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# The Link

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**‘I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I’m thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it’s always a prayer full of joy. I’m glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now... I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart.’**

**Philippians 1:3-7a**

Dear Church Family,

My family and I echo these words of thanksgiving and praise from Paul’s pen to the church at Philippi. Thank you for embracing us; thank you for loving Tara, Wesley, and Micah. Thank you for raising our children and showing them the love of Jesus in (and beyond) the church building. Thank you for forgiving me when I messed up; thank you for encouraging me when I did not know what I was doing; thank you for calling me, “Pastor.” You will forever be a part of our story, and we will keep you in our hearts.

When I reflect on our time together, this image comes to mind:



This picture of the 2019 Free Haircut Day on Main Street will always be a vivid reminder that God has called us to be the church in all seasons—beyond walls, beyond doors, beyond our own imaginations.

It has been a tremendous honor to be your pastor the last five years. I celebrate the many ways the Living God has led us from strength to strength. Thank you for being the church! I am looking forward to seeing how God will continue to lead you forward in faith in the years ahead under Pastor Murray’s leadership. I know you will love him and his family the same way you loved us. Hold fast to who you are in Christ and remember that the best is yet to come!

Grace & Peace  
+ josh

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

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**College Students**

During the Covid-19 time, all of our college students are at home. Please be in prayer for each of them as they navigate their educational endeavors.

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**Memorials and Honorariums**

In Memory of Jerry Shackelford  
Betty Shackelford

In Memory of Shannon Shackelford  
Betty Shackelford

In Memory of Joan Christy  
Bobby & Denise Lowe-Burgess

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**United Methodist Women**

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society was founded on March 23, 1869, when six women in Boston came through torrential rains to hear about the needs of women in India. Two women who had served there with their husbands gave this program. Following the presentation, these six women voted to organize to send out and support female missionaries, native Christian teachers and Bible women in foreign lands. They decided that two cents a week and a prayer was an amount that would enable every women of the church to participate.

151 years later, the United Methodist Women are still going strong! We remain a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ: to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

In 2018 and 2019, United Methodist Women members provided support for 288 projects and partners all around the world, with a value of \$8.9 million. They provided 83 international scholarships, with a value of \$440,000. They also provided 29 national scholarships, with a value of \$112,000 and supported 8 regional missionaries!

In North Carolina, United Methodist Women support eight mission outreach projects, including Bennett College, Pfeiffer University, and two Bethlehem Centers.

Our local unit participates in mission outreach projects through monetary donations and through providing health kits and school kits. We actively support the Armenian Shoebox Project, along with providing materials for our local schools and our Food Pantry.

While we are not able to meet in person during this time, we can still provide support through our donations and also through reaching out to others by writing cards, making phone calls or sending emails. I am grateful for our United Methodist Women and look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Betty Jo Armfield



Congratulations are in order for our **Quinton Smith**, who completed his nursing degree through UNC-Greensboro this year.

He also earned a commission as an ENSIGN in the US NAVY Nurse Corp!! Way to go Quinton! We are proud of you!

### June Birthdays

01-Zach Clark  
 03-Rebekah Wilkinson  
 03-Shirley Lane  
 05-William Johnson  
 05-Ryan Leonard  
 07-Taylor Leonard  
 09-John Sinkewicz  
 09-Ray Leonard  
 10-Clara Vandiford  
 12-Joy Gantt  
 16-Anna Shelton  
 16-Randy Cox  
 16-Randy Strickland  
 18-Mary Jane Elizabeth Albright  
 21-Billy Mitchell  
 23-Ricky Cox  
 24-Mike Dorsett  
 24-Chris Dorsett  
 26-Cindy Chaffin  
 26-Pamela Trexler  
 26-Margaret Vickory  
 28-William Smith  
 29-William Allen  
 29-David True  
 30-Morgan Hainey

### July Birthdays

01-Tyler Wood  
 02-Cindy Strickland  
 03-Lisa Johnson  
 03-Sandra Leonard  
 04-Betty Fields  
 05-Judith L. Gibson  
 05-Dylan Trexler  
 05-Martha Kreiser  
 08-Deborah L. Goldsberry  
 09-Brad Graves  
 10-Eddie Leonard  
 12-Kim Shackelford  
 13-Daniel Cox  
 14-Kathy Thomas  
 14-Kathy D. Posey  
 15-David H. Ihme  
 15-Heather Bateman  
 16-Robin Cox  
 17-Perry Stout  
 18-Joseph Armfield  
 19-Kathryn B. Nichols  
 19-Robert Cody Allen  
 21-Wesley Kurtz  
 23-Eddie Luck  
 23-Jimmy Moody  
 24-Robert L. Armfield, Jr.  
 24-Terri Chamblee  
 25-Weston Wood  
 26-Melissa Strickland  
 26-Brendon Trexler  
 26-Hunter Shackelford  
 29-Elizabeth Chaffin



Greetings Jordan Memorial,

I hope you all are well and in good spirits as you navigate new ways of living amid the COVID-19 pandemic. I know that this is a difficult time and has produced much angst in the church and world. Brittaney and I hold you all dearly in our thoughts and prayers. I have pastored Fairview and Welch Methodist churches in High Point and Trinity N.C. for the past two years as I draw nearer to completing my Master of Divinity at Duke this fall.

My experience at Duke and church have taught us what it means to be in community with one another and how to enact Christian love. In light of that, we are anticipating starting our journey at JM and I ask that you keep us in prayer as we make this transition. As we grow together in Christ, I hope that my passion and desire for church, family, and community are noticed, welcomed, and loved.

Matthew 25 is a foundational scripture for me because it speaks to our call as Christians to witness to and care for persons in need. In light of the current pandemic, there is much opportunity for us to enact this scripture. Pastor Josh and Doug have shared with me that JM is already practicing this in the Food Pantry ministry. I hope that together we can continue to build upon the solid foundation that has already been set at Jordan. I know that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we go forth in ministry and serve in love. I am so grateful that God has led us to Jordan Memorial and in his name, we will do great things together. Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I leave you with John 13:35, the world will know you are my disciples by the love you show to one another. I look forward to sharing the love of Christ with you and I pray that God's grace keeps you all until we meet again. May the Lord bless you, keep you and make his face shine upon you.

Love, Willie E. Murray Jr.

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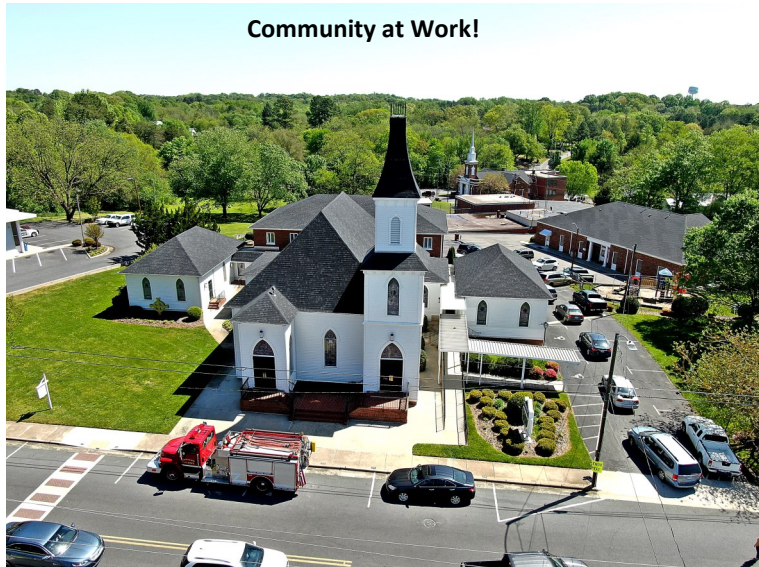
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The **church office** will reopen on Monday, June 1. We will observe normal office hours on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am-1pm.

Please observe proper social distancing measures and wear a mask when coming into the office. If you do not feel well, we ask that you stay at home and call the office for any assistance.

Community at Work!



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