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# The Link

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Dear Family,

In a world that can often be viewed as isolated, dysfunctional, and frustrating—God shows us a different way forward.

Recently, there was a post floating around social media that stated, “No one ever talks about Jesus’ miracle of having 12 really close friends in his 30’s.” I laugh at this, but I am also convicted by this truth.

No matter what age and stage you find yourself in, friendship is essential. And yet, our society seems to believe that friendship is something we grow out of instead of live into. Our current culture seems to narrate that friendship is for kids, then you become an adult, get a job, find other priorities, and the rest is history.

As followers of Jesus Christ in the Wesleyan way, our movement is rooted in our friendship with God, neighbor, and creation. This is who we are and who we are called to be.

Throughout the month of August, we will focus our attention on what God has to say about friendship. We will look at specific stories in the Scriptures that shed light on the importance of friendship. We will lean into practical ways of deepening and cultivating good, holy friendships.

I also invite you to send me a picture of you and a friend/friends. Email me a friend photo at [jkurtz@wnccumc.net](mailto:jkurtz@wnccumc.net) or text me at (336) 423-9963. We will celebrate the friendships we have and seek to grow in our good, God friendships.

I look forward to journeying through this worship series with you as we remember that Jesus says, “I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; *but I have called you friends...*” (John 15:15).

The best of all is, God is with us!

Grace and peace +

Josh

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**Memorials and Honorariums**

**In Memory of Michelle Blake**

Grey Graham  
Virginia Aguallo  
Gary & Ellen Williams  
Larry & Crandall Ellison  
John & Priscilla Allen  
Bill & Emily Johnson  
Ed & Shirley Mitchell  
Linda Brady  
Beth Labbato  
Jimmy & Cathy Riddle  
Toni Marley  
David, Celia, Hannah & Nathan Harris  
Dale & Celeste Byrnes  
Bob & Betty Jo Armfield  
Bob & Martha Thomas  
Donna Urban  
Betty Dorsett  
Bruce & Claudia Ihme

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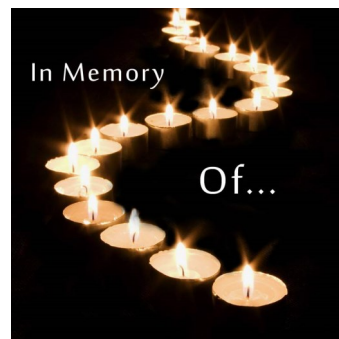
**In Memory of Betty Jo Leonard**

Charles & Pat Whitehead  
Max & Doris Baldwin  
Nancy Welborn  
Thomas & Pam Coward  
Jimmy & Cathy Riddle  
Aileen Gilliland  
Larry & Crandall Ellison  
Doris Allen  
Ed & Shirley Mitchell  
Dale & Celeste Byrnes  
Bill & Emily Johnson  
Bob & Betty Jo Armfield  
Toni Marley

Bill Stout  
Claudia Tutterow  
Joe & Diane Stout  
Ken & Dawn Smith & Family  
Kevin & Carrie Smith & Family  
Bob & Martha Thomas  
Betty Shackelford  
Class of '53, Ramseur High School  
Betty Dorsett  
Anne Cox  
Bruce & Claudia Ihme

**In Memory of Jim Fox**

Denise Lowe



# Small Group Opportunities



The Jordan Youth are encouraged to help and be present at Free Haircut Day on Saturday, August 24th from 10am-1pm.

We will also meet at the Kurtz's house on Sunday, September 22nd at 5pm.

Any youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend!

## AA Group

Jordan Memorial is hosting an open discussion **AA Group** on Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the church's conference room. Please be in prayer for this important ministry. If you have questions, contact Joy Collins at 336-622-3839.

## Bluegrass Sunday

Bluegrass Sunday practice is Wednesday, August 28th at 3pm in the sanctuary. Anyone is welcome to participate as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Welcome to our newest members, Jerry and Julie Jacobi!

## Young Adult Small Group

The Young Adult Small Group will meet at the Kurtz's house on Wednesday, August 14th at 6pm for dinner and time together.

## Monday Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is Monday at 8:30am in the Conference Room. We will not have morning prayer on Monday Sept. 2, Labor Day

## Jordan's Closet

Drop-off times for Jordan's Closet are Mondays and Thursdays from 9am-1pm or when the closet is open on Tuesday evenings from 5pm-7pm. The closet is also open on Monday's from 11am-1pm. Thank you!

Also on Tuesday evenings, come see Ann Hutchins, our **Parish Nurse**. Ann functions as a personal counselor who can discuss health concerns, provide free blood pressure checks and disease and medication counseling. No appointment is needed.

## Thursdays on Main Street

Thursday's on Main Street is a small group experience that takes place August 1, 8, and 15 and September 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 7pm at 1513 Main Street as well as various other locations. During this gathering, we share life together, engage the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service, and celebrate Communion as a small group. All are invited!

## Knitting and Crochet Group

Knitting and crochet group meets every Friday at 4pm in the Craven Room. All needlework crafts are welcome.

For more information contact Michelle at [sugar-gin312@gmail.com](mailto:sugar-gin312@gmail.com)

## Tai Chi Chuan

Tai Chi classes are held on Saturday mornings from 9-10:30am in the fellowship hall.

Tai Chi class is also held every Tuesday evening at the First Baptist Church (731 Liberty St). Classes are in the fellowship hall from 6:30- 7:30-pm.

# In Appreciation / Announcements

## Homecoming/Memorial Day

The Annual Homecoming/Memorial Day observance for Jordan Memorial will be Sunday, September 15. Members who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past year will be remembered on this day. We invite their families and friends to worship with us.

A covered dish meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. All Jordan Memorial members, former members, friends and relatives are invited to worship with us and remain for food and fellowship following the eleven o' clock service.

We look forward to seeing each of you on September 15.



Dear Church Family,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of James Barnes.

Thank you for the prayers, the support and the cards. Thank you for being my church family.

Janet Elmore & Family

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**DOWNTOWN RAMSEUR, NC**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
**10AM-1PM**

**FREE HAIRCUT DAY ON MAIN STREET**

All Students K-12=Free Haircuts, Bookbags, and School Supplies

**EVERYTHING**  
**FREE!**





**Vacation Bible School 2019** was such a blessing to everyone who participated! This year, we shared God's love with 56 children and youth! Thank you to everyone who came out to Ramseur Lake Park; we look forward to next year's VBS at the Lake!







**IMPACT:Ramseur** was able to build a ramp for the Tate family this month. Thanks to everyone who made this ramp possible!



**Community Meals** are an essential part of who we are at Jordan Memorial. Through the meals, we are able to more fully live into our mission and vision. Our next set of community meals are Tuesday, August 20th at 5:30pm and Tuesday, September 17th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!



The **Fit District**, located at 1521 Main Street in downtown Ramseur is now offering Silver Sneakers! This gym, led by Jaylin Brower and Don Brown, offers many opportunities for holistic

health in our beloved community. Let's support our downtown and the work that The Fit District is doing in Ramseur!

Congratulations to Caroline Collins and Zachary Clark on their upcoming wedding and life together! We are proud of you!





Thank you!

Words can never express how much the **Akers family** appreciates all the thoughts and prayers that the wonderful members of Jordan Memorial sent up for Gary. As you can see he got his legs this week and he is one happy and extremely blessed person.

We embark on yet another chapter now, but we all will never forget our God who sent healing and the glorious Saints who prayed so diligently.

Thank you everyone.



Announcing big news! Shannon Posey and Brian Thrift have decided to take the big marriage plunge! Help us celebrate this occasion by joining us for a **brid-**

**al shower** for the couple on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in the Craven Room. They are registered at Target and Amazon! Congratulations!



Our **Carolina Cross Connection** team had an incredible experience in Asheville this past month. Thank you, church family, for your support of our young people!

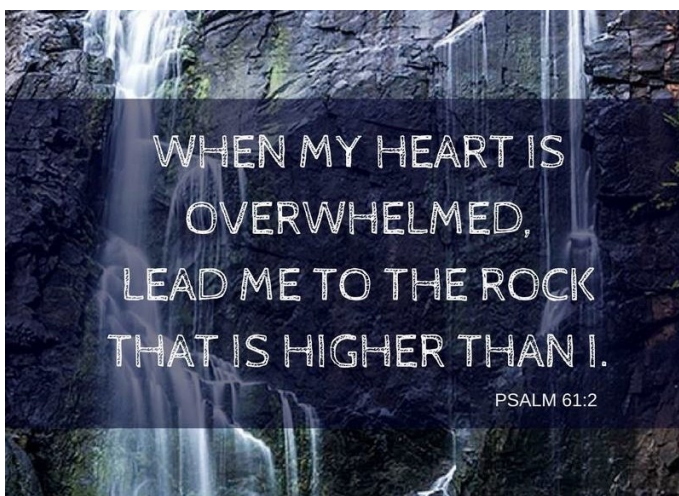
## UMW NEWS

The United Methodist Women's General Meeting will be on Sunday, August 11 at 2:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Members are asked to bring snacks or a monetary donation to purchase snacks to be given to Randolph Hospice House. An increased volume of patients has created a need for more snacks for family members and guests who are staying with the patients.

Seventeen (17) Armenian Shoeboxes have been collected and will be delivered this fall at the drop off site in Thomasville. If you wish to prepare a shoebox we can still accept them and get them delivered.

A slate of officers will be presented and voted on at this meeting. Officers will be installed at the November meeting.

Plan to help with Haircut Day on Saturday, August 24 from 10am until 1pm.





# Obituaries



**Susan Michelle Rothrock** Blake, 56, of Ramseur, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, Sunday, June 16, 2019 at her home.

Michelle was born January 18, 1963, in Forsyth County, to Lewis and Jean Rothrock. Michelle graduated from Davie County High School. She received a Bachelor in Psychology with a minor in Biology and a Bachelor in Accounting with a minor in Business Law degrees from UNC(G), and a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree from A&T University. She was a licensed CPA, working in CPA firms, medical accounting and medical office management before becoming a media center assistant at Southmont Elementary School, and later becoming a business teacher at Southeast Randolph Middle School. She cherished her students, especially her FBLA students. She was a long time member of Jordan Memorial UMC where she had been active in the UMW, Sunday School, Girl Scout Troop, Youth Leader, served on the Pastor Parish

Relations Committee, and ran the Audio Visual Equipment during worship services. Michelle loved taking road trips and learning history. She loved to snow ski and take trips to DC and Amelia Island with her daughter.

Survivors: daughter, Sydney Michelle Blake, of Bellvue, NE, parents, Lewis and Jean Baker Rothrock, of Mocksville, best friend and confidant, Rev. Charles A. Lindquist, Jr, of Linwood, aunt, Polly Lagle, of Mocksville, and numerous cousins.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Amedisys Hospice of Burlington for the compassionate care that they provided.

Memorials may be made to Jordan Memorial UMC, PO Box 848, Ramseur, NC 27316 or to Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 1994 US Hwy 158, Mocksville, NC 27028.

**Betty Jo Stout Leonard**, 83, of Ramseur, died Saturday, June 22, 2019 at her residence.

Betty Jo was a native of Randolph County, a graduate of Ramseur High School, and attended Asheboro Business School. She retired as Office Manager with Briles Oil Company in Ramseur, and was a member of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church where she was active in the United Methodist Women. She was a member of the Woodland Garden Club in Ramseur, and served as a board member for the Ramseur Library, Fidelity Bank, and First Citizens Bank. She was preceded in death by her husband, Shelley E. "Tony" Leonard, Jr., and parents, Penn and Thelma Stokes Stout.

Survivors: brother, Robert T. "Bob" Stout, of Ramseur, , niece, Johanna S. Wilson, and husband, Jeff, of North Myrtle Beach, great niece and nephew, Anna Penn Wilson, and John Robert Wilson, both of North Myrtle Beach, cousins, Pam Coward, and husband, Thomas, of Ramseur, Jo Lynne Stout Allen, of Ramseur, Bill Stout, and friend, Claudia, of Greensboro, Diane Smith, and husband, Joe, of Bear Creek, Ricky Stout, and wife, Pam, of Asheboro, Todd Stout, and wife, Angie, of Ramseur, and other cousins, godson, John Ellis, of Salisbury.

The family would also like to thank Irene Ritter, Tammy Stout, Brittany Stout, Haley Ledbetter, and Mariela Valencia Guzman, whose care and compassion gave dignity and peace to her final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, PO Box 848, Ramseur, NC 27316 or to Hospice of Randolph County, PO Box 9, Asheboro, NC 27204.



# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Thursday on Main 7pm	2 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	3 Tai Chi 9am
4	5 Morning Prayer 8:30am	6 Jordan Closet 5pm	7	8 Thursday on Main 7pm	9 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	10 Tai Chi 9am
11 UMW meeting @ 2:30pm Fellowship Hall	12 Morning Prayer 8:30am	13 Jordan Closet 5pm	14	15 Thursday on Main 7pm	16 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	17 Tai Chi 9am
18	19 Morning Prayer 8:30am	20 Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm	21	22	23 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	24 Free Haircut Day 10am-1pm
25	26 Morning Prayer 8:30am	27 Jordan Closet 5pm	28	29	30 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	31 Tai Chi 9am

## **Ramseur Food Pantry:** Instant Potatoes & Soups.

Always a need: sugar, flour, cooking oil, frozen items, personal hygiene items, infant formula (with or without iron) baby food, diapers, empty egg cartons and toiletry items (Toilet paper, soap, and deodorant ).

### **August Birthdays**

02-Hayden Lindquist  
02-Aidan Armfield  
04-Nancy Gant  
10-Larry L. Ellison  
12-Hilda W. Leonard  
16-Erin Lankford  
16-Larry Kreiser  
17-John Armfield  
17-Jordan Miller  
18-Mary Luck Cooper  
18-Pastor Charles Lindquist  
18-Corrine Benbow  
19-Rebecca Benbow Smith  
19-Gary Williams  
19-William S. Dorsett  
20-Mia Leonard

21-Robert Craven York  
22-Ashley Shackelford  
23-India Craven  
24-Debbie Cox  
24-Joyce Kirkman  
25-David Cox  
25-LouEllen P. Stout  
26-E. Pat Leonard  
27-Jacob Lynn Stout  
31-Doris H. Allen  
31-Jeff Wood

### **ACOLYTE**

8/4—Mitchell Moffitt  
8/11—Mason Gaines  
8/18—Aidan Armfield  
8/25—Wesley Kurtz

**USHERS:** Doug Collins, Joe Hardin,  
Bruce Ihme

**GREETERS:** Jerry Boyd

**CUSTODIAN:** Doug Collins



# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Office closed	3 Jordan Closet 5pm	4	5 Thursday on Main 7pm	6 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	7 Tai Chi 9am
8	9 Morning Prayer 8:30am	10 Jordan Closet 5pm	11	12 Thursday on Main 7pm	13 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	14 Tai Chi 9am
15 Homecoming	16 Morning Prayer 8:30am	17 Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm	18	19 Thursday on Main 7pm	20 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	21
22 Youth meet @ Kurtz House @ 5pm	23 Morning Prayer 8:30am	24 Jordan Closet 5pm	25	26 Thursday on Main 7pm	27 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	28 Tai Chi 9am
29	30 Morning Prayer 8:30am	The church office will be closed on Monday Sept 2, Labor Day.				

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti Noodles, Rice. We will need volunteers Sept 16-20th.

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## September Birthdays

01-Emily Leigh Gann  
02-Aaron Bressler  
04-Tommy Boyd  
04-James Scott Riddle  
05-Kenneth Hudson  
05-Courtney Collins  
05-Aaron Bressler  
06-Marc Williams  
08-Jerry Boyd  
08-Darrell E. Williams  
10-Rebecca L. Hinshaw  
10-Magnum Embree  
11-Tim E. Lankford  
12-Malvin Robinson  
12-Amy Petty  
13-David Craven  
13-Robert Wesley, Jr.  
14-Rev. Ardis Payne  
14-Joy Collins  
14-Celeste Byrnes

15-Bradley Russell Craven  
15- Ann Robinson  
15- Ann Hutchins  
16-Jennifer Clark  
17-Sylvia L. Sutherland  
18-G. Ronnie Hardin  
19-Emily C. Johnson  
19-Betty K. Shackelford  
21-Williams G. Allen  
21-Ed. A. Mitchell  
28-Brenda Siers  
29-Nathan G. Harris  
29-Ann W. Pike  
29-Chad Lankford  
30-Kenneth S. Rains

## ACOLYTE

9/1—Aidan Armfield  
9/8—Mitchell Moffitt  
9/15—Wesley Kurtz  
9/22—Carson Gasey  
9/29—Jeremy Gasey

**USHERS:** JoLynne Allen, Debbie Cox, Crandall Ellison

**GREETERS:** Bruce & Claudia Ihme

**CUSTODIAN:** Larry Ellison

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### Worship Times

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship Service 11am

[www.JordanMemorial.org](http://www.JordanMemorial.org)

