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MEMORIAL UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH



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2 Timothy 1: 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Happy Advent Jordan Memorial,

God is ushering us into this Advent season with hope, love, joy and peace. Timothy reminds us that God has not given us fear or timidity. It is fair to say that 2020 has brought much fear, anxiety and catastrophe upon us. If there has ever been a year when Advent is needed, this “is” the year. I encourage us to take hold of the spirit of power, love and self-discipline that God has given us.

My prayer is, you would find Christ’s hope, love, joy and peace in this Advent season and may Christ Jesus give you the strength to endure these unprecedented times.

Last, may we always remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. I pray your season be “merry and bright.”

*Merry Christmas,*

*Pastor Willie*



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**Memorials and Honorariums**

**In Memory of Beverly Stout**

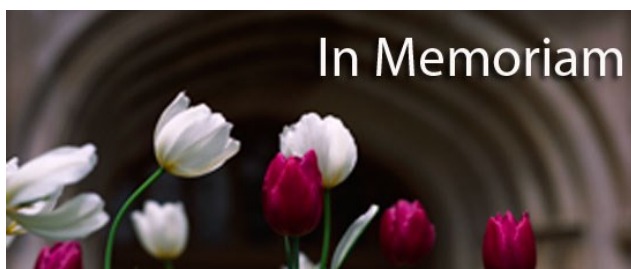
By Roger Stout

**In Memory of Jerry Shackelford & Shanon Shackelford**

by Betty Shackelford

**In Honor of Bob & Betty Jo Armfield and Larry & Crandall Ellison**

by Celeste Byrnes



Greetings Jordan Memorial,

We would like to thank you for your generosity during this challenging time. Jordan Memorial is and continues to be the backbone of the Ramseur community. The Duke Endowment has provided Jordan UMC with the financial support needed to distribute community meals each month.

However, the pandemic has put a freeze on grants for community meals. In light of that, we are asking through prayerful consideration, that you make a (Christmas) financial donation that will support local missions in 2021.

Donations can be mailed to the church (P.O. Box 848 Ramseur NC 27316).

Thank you for your consideration. Peace, Pastor Willie

# General Information

## AA Group

Jordan Memorial is hosting an open discussion **AA Group** on Monday and *Thursday* evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in the church's conference room. Please be in prayer for this important ministry. If you have questions, contact the church office.

## Jordan's Toy Closet

Jordan's Toy Closet will be open December 1, 8, 15, 22 on Tuesdays from 5-7pm and is accepting monetary donations and donations of new or gently used toys. Sports items were a big hit for the boys last year: basketballs, soccer balls, baseballs and softballs and gloves. For the girls: dolls, play doh kits, pom pom kits, slime kits, board games, card games like Uno, Dominoes, Suspend family game, play make-up kits, hair bows and ribbons, costume jewelry. Designate checks for Jordan's Toy Closet.

## Tuesday Evening Check in

For those interested in joining Pastor Willie for a Tuesday evening check in either via zoom or in person please contact him via email at [wmurray@wnccumc.net](mailto:wmurray@wnccumc.net)

## Pastoral Visits

You are invited to come by the church to visit with Pastor Willie on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday mornings from 9-11am. Appointments will be 30 minute visits: 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30. If you prefer a visit at another time, then contact Pastor Willie to set up a time and place to meet. (Porch visits are also an option)

To schedule an appointment, call the Pastor Willie email Pastor Willie at - [wmurray@wnccumc.net](mailto:wmurray@wnccumc.net).



## Indoor Worship

We will continue to have indoor / in person worship service. This will be in addition to our online worship service. Participants will be required to wear a mask and practice social distance. Indoor worship will held at 30 percent of the sanctuary's maximum occupancy per Western Conference guidelines. Please register with the church office to ensure we do not exceed our capacity. Thank you for your time.

*In love, Pastor Willie*

## Small Groups

I humbly invite you to join Pastor Willie for **small groups**. During these meetings, we will get to know each other by telling our stories and life experience. I will facilitate book and scripture studies for each session. Small groups will be held on the **first and third Thursday** evening each month in the **fellowship hall** at **5:30pm**. We will aim to learn one another and provide a safe space to engage in a variety of conversations as the spirit leads us. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley used small group meetings in multiple ways. First, Wesley used small groups as a means of connecting with brothers and sisters. Second, he used small gatherings as a way to cultivate healthy Christian relationships and holy living. Please email Pastor Willie with your interest at [wmurray@wnccumc.org](mailto:wmurray@wnccumc.org). Grace and peace!



### **Trunk or Treat !**

What a great time at trunk or treat! We handed out almost 200 bags of candy!

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## **UMW INFORMATION**

Jordan Memorial United Methodist Women have had a very successful year in 2020, even though we have not been able to have regular meetings or any fund raising activities. Members and friends have generously made donations or contributed items that enabled us to carry out our projects.

We have met all our financial obligations to the district and conference as well as contributed to local projects. We partnered with McCrary Chapel UMW for the Backpack Pal project at Franklinville School. Through contributions from members and using some money from our treasury we were able to purchase a stove for a mother who had no way to prepare warm food for her family. We are currently collecting toiletries for the food pantry. If you have items to donate you may leave them in the box outside the church office. We are also collecting 2021 calendars to give to residents in care facilities. If you have an extra calendar or two you may also leave them outside the church office.

We honored Pastor Willie Murray with a gift to mission during Pastor Appreciation month.

Usually, we have a pledge program in November. Our officers have decided to wait until 2021 to gather pledges and dues. If we are unable to meet in person you will receive some information via mail regarding this issue.

We wish for each of you a happy holiday season.



Free Community Meal December 15th at 5pm.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 7pm.  
 Please register with the church office by Dec 17th.



*Candlelight  
 Christmas  
 Eve  
 Service!*

DECEMBER 24TH @ 7PM.  
 PLEASE REGISTER WITH  
 THE CHURCH OFFICE BY  
 DEC 17TH



# December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jordan's Closet 5-7pm Toy Closet	2	3 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	4	5
6	7 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	8 Jordan's Closet 5-7pm Toy Closet	9	10 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	11	12
13	14 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	15 Free Community Meal 5pm Jordan's Closet 5-7pm Toy Closet	16	17 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	18	19
20	21 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	22 Jordan's Closet 5-7pm Toy Closet	23	24 Christmas Eve Svc 7m Office Closed	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed		

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Canned Collard & Turnip Greens, Sauerkraut, Beets. We will need volunteers Dec 7-11.

## December Birthdays

04-Billie Thomas  
04-Dylan Leonard  
07-Kathleen Posey Daniel  
10-Mark Trexler  
11-Wesley M. Gilliland  
14- Izzy Benbow  
14- Michelle Keeling  
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



# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year Day	2
3	4 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	5 Jordan's Closet 5-7pm	6	7 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	8	9
10	11 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	12 Jordan's Closet 5-7pm	13	14 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	19 Jordan's Closet 5-7pm	20	21 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	22	23 Free Community Lunch @ Noon
24	25 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	26 Jordan's Closet 5-7pm	27	28 AA Grp Mtg 6:30pm	29	30
31 Church Council mtg @6pm						

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Hot & Cold Cereals, Canned Meats.

## 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 - Anne Cox  
 08 – Tim Cox  
 09 – Amy Riddle  
 09 - Easton Rains  
 11 – Payton E. Shackelford Beeson  
 14-Susan Sinkewicz



15– Michael Bressler  
 16– Susan Bodsford Wesley  
 20– Charles D. Lane, Jr.  
 21– Elton L. Smith  
 23 – Bill Blake  
 23– Ellen Williams  
 28- Aaron Hardin  
 28– Matthew Hardin  
 29– Viletta Embree  
 29- Billy Poole  
 31– Billy G. Johnson

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## Church Mice

**"What Do You Hear?"**  
Another in a Series of  
Mice-Sized  
Sermonettes  
by Rev. Cheese



1Thessalonians 2:2-3

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
A POLITICIAN AND A PREACHER?

ONE TELLS YOU WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR,  
THE OTHER TELLS YOU WHAT YOU NEED  
TO HEAR!



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