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Dear Family,

As we conclude 2017 and head into 2018, I want to thank God for you and your faithfulness to the mission and vision of our church. It has been an amazing year!

At Jordan Memorial, we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through authentic and Love-based:

+conversations

+worship

+small groups



Here are just a few highlights from 2017. 2018 is sure to be filled with even greater things! The best is yet to come.

*Grace and peace +*

*Josh*

**Please send mail and pray for our Homebound**

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**Memorials and Honorariums**

In Memory of Arlie Culp

George Cleveland  
Sam & Marjorie Rankin  
Larry & Crandall Ellison  
Ed & Shirley Mitchell  
Bob & Betty Jo Armfield  
Betty Shackelford  
Dale & Celeste Byrnes  
Gordon & Sara Brady  
Max & Doris Baldwin  
Martha Alexander  
Ed & Suzy McMahan  
Randolph Electric Membership Corp  
Ramseur High School Class of 1953  
JoLynne Allen  
Betty S Leonard  
Steve & Kelly Painter  
Tom & Debbie Hardin  
Betty Dorsett

In Memory of Beverly Stout

Doris Allen  
Ed & Shirley Mitchell  
Larry & Crandall Ellison  
Perry & Lou Stout  
John & Priscilla Allen  
Toni Marley  
Betty Shackelford  
Bob & Martha Thomas  
Dale & Celeste Byrnes  
Bruce & Claudia Ihme  
Carolyn Davis & Max Spears  
Julie & David Nichols  
Hayes & Jen Davis  
Carolyn M. Cox  
Robert Brooks  
Norma Connell  
Max & Doris Baldwin  
Ernest & Mazie Craven  
Ramseur High School Class of 1953  
Larry & Cathie Richardson  
Lorene Corns & Pat Gabriel  
JoLynne Allen  
Grey Graham  
Terry & Judy Cox  
Louise Corder  
Thomas & Elaine Evington  
Bob McDuffie  
Mr & Mrs Stevens Holland  
Betty S Leonard

Jeff & Susan Grose  
Betty Dorsett  
D H & Edith Briles  
Floyd & Mary Craven  
Ronald & Jane Cranford

In Memory of Shannon Shackelford

Betty Shackelford

In Memory of Harvey Burgess

Betty Shackelford  
JoLynne Allen  
Sam & Missy Rankin  
Steve & Kelly Painter

In Memory of Lucille Wright

Grey Graham

In Memory of C T Hardin

Steve & Kelly Painter

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**Beverly Diane Cox Stout**, 82, of Ramseur, died Monday, October 23, 2017 at Universal Health Care in Ramseur.

Beverly was born in High Point, NC to the late Cecil and Evelyn Williams Cox. She grew up in Ramseur and graduated from Ramseur High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Greensboro College and a Masters of Education degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She taught 38 years in the Asheboro City, High Point City and Guilford County Schools.



*A single sunbeam is enough  
to drive away many shadows.  
St. Francis of Assisi*

Beverly was a charter member of the High Point Alpha Phi Chapter of North Carolina Alpha Delta Kappa International, a sorority for women educators. She served in many offices for that organization. She was also a life member of the National Education Association, the North Carolina Association of Retired School Personnel and a member of the Guilford County Retired Educators. She was past president of the Woodland Garden Club in Ramseur. She was a member of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church and was active in United Methodist Women. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil A. and Evelyn Williams Cox.

Survivors: husband of 61 years, Roger D. Stout, of the home, sister, Emily Johnson, and husband, Bill, of Ramseur, nephew, William (Lisa) Johnson and niece, Celia (David) Harris and a great niece, Hannah Harris and great nephew, Nathan Harris, all of Ramseur. She is also survived by two special cousins, Darrell (Linda) Williams of Asheboro and Robert (Betty Jo) Armfield, Jr. of Ramseur. Two brothers-in-law, Ernest Stout and Lowell Stout of Ramseur also survive her. In addition, she is survived by three nieces, Susan (Jeff) Groce, Stephanie (Scott) Warren, Rebekah (John) Stauffer and two nephews, Travis and Dean Stout, one great niece, Allison Warren and six great nephews, Josh and Coleman Warren, Noah and Nathan Stauffer and Conner and Logan Stout.

## **Florence Wright**

Florence was born on November 16, 1933 and passed away on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Florence was a resident of Ramseur, North Carolina at the time of passing.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Park Rd., #250, Charlotte, NC 28209.

## **United Methodist Women News**

The UMW sponsored Christmas Mail will begin on Sunday, December 3 and will continue throughout the month of December. Mail will be delivered to shut-ins and those who reside in nursing facilities. Other members will receive their mail each Sunday. Red containers will be provided at the back of the sanctuary and on the front middle pew. Place your mail in either container along with your donation for the mail service. All donations will be used for the children and youth programs at Jordan Memorial. Checks should be made to Jordan Memorial UMC with the notation that it is for Christmas mail.

The UMW will serve light refreshments in the Craven Room following the Christmas Music Program on December 10. We invite all members and guests to come by for punch and cookies and a chance to fellowship during this Holy Season.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Plans for 2018 will be made, a budget approved and meeting dates set. Input is needed from all members so plan to attend this important meeting.

# Small Group Opportunities

## Journey Group

The Journey Group will meet Tuesday Dec 5 & 19 and Jan 2 & 16 at 7pm at the House on Main Street. This is a small group is centered on leading all people towards healing and wholeness.

## Children's Worship Experience

The next children's worship experience is Sunday, Jan 14 during the 11am worship service. All kids are welcome to a fun time of learning and growth in God.

## AA Group

Jordan Memorial is hosting an open discussion **AA Group** on Monday evenings at 6:30pm at the House on Main Street (1513 Main Street Ramseur). Please be in prayer for this important ministry. If you have questions, contact Joy Collins at 336-622-3839.

## Bluegrass Sunday

Bluegrass Sunday practice will be Wednesday Jan 3 at 3:30pm.

Join us for Blue Grass Sunday, where we have a variety of musically talented people playing church hymns. Blue Grass Sunday date is Jan 7.

**IMPACT: RAMSEUR** finished its 12<sup>th</sup> wheelchair ramp this month! We have just completed two ramps for the Shoffner family and for Mr. George Reynolds. Please be in prayer for this ministry !

**Tai Chi Chuan** Classes :Dec 2, 9,16 & 30 and Jan: 13, 20 and 27 at 9am in the fellowship hall.

## Community Garden

Anyone interested in helping at the Ramseur community garden is invited to an interest meeting on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church.

## Young Adult Small Group

The Young Adult Small Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec 20 & Jan 17 at 6pm at the Kurtz's house.

## Monday Morning Prayer

We will not meet for Monday morning prayer the entire month of December. We will resume Monday morning prayer on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am. See you in the new year!



December 3 @ 5pm—meet at the church to carol at Universal Rehabilitation Center

December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm—meet at the Kurtz's at 5pm for Youth Christmas Party

Jan 7 & 21 @ 5pm

## Thursdays on Main Street

Thursdays on Main Street small group will meet the following Thursdays @ 7pm in December/January:

December 14

January 4

January 11

January 25

## Jordan Kids

The Jordan Kids will join the Jordan Youth on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm at Universal Healthcare to sing to the residents there. Following our singing, we will come back to the church for pizza.

The children will be singing in worship on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They are currently practicing each Sunday at 10am in the Craven Room. All children are welcome to join us!



# In Appreciation / Announcements

Dear Friends at Jordan Memorial  
& Pastor Kurtz

Thank you for your gracious hospitality for  
our cluster conference gathering. It was a  
blessing to us all!

Thank you, Laura Auten

We celebrate the birth  
of Hadleigh Sarah  
Poole.

6 pounds 10 ounces  
20 inches long.



Jordan Memorial received a lovely letter from  
**UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee  
on Relief ) thanking us for our gifts towards  
disaster response following the recent devast-  
ating hurricanes in the US and the Caribbe-  
an.

Thanks to you, we collected over \$2,200  
which 100% of the donations go to help with  
disaster relief.

## It's a Girl!

Mark your calendar for a January baby shower.  
Our very own Taylor & Cara Payne are very excit-  
ed to welcome their first child into their family.  
Come join us to celebrate the arrival of a little  
Payne—Harper Elizabeth, on Sunday Jan 21st  
from 2-4pm in the Craven Room.  
They are registered at Babies-R-Us, Target, and at  
<https://www.babylist.com/>

## Eastern Randolph High School

Honor's Choral Ensemble  
Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 12th @ 6pm



## Jordan Memorial UMC

Chancel & Handbell Choir Music Program

Sunday, December 10th at 4pm

1511 Main Street  
Ramseur, NC



## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

6pm

JORDAN MEMORIAL UMC  
1511 MAIN STREET  
RAMSEUR



## Coat/Winter Clothes Drive

We are collecting new or gently used clothing  
for our community throughout Nov/Dec

Drop off coats/clothes in the Conference Room  
at the church!

Worship Series for **December**: SENT

Dec. 31: Baptismal Remembrance



Worship times

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship Service 11am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm



Worship Series for **January**: God Unbound



# 4BC

A Walk to the  
Beginning of Christmas

Come  
Experience  
Bethlehem...

...during the Birth of Jesus and be reminded of the true  
**Reason for the Season!**

- Featuring live animals including: Donkey and Cows
- Live Nativity Characters and a recreated city of Bethlehem  
sponsored by area Churches and Businesses

Open Field across from First Baptist Church, Ramseur  
*in Ramseur, Corner of Hwy. 22 & 731 Liberty Street*

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 6, 7 and 8:00 pm**



**FREE OUTDOOR  
CHRISTMAS DRAMA**



JMUMC fed the ERHS football team on their senior night at the church.

Thanks to all who served and baked sweets!

Our Jordan Youth had a great trip to Pilgrimage in Fayetteville this past month.

The theme of the conference was 'A Place at the Table'.



Mr. Aaron McNeill drew a beautiful picture during one of Pastor Josh's sermons.

The picture will be placed in our nursery as a constant reminder that God is in control.

Our Community Thanksgiving meal was awesome! Over 120 people came to eat, shop our clothes closet, and sing some tunes together.

Thank you to all who served and came!







**Truck or Treat** was fun for everyone, Doctors, Dozers & Dogs!



**IMPACT:** Ramseur ramp for Mr. George Reynolds and the Shoffner family.



# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tai Chi 9am
3 Youth Carol @ Univer- sal @ 5pm	4 AA Group 6:30pm	5 Journey Group 7pm	6 Community Garden meeting 7pm	7 4BC Nativity @ 6, 7, & 8pm	8 4BC Nativity @ 6, 7, & 8pm	9 Tai Chi 9am Ramseur Christmas Parade 5pm 4BC Nativity @ 6, 7, & 8pm
10 Hand Bell & Choir Concert 4pm	11 AA Group 6:30pm	12 ERHS Honors Choral Concert 6pm	13	14 Thur on Main 7pm	15	16 Tai Chi 9am
17 Children's pgm 11am Youth meet @ Kurtz 5pm	18 AA Group 6:30pm	19 Journey Group 7pm	20 Young Adult 6pm @ Kurtz's	21	22	23
24 Candlelight Service @ 7pm	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>  Office closed	26	27	28	29	30 Tai Chi 9am
31 Baptismal remem- brance 11am						

## December Birthdays

04-Billie Thomas  
04-Dylan Leonard  
07-Kathleen Posey Daniel  
10-Mark Trexler  
11-Wesley M. Gilliland  
15-Christian Miller  
15-Toni Marley  
15-Betty Dorsett  
17-Allen Mitchell  
18-Sawyer Mitchell  
19-Linda Brady  
20-Sailor Boyd  
23-William R. Craven  
24-Jack Robert Shelton  
25-Crandall G. Ellison  
26-Richard J. Thomas, Jr.  
31-Dale Byrnes

## Ramseur Food Pantry:

Canned fruit (reg & sugar free), Rice  
  
Always a need: sugar, flour, cooking oil, frozen items, personal hygiene items, infant formula (with or without iron) Baby food, Diapers.



No Monday morning prayer meetings in December.

## ACOLYTE

12/3 — Izzy Benbow  
12/10— Hunter Shackelford  
12/17— Aidan Armfield  
12/24— Mason Gaines  
12/31— Brady Armfield

## USHERS

Nathan Harris, Fletcher Rains,  
Jerry Boyd

## GREETERS

Jim & Melanie Rains

## CUSTODIAN

Ray Albright

The church office will be closed  
December 25 for Christmas.

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>2018</b>	2 Journey Group 7pm	3 Blue Grass Practice 3:30pm	4 Thur on Main 7pm	5	6
7 Blue Grass Sunday 11am Youth meet @ Kurtz's 5pm	8 Monday 8am Prayer AA Group 6:30pm	9	10	11 Thur on Main 7pm	12	13 Tai Chi 9am
14 Children's Worship 11am	15 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> / Office Closed Monday 8am Prayer AA Group 6:30pm	16 Journey Group 7pm	17 Young Adult 6pm @ Kurtz's	18	19	20 Tai Chi 9am
21 Payne Baby Shower 2-4pm Craven room Youth meet @ Kurtz's 5pm	22 Monday 8am Prayer AA Group 6:30pm	23 Community Meal 6pm	24	25 Thur on Main 7pm	26	27 Tai Chi 9am
28	29 Monday 8am Prayer AA Group 6:30pm	30	31			

## January Birthdays

01– Martha Thomas  
 01– Katherine Sumakeris  
 02– Megan Chamblee  
 03– Richard Thomas, Sr.  
 04– Nina Ruth Foust  
 05– Jan M. Shelton  
 05– Jill M. Wood  
 06 – Sarah Strickland  
 08– Tim Cox  
 09– Amy Riddle  
 09– Easton Rains  
 11– Payton E. Shackelford  
 14– Susan Sinkewicz  
 15– Michael Bressler  
 16– Susan Bodsford Wesley  
 18– Michelle Blake  
 20– Charles D. Lane, Jr.  
 21– Elton L. Smith  
 23– Ellen Williams  
 28– Aaron Hardin  
 28– Matthew Hardin

## Ramseur Food Pantry:

Juices & Rice, Canned Corn, Canned Meats

Always a need: sugar, flour, cooking oil, frozen items, personal hygiene items, infant formula (with or without iron) baby food, diapers.



29– Viletta Embree  
 29– Billy Poole  
 31– Billy G. Johnson

## ACOLYTE

1/7– Mason Gaines  
 1/14– Brady Armfield  
 1/21– Wesley Kurtz  
 1/28– Hunter Shackelford

## USHERS

JoLynn Allen, Debbie Cox,  
 Crandall Ellison

## GREETERS

## CUSTODIAN

Ray Albright

The church office will be closed January 1st for New Year's and January 15th for Martin Luther King Day.



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