29 we will have a special treat after rehearsal for a time of fellowship and celebration of choir friendships and the joy we experience in making music and serving God and His church. Please join us for the summer if not for always! We miss many of our choir members and choral scholars in the summer and you could be a great help. Looking ahead, the choir will have a covered dish in the Fellowship Hall on August 26 to welcome everyone back after summer vacations and to celebrate our choral scholars.

The Chancel Choir held its annual picnic covered dish at the farm of Harriet Mattes on May 24. Many former choir members attended.

Adult Handbells will rehearse the second Thursday of every month during the summer in the Bell Room at 7 pm. They will be preparing music for the Raleigh Ringers Fall Workshop on November 7.

If you would like to be an **Anthem Angel** please contact Anne Carroll. You can purchase an anthem in honor or in memory of a loved one. Each time your anthem is sung in worship we will include a note in the bulletin about your honorarium or memorial. We have anthems ready to be purchased.



Contact: **Anne Carroll**
Director of Music Ministries
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Community Garden at Wesley Memorial

The community garden experiment at Wesley Memorial is underway. We have ten 4 feet by 12 feet plant beds that are being planted by individuals and groups from Wesley Memorial. Thus far our gardeners have planted corn, tomatoes, squash, and greens beans. As the produce is harvested it will be shared with community agencies that feed the hungry.

Our gardeners are Bob Bass, Bill Anderson, Butch Farabow, MooMoo Councill, John Campbell, Rick Lutz, Wesley Memorial School, Wesley Memorial Staff, Kelley and Miller families, Sandy Rittenhouse and the Niebauer family, Charlie Surlles and Tom Gore.

In addition to the gardeners, the following people have worked on this project: Scott Dunbar and Dunbar Construction, Rick Lutz, George McLarty, Buddy Wilson, Ed Brooks and Henry McMullan. Special thanks to Bob Bass who has designed and directed this project.

The garden is located in the field next to the lower level of the playground. Drop by and see the garden grow. This is an example of Wesley Memorial *servicing as the hands of Christ in ways that transform lives.*



**FILL THE
BACKPACKS**
Ministry

Special needs:

- Protein items
- Juice Boxes

Collection bins are in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall Lobby and Administrative Building Lobby.

Mission Trip-July 12-18

The Mission and Community Impact Team is sponsoring a Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. This will be the 20th year that Wesley Memorial has sent a team to Henderson Settlement to do repair and rehab work on homes in this rural Appalachian region. If you would be interested in being part of this Mission Team, please contact Dwight Steed at 336-882-4829. Space is limited so call Dwight today.

Annual Conference

The Western North Carolina Conference will convene at Lake Junaluska on June 17 under theme "Until The Whole World Hears." This year the Conference will not only conduct the regular agenda of worship and "holy conversation" about the affairs of the churches in western North Carolina, but it will also elect delegates to the General Conference held next May in Portland, OR. For Wesley Memorial, the highlight of the Conference will come on Saturday evening, when our own Erin Beall will be ordained an Elder. The Conference will end on Sunday morning, June 21, when Bishop Goodpaster will announce the clergy appointments for 2015-16 which will include the appointments of Erin Beall, Jared Stine, and Al Ward to Wesley Memorial. In addition to our clergy, Wesley Memorial will be represented by Suzie and Butch Farabow, Jim Royal, and George and Patty McLarty. Please keep the Conference in your prayers.

Erin's Ordination

We are so proud that Erin will be ordained an Elder at Annual Conference on June 20. If you would like to attend that service, it is open to the public and will be held in Stuart Auditorium on the campus of Lake Junaluska Assembly at 7:30 pm. We will be recognizing Erin and celebrating her ordination in all our services on Sunday, June 28. You may watch the Ordination Service at www.ac2015.org.



Contact: **Dr. Al Ward**
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In July folks from Wesley Memorial and our Congregational Care Team will travel to Duke Divinity School to participate in the Reimagining Health Summer Gathering. This conference is sponsored by a new program at Duke entitled Reimagining Health: A Collaborative of Christian Communities. This invitation-only gathering brings together churches from across North Carolina to dialogue and discern Christian perspectives on human health, illness, disease, Sabbath, and modern medicine. The initiative hopes that these conversations will result in new and creative church practices regarding health, wellness, and suffering. After the summer gathering, Wesley Memorial will have the opportunity to participate in a two year Duke-funded partnership expanding or developing practices in our church and/or community. Interested in learning more? Contact Jared Stine or the Congregational Care team chair Gene Kester.



Contact: **Rev. Jared Stine**
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
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Toward a Future Worthy of Our Past

Our Church History...

One hundred years ago this year our church officially became Wesley Memorial by a vote of the members, in order to honor the founder of Methodism and to mark the church's move from Washington Street to North Main Street. Two years ago when John Wesley College changed its name to Laurel University, it gifted Wesley Memorial with a relief of John Wesley that had been part of that school's signage for many years.

The relief now hangs on the wall outside the Historical Room in the hall leading from the Adult Sunday School wing to the Sanctuary. We are grateful to Laurel University for this gift and it is a marvelous visual addition to the collection of John Wesley memorabilia: an original letter written by him to one of his superintendents in 1776 and two books he authored, **THE ANALYSIS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT** and **THE SAINTS EVERLASTING REST**. Please take a moment to stop and see this new addition.

Welcome, Thomas

Wesley Memorial is pleased to welcome Thomas Lyons as our Ministry Intern. Thomas is a native of Pompton Plains, NJ and a rising senior at High Point University where he is majoring in music performance with a concentration in voice. Thomas is a member of the HPU Chamber Singers and the Board of Stewards of the Hayworth Chapel. He has volunteered at Rankin Memorial UMC in High Point and sung as a choral scholar in the Chancel Choir at Memorial UMC in Thomasville. After graduation, he plans to attend seminary and become an ordained minister in the UMC.

The ministry internship is designed to help college students at High Point University, UNC-Charlotte, Appalachian State experience ministry in a local church setting as they explore and discern God's call for them. Wesley Memorial was one of three churches invited to participate in this project. The internship is funded through a grant awarded to the campus ministries at these schools by the Young Clergy Initiative of the Western North Carolina Conference.

United Methodist Women

Western NC Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat is June 12-13 at Lake Junaluska. Speaker is the Reverend Toni Ruth Smith "Love as God Loves". Opening session is 6:45 pm Friday, June 12 and it ends at noon on June 13. Log onto www.wnccumw.org for housing and more information.

UMW Mission u at Pfeiffer University, July 16-19, "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World". Courses of study include Spiritual Growth: Created in Happiness, Geographical Study: Latin America, and Social Issues Study: The Church and People with Disabilities. You can stay the entire weekend or take a one day course. Register by June 26th. Complete details at www.wnccumw.org. Call Rita Meredith if you'd like to attend with others from our church.

Circles will not meet over the summer.

wesley memorial school

NURSERY • PRESCHOOL • KINDERGARTEN

"Fun In The Sun" Summer Camp Calling All Kids ages Kindergarten-5th Grade! 5 days \$145/week or 3 days \$90

We're now in "full swing" daily, 7:30 am-6 pm! We're LOVING our Game Room & breakout activity stations in The Underground Youth area! Each week is packed with high-interest projects; for example, "Dripping Paint Masterpieces" were the summer opener as we studied the artistic works of Jackson Pollock! Over several weeks, we'll be producing a musical/drama--then take it on-the-road in outreach for senior centers. Other trips include splash parties at Sheraton Hills Swim Club (every Weds) and HP Gymnastics Academy (every Fri). Campers will participate in Music Camp and VBS weeks of our church. We are also tending a plot in the community garden! We invite families to stop by the WMS Office for a tour and to pick up a FITS Activity Calendar for full details! New students are welcome each week throughout summer.



Contact: **Susan Sumpter**
Director of Wesley Memorial School
884-4232
ssumpter@wesley Memorial.org

We say goodbye to this school year with tremendous pride for our 155 boys and girls. Our hearts and minds are filled with the WONDERFULNESS of each child's growth under the direction of 26 outstanding teachers. What a positive year as we look back and celebrate the "new things" that happened during 2014-15...

- 2 New Playgrounds!
- Enrollment growth-addition of new groups-for Kgt Fives and Threes
- Shutterfly accounts for Kgt Fives to communicate lesson plans, class news, volunteer signups, & photo sharing
- Parent Coordinators in each class to organize snacks and volunteers
- Winterfest invited ALL parents to participate in a day filled with creativity & imagination

WMS Outreach Projects:

- MINI-CROP WALK-raised \$1,262.85 to help fight hunger
- Canned Food Drive-938 items for Open Door at Thanksgiving
- Kid's Kare Bags-24 Christmas bags (2 per classroom) for homeless children
- Super-Hero DASH-raised \$821.68 for Family Services
- Reception to honor our WMS "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren"
- 1st Children's Book printed! "Way Up High... Birdie?" was collaboration of WMS children (illustrators) with parent author.





class of 2015

This month we honor our 2015 Graduates. Our seniors processed in their cap & gowns and were honored during the 11 am Alpha & Omega worship service. Following the service some students had family sponsored tables in the Media Center with pictures and memorabilia from the early lives of the student. There was also a slide show playing of Senior student photos.



Sarah Aislinn Antrim*
Jeffery Brock Braddy
Emily Weiss Bunch
Reginald Charles Freeman, Jr.
Arthur Boyden Henley IV*
Caroline Howard Klemme
Ross Nichols Mason*
Robert Graham Tutton

*not pictured

Pictured left to right: Reggie Freeman, Robert Tutton, Brock Braddy, Caroline Klemme, Emily Bunch and Jay Butler on Alpha & Omega Sunday, May 31.

On Alpha & Omega Sunday, May 31, Aislinn Antrim, a senior, was asked to speak to the congregation at the 11 am worship service. Unfortunately, she became very ill that morning and was unable to share her speech. We've included the words she prepared for us that morning. Enjoy...

Hello, I'm Aislinn Antrim. I've grown up in this church, from crawling in the nursery, to running through the children's hall, to napping on the couches in the youth area. As I'm nearing the end of my stretch as a member of the youth program, I've only begun to realize two major ways that Wesley Memorial has affected the person I am today and the person I will become in this next phase of my life. Of course, there's a myriad of ways that everyone here has affected my life, but these are the first two that come to mind.

Firstly, Wesley Memorial has given me a community of friends with the same beliefs and morals, something which is not always easy to find as a twenty-first century teenager. These friends have grown with me throughout

the years, encouraging my faith as I hope I have encouraged theirs. Some of my favorite memories include spur-of-the-moment jam sessions with the youth band at church camp and competitive games of Sardines in the dark sanctuary during lock-ins. As we've grown beneath this steeple, I know our friendships will continue to grow over the next few years and beyond.

Secondly, and arguably most importantly, Wesley Memorial has grown my faith. At workshops, where we prayed together and grew our individual faiths, and at church camp, where we solidified our relationships with each other, this youth group has prepared me for the world outside of High Point. This congregation has given me a safety net to come home to, and the tools to go as far as I want. Honestly, it's scary. I don't think a single senior up here could say there's absolutely no trace of fear mixed in with our excitement. But with the foundation we've gained here, we can handle anything thrown in our paths. This church has made me who I am today, and I can't wait to see how this community continues to shape me in this next phase of my life. Thank you.

Wesley Memorial Celebrates...

Welcome, New Member!

Please extend a warm Wesley Memorial welcome to our new members who joined the church recently!

Fred Isenhower joined April 26 at 8:30 am.



Weddings...

Congratulations to **Chelsea Cook and Robert Andrews** who were married **May 16, 2015.**

Special Delivery...

Andrew and Tracy (Smith) Mense welcomed Ainsleigh Louise Mense into their family on April 17, 2015. Nolan is a big brother!



Baptisms

We rejoice in the baptism of **Eliza Camille Voll**, daughter of Eric and Keelah Voll of Thomasville, NC, and welcome her into the family of Christ on May 31, 2015.



The deadline for article submission for the July issue of the HeartBeat will be June 11. To submit information for the HeartBeat contact: Melissa Coley at mcoley@wesley memorial.org or 812-4806.

We would like to announce all new babies born into our church family as well as baptisms and weddings in the HeartBeat each month. Please notify Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministry, with any new arrivals or adoptions and Dr. Al Ward with wedding information to be included.

We Remember and Honor Our Loved Ones

Gifts given through April 2015

IN MEMORY OF:

Jimmy Gray Branch (Brother of Lucille Duncan):
Ellen Whitlock

Barbara Harper Dean (Mother of Zach Owens):
Wade & Lois Markham

Virginia Gibson Griffith: Rebecca Howell

Susan Hines Gurley: Gary & Carol Brooke, Breck & Leighanne Dorton, Lora Ridge Dunbar, Dorsay Eichhorn, Eighth Day Unity Group, A Friend, Pat & Everette Grayson, Claude & Sarah Jones, Vivian Penry, Craig & Kay Skillman, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Spruill, Carolyn & Dwight Steed

Betty Anne Harrison: Claryce Norman

Mary Hughes: Claryce Norman

Raymond R. Hutchins, Jr.: Claryce Norman

Lee Creech Kimsey: Claryce Norman

Nancy Clayton Meeks: Claryce Norman, Ray & Liz Rogers

Alma Stephens Branch Mitchell (Mother of Lucille Duncan): Eleanor Lagas, Mary Lyon, Mary & Tom Mason, UMW Circle #6, Ellen Whitlock

Lou Hart Smith (Sister of Betty Royal): Mary & Tom Mason

Jewell Sterchi (Sister of Bee Rule): Mary & Tom Mason

Lloyd H. Warren, Jr.: Chestnut Oaks Homeowners Association, Janice Crowder, Beverly Crotts, Anne Davis, Charles Finch, Phillip & Theresa Fulton, Tom Kearns, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Crowell Little, Mrs. Marion Mattlage, Kenneth Meyer, Karen Odom, Vivian Penry, Bootsy Tucker

IN HONOR OF:

Slater Cheek: Peggy & James Brothers

Susan Kelley: Bonnie Odom

Mac & Michele Lane: Daniel & Linda Dale

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has made and delivered **over 1,600** shawls, blankets, sweaters and other items!



You are invited to join this wonderful group on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Small Dining Room. Contact Lee Huff, 887-9165; Karen Sumner, 883-8721 or Linda Dale, 884-5121.

In Memoriam

Gladys Holder Beasley May 5, 2015

Ruth Fowler Lindsay May 8, 2015

Thomas (Tom) Milton Hall May 23, 2015

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Butch Farabow and family in the death of his sister; Betty L. Goyings on April 18.

Helen Starnes and family in the death of her sister; Betty Weavil Daub on April 29.

Ed Charles and family in the death of his father; John Clifton Charles on May 2.

Bonnie Beasley and family in the death of her mother; Gladys Holder Beasley on May 5.

Meryl and Buddy Wilson and families in the death of her son and his brother; George (Rick) Frederick Wilson on May 7.

The family of Ruth Fowler Lindsay in her death on May 8.

Andrea Hall and Doug Hall and families in the death of her husband and his brother; Thomas (Tom) Milton Hall on May 23.

Stephen Ministry



This ministry was named for Stephen who was one of the first lay people commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry. (Acts 6)

Need to talk but don't know where to turn?

Our Stephen Ministry offers one-to-one confidential emotional and spiritual support to persons in need of a listening ear. Stephen Ministers are non-clergy persons trained to provide confidential and thoughtful care without judgment. If you are grieving a loss, struggling with divorce, or any other life transition, contact Stephen Minister Mike Flack at 812-3559 or speak to a pastor.

All Contacts are Confidential!



We celebrate our 2015 College Graduates!

Phillip Ray "Trip" Dixon, III

Appalachian State University
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Jodi & Tim Dobmeier

Texas A&M
MBAs

Megan Fary

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Bachelor of Arts in Special Education

Teresa Elise Fulcher

Boston University School of Engineering
Bachelor of Science with Honors in Mechanical
Engineering

Allison Elizabeth Harmon

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Elizabeth Carson Lane

University of South Carolina
Spanish & Economics with a Minor in Business

Lt. Comm. Jonathan Odom

Georgetown University
Master of Laws LLM

Michael Anderson Surles

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
History and Economics

Buddy Pope Wilson

Guilford Technical Community College
Associates in Applied Science in Construction Man-
agement Technology & Air Conditioning, Heating
and Refrigeration Technology

Congratulations to Harvey Lowd! Harvey was awarded an honorary doctorate of business administration at the Commencement for Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC on May 10, 2015. Harvey was also the speaker for the Commencement and serves as the Chair of the Lees-McRae College Board of Trustees.

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