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Happy New Year Jordan Memorial,

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”-John 13:35.

I have often heard, “actions speak louder than words.” In February we celebrate events such as: Black History month, Ash Wednesday, Scouting Sunday, and Presidents’ Day and we do this while navigating our way through a pandemic.

As we continue to work our way through this most difficult time, I invite you to think of ways to express love to your neighbor. As Christians, we are called to love everyone including our enemies. Loving enemies is easier said than done. However, loving our enemies shows the world that we are true followers of Christ. Church family, I hope you feel and give God’s love daily.

I encourage you to stay strong, stay safe, and by God’s grace we will make it through. Even though we are separated physically, we are joined and unified spiritually.

*God’s love to you,  
Pastor Willie*

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pray for our Homebound**

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**Memorials and Honorariums**

**In Honor of Toni Marley's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Ann Moran  
Susan Whinery  
Anne Cox  
Bruce & Claudia Ihme  
Bill & Emily Johnson  
Larry & Crandall Ellison  
Sam & Missy Rankin  
Grey Graham  
Tim & Corinne Benbow

**In Honor of Betty Dorsett**

Bruce & Claudia Ihme

**In Memory of Claude & Wilma Hardin**

Bruce & Claudia Ihme

**In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Thomas**

Sam & Missy Rankin

**In Honor of Doris Allen**

Sam & Missy Rankin

**In Memory of Beverly Stout**

Roger Stout

**In Memory of Sarah Gilmore**

Robert & Denise Yow  
Mont Gilmore

**In Honor of Mont Gilmore**

Robert & Denise Yow

**In Honor of Joe Hardin**

Bob & Betty Jo Armfield

**In Honor of Crandall Ellison**

Bob & Betty Jo Armfield

**In Memory of Robin Cox**

Doris Allen  
Dale & Susan Stevenson  
John & Priscilla Allen  
Larry & Crandall Ellison  
Bill & Emily Johnson  
Betty Dorsett  
Bill & Jackie Craven  
Anne Cox  
Wayland & Hilda Smith  
Nick & Deb Brady  
Jeffrey & Lorraine Watson  
Betty Owen  
Jimmy & Cathy Riddle  
Donnie & Ann Pike  
Joe & Nancy Horne  
Margaret Vickory  
Tommy & Sherry Hylton  
Nick & Lindsay Hylton  
Sam & Candace Hylton  
Allie Hylton  
Applefield Farms  
Dorothy Wright Family  
Thomas Freeman  
Andrew & Hillary Brower  
Bob & Betty Jo Armfield  
Wayne & Ann Hutchins  
Randall & Anita Wright  
Phil & Karen Carmac  
Ronald & Jean Burgess  
Celeste Byrnes  
Thomas & Deborah Hardin  
Grey Graham  
Tony & Karen York  
Ed & Shirley Mitchell  
Bruce & Claudia Ihme  
Joe Hardin  
Tim & Corinne Benbow  
Bernard Robinson & Co.  
Gary & Susan Whittle  
Rogerlin Wright

Life should  
not only be lived,  
it should be

*celebrated!*

## UMW RECOGNITION - 2020

For many years United Methodist Women have been honoring members, ministers and lay persons by giving a gift to missions in their honor. Jordan Memorial has been honoring persons since 1950 when the first “life membership” was awarded to Mrs. Maggie Lane. Over the years, Jordan Memorial UMW has recognized 140 individuals with this special recognition award.

The person or persons who receive the recognition may be a member of Jordan Memorial but that is not a requirement. They may be a youth or an adult, male or female. They are recognized for significant contributions to the work of the church and the community as well as to United Methodist Women. The award was formally called a life membership to the United Methodist Women. In recent years the name changed from life membership to the UMW Special Recognition Award. The criteria remains the same. The money given is an undesignated gift to be used for projects world-wide and that includes places in the United States that serve women, children and youth. It is a high honor within United Methodist Women to be recognized for giving time and service to the church and community with an emphasis on work with women, children and youth.

The 2020 award goes to someone who has been a mentor to youth through a teaching career as well as a counselor on church youth mission trips. Since becoming a member of Jordan Memorial, this person has participated in practically every aspect of church activities. He served as a Sunday School teacher, helped with Vacation Bible School, assisted with the Trunk or Treat activities, coordinated Free Haircut Day and the Day on Main Street as well as the community Christmas program at Eastern Randolph High School.

He has worked to secure grants so that we can carry out our community projects. He, with the assistance of other loyal members has prepared and served community meals. He continues to work with local restaurants to help with these meals. His effort is twofold – it helps the restaurant during these difficult times and reaches out to those who need a good meal.

Perhaps his most important accomplishment has been guiding the congregation through ministerial changes. He has been especially helpful during our COVID crisis. He secured helpers and arrived in Raleigh to help our current minister relocate to Ramseur. He was at the parsonage to help unload with another set of assistants.

The COVID pandemic has made the transition more difficult than past transitions. He worked with Pastor Willie to arrange the parking lot worship services, worship in the sanctuary and now the return to “stay in your car parking lot worship.”

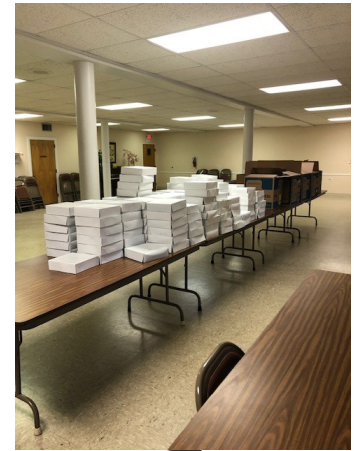
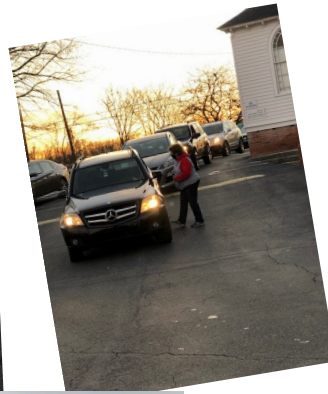
I am sure that you have already identified the recipient. **Doug Collins** has mentored youth as well as adults. At Eastern Randolph where he taught, the students realized that he offered them a non-judgmental listening ear. He offered advice when it was asked for and encouraged all his students to do their best in academics as well as in the daily choices they were making. We are fortunate to have him at Jordan Memorial and are fortunate to call him our mentor and encourager! This is a well-deserved honor!



**Doug Collins receipt of the UMW recognition award for 2020**



The December Community Meal.



Greetings Jordan Memorial Church family,

As of January 18, 2021, the COVID-19 Safety Team and Church Council has decided to extend the suspension of all indoor church activities until March 1, 2021. Sunday services will remain at 10am online and in vehicles via FM transmitter in the church parking lot. This decision was reached in light of North Carolina's current infection rate, which is 11.8% as opposed to the state's goal of 5% and we are approaching 700,000 cases. Additionally, there is a limited number of vaccines available to the public, and a high risk-liability of meeting in-person.

As United Methodists, we seek to honor our Wesleyan tradition of "doing no harm", as our primary focus is the safety and well-being of all. The COVID-19 Safety Team will meet again on February 15<sup>th</sup> to revisit lifting the suspension. Note: we will continue to follow Bishop Leeland and the Western North Carolina Cabinet guidelines and recommendations in our decision making. Thank you for your understanding and support during these unprecedented times. Stay safe and be well!

Peace to you,  
Pastor Willie

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### **UMW Mission Outreach Project**

Jordan Memorial UMW is collecting items for the activities department at Universal Health in Ramseur during the month of February. They especially need prizes for the games and activities the residents play. The following is a list of items requested:

- Miniature candy bars
- Small canned drinks, diet and regular
- Individual serving bags of cookies
- Regular size body wash and lotion
- Individual serving bags of chips
- Crayons
- Coloring Books

These items will be collected during the month of February. Please place them in the container outside the office door. If there are questions, please contact Betty Jo Armfield or the church office.

Thank you for helping to enhance the lives of our friends at Universal Health.

# **UMW NEWS**

# IN VEHICLE WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM



Tune your car radio  
to FM 107.1

Every Sunday  
Morning at  
Jordan Memorial



You can also watch the sermons on  
our [YOUTUBE](#) Channel, Facebook  
and on our web site.  
[JordanMemorial.org](http://JordanMemorial.org)





# February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Scout Sunday Valentines Day	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Dry Beans, Canned Vegetables. We will need volunteers Feb 1-5.

## 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



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## Church Mice

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### A MESSAGE FOR THE PANDEMIC-WEARY AMONG US...

ARE YOU SICK OF HAVING TO  
SANITIZE YOUR HANDS, AVOID  
PHYSICAL CONTACT, AND KEEP  
SIX FEET AWAY FROM OTHERS?

ARE YOU WONDERING IF YOU'LL  
EVER GET TO SOCIALIZE WITH  
YOUR FRIENDS AGAIN AND NOT  
HAVE TO WEAR A MASK?



HAVE YOU GROWN TIRED  
OF HOW IT SEEMS LIKE  
THE WORLD WILL NEVER  
RETURN TO NORMAL ?

IF LIFE UNDER COVID-19  
HAS BECOME WAY MORE  
THAN YOU CAN STAND...

...THEN TRY KNEELING!



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