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Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the many ways you not only give generously—but *live* generously. I wanted you to know that this year’s Christmas Eve offering totaled **\$4,000!** These monies will be used to build relationships at Jordan’s Clothing Closet, Free Haircut Day on Main Street (go ahead and mark your calendars for this year’s Free Haircut Day-- Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-1pm), and at our monthly Community Meals.

While the Christmas Eve offering was incredible, another sign of life was transforming the House on Main Street into a Christmas Shop for parents, guardians, and family members needing toy assistance for their children during the holiday season. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to partner with **98** families this year! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

As 2020 begins, I am excited to get back into the collaborative work with our church representatives who are a part of our North Carolina Rural Center’s learning cohort. As a reminder, the members of this group include: Tommy & Melisa Perry, Eric & Lauren Hutchins, Celia Harris, Robin Cox, Drew Woten, Doug Collins, and Rob Roberts. I encourage you to pray for these persons by name as they devote countless hours to meeting, interviews, and looking at the assets that are within our community. In September of this year, our church will be given a **\$15,000** grant from the NC Rural Center to help fund a new or existing ministry that is taking place in our church and community.

I share these numbers with you not to boast but to say that we at Jordan Memorial have more and more opportunities to build relationships and make new friends. It is a great joy to be one of your pastors, and I truly believe the best is ahead of us.

*Grace & Peace*

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pray for our Homebound**

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**Margaret Wrenn Gilmore Fox**, 87, of Ramseur, died Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Peggy was a native of Chatham County and a longtime resident of Ramseur. She was a member of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church. Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, James Robert Fox, and her parents, Budd and Estelle Bland Gilmore, sisters, Rachel Rosine, Louise Nauss.

Survivors: daughter, Elisa Sumakeris, of Cary, son, Greg Fox, and wife, Becky, of Clemmons, sister, Toni Marley, of Ramseur, brother, Mont Gilmore, of Asheboro, grandchildren, Kathryn Sumakeris, Jay Sumakeris, Lucas Sumakeris, all of Cary, Joshua Fox, Jackson Fox, Levi Fox, all of Clemmons.

Memorials 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.

**Memorials and Honorariums**

**In Memory of Joanne Luck**

Carol Deal  
Mont Gilmore

**In Memory of India Craven**

Bruce & Claudia Ihme  
Betty Dorsett  
Susan Womble  
Carol Deal  
Mike & Lorraine Sherrill  
Brenda Flowers  
Elizabeth Henson

**In Memory of Aileen Gilliland**

Family of Nancy Marley Allen

**In Memory of Sarah Gilmore**

Mont Gilmore  
Jamie Poole  
Robert Yow

**In Memory of Betty Jo Leonard**

Mont Gilmore

**In Honor of Ed & Shirley Mitchell**

Bob & Betty Jo Armfield  
Dale & Celeste Byrnes  
Larry & Crandall Ellison  
Bill & Emily Johnson

**In Honor of Doris Allen**

Sam & Missy Rankin

**In Honor of Bob & Martha Thomas**

Sam & Missy Rankin

**In Honor of Neil Rankin**

Sam & Missy Rankin

**In Honor of Porter Redding**

Sam & Missy Rankin

**In Honor of Toni Marley**

Jamie Poole

**In Honor of Mont Gilmore**

Jamie Poole  
Robert & Denise Yow

**In Honor of Crandall Ellison**

Bob & Betty Jo Armfield

**In Memory of Gordon & Sally Brady**

Celeste Brady Byrnes  
Gordon Brady, Jr.

**In Memory of Peggy Fox**

Ed & Shirley Mitchell  
Betty Shackelford  
Doris Allen

David & Celia Harris  
Bob & Betty Jo Armfield  
Bill & Emily Johnson  
Toni Marley  
Betty Fields  
Bobbie W. Gibson  
Bryan & Rachel Hupfeld  
Ann Poupalos & Family  
John & Priscilla Allen  
Larry & Crandall Ellison  
Billy & Jamie Poole

# Small Group Opportunities

## Jordan Youth

The **Jordan Youth** will meet at the Kurtz's house on Sunday, February 2nd at 5:30pm for the annual Super Bowl party. We will watch the game together until halftime. You are invited to bring a side dish to share; pizza will be provided.

## Armenian Shoeboxes

The United Methodist Women will be collecting Christmas Shoeboxes for the children of Armenia throughout the month of March. It is our hope that there will be increased participation with this important mission by moving the collection date away from December. Please refer to the insert for packing list instructions. There is also a \$5 fee for shipping.

Our collection goal for 2019 is at least 25 shoeboxes. We hope you will participate!

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Jo Armfield.

## 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.

## Knitting and Crochet Group

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

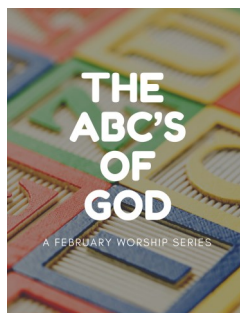
For more information contact Michelle at sugar-gin312@gmail.com

The **Young Adult** Small Group will meet on Wednesday, February 15th at 6pm at the Kurtz's house for dinner and time together.

**Morning Prayer** on Monday's at 8:30am in the conference room. All are welcome as we pray for the week ahead and our community. We will not have morning prayer on Feb 17.

## The ABC's of God

Hey Friends! Jordan Memorial will begin a new worship series in February and we would LOVE your help. Words are one of the greatest gifts God gives us--through the gift of words, we have the opportunity to communicate with each other and God.



Jordan Memorial UMC

We also utilize words to describe who God is. While words will never fully describe God because God is bigger than all of our words, words are very important and can help us grow in our love of God.

February's worship series is called "The ABC's of God". If you were to describe God, what word(s) would you use? We want to invite you to help us name who God is through each letter of the alphabet. Click on this link, and feel free to add a word or two with us!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4ca5a723a4f85-abc>

## Tai Chi Chuan

Tai Chi classes are held on Saturday mornings at 9am 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 .

## 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.

# In Appreciation / Announcements

**Meals on Wheels is now in Ramseur!** The Meals on Wheels program is looking for drivers to take meals to Ramseur residents on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's at 9:15am. The route only takes about 30 minutes to complete. If interested, please contact Jessica Cain at (336) 624-3389 ext. 228



Congratulations to our recent Eagle Scout recipients—Silas Christenbury, Ethan Franklin, and Seth Lindley.

Colt Milligan will be receiving his Eagle Award at Jordan Memorial on Monday, February 3rd at 7pm.



## Looking Ahead

March 2-6 Need Volunteers at Food Pantry  
 March 17 Community Meal  
 April 5 Palm Sunday: Choir & Handbell concert  
 April 9 Maundy Thursday  
 April 10 Good Friday: Cross Walk  
 April 12 Easter



## Praying in Color

On Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall, our District Superintendent, Rev. Laura Auten, will be with us leading a "Praying in Color" seminar. Join us for this time of spiritual growth and teaching.

## Calling All Walkers!

We all enjoyed seeing Bill Blake's hiking adventures video in December. Well, now that the holidays are over, it's time to get back (or start) an activity program. Not everyone is able to hike over rough terrain, but if you can walk you can do lots of great things for your body. Just a few of the benefits are: (1) Burn calories (2) Decreases blood sugar (3) Strengthens the heart (4) Eases joint pains (5) Increases energy (6) Improves digestion (7) Improves sleep (8) Improves memory and cognitive function (9) May decrease your risk for developing colds and flu (10) Tones legs. Additionally it is free and requires no special equipment, just some shoes that do not hurt your feet while walking.

I have heard of at least 3 other avid walkers at church, besides myself. Through the Parish Nurse program I would like to start rewarding those that do walk or would like to start a walking program—think PRIZES!

Please let me know by text (336)953-1052 or email ([waynenann@wildblue.net](mailto:waynenann@wildblue.net)) if you are interested.  
 Ann Hurchins, RN Parish Nurse





# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Church office will be closed on Feb 17						1 Tai Chi 9am
2 Groundhog Day Youth Meet @5:30 @ Kurtz House	3 Morning Prayer 8:30am AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm Clothes Closet 11am	4 Clothes Closet 5pm	5	6	7 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	8 Civitan Soup Lunch 11am-2pm
9	10 Morning Prayer 8:30am AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm Clothes Closet 11am	11 Clothes Closet 5pm	12	13	14 <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b> Knitting & Crochet 4pm	15 Tai Chi 9am
16 Scout Sunday	17 Presidents Day Office Closed AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm Clothes Closet 11am	18 Clothes Closet 5pm Community meal 5:30pm	19	20	21 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	22
23 Praying in Color by Laura Auten 2pm	24 Morning Prayer 8:30am AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm Clothes Closet 11am	25 Clothes Closet 5pm	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28 Knitting & Crochet 4pm	29

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Canned meats, dry beans, pork & beans. We will need volunteers March 2-6.

## February Birthdays

01-Grey Graham  
03-Jack Embree, III  
04-Brady Armfield  
04-Karen Burgess McPherson  
09-Doug Collins  
09-Jane H. Anderson  
09-Jimmy McPherson  
11-Beth Lankford  
11-Kelly W. Painter  
12-Greg Chaffin  
14-Jane Embree  
14-Scott Leonard  
15-Jason Leonard  
15-Matthew Leonard

15-Kevin Ihme  
20-Beth Ann Leonard Mace  
21-Mary Miller  
21-Andy Kirkman  
22-Wayne Hutchins  
24-Roxanna Smith Bryant  
24-Michael Ray Albright  
24-Emily Renee Albright  
25-Robert E. Thomas  
25-Kevin Shelton  
25-Mary Jane Pelech  
26-Mary Tate Moon  
27-Dee Marley  
28-J. Ray Albright  
28-Kelly Schlechtweg

## ACOLYTE

2/2: Wesley Kurtz  
2/9: Mason Gaines  
2/16: Magnum Embree  
2/23: Mitchell Moffitt

**USHERS:** Jim Rains, Dale Byrnes,  
Doug Collins

**GREETERS:** Larry & Crandall Ellison

**CUSTODIAN:** Dale Byrnes

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Christmas Choir and  
Handbell concert got  
everyone into the  
Christmas holiday  
spirit!



Worship times

Sunday School 9:45am

Worship Service 11am

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