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Grace and Peace to you my brothers and sisters of Jordan Memorial UMC,

Happy October! We are starting to feel a chill in the air; it's a beautiful time of the year. After months of continuous hot days, we look forward to the cooling temperatures and the activities that go along with fall. I love the change in seasons. The colors that will soon burst on the trees in bright oranges and red, the feel of a crisp morning as you walk out, even the fall decorations possess a beauty that is felt in this time of year. It's a reminder that God is always moving and there is something new to be seen as we move into a new season. The landscape will change, and the world will look anew. As a church we have entered a season focused on prayer. Prayer is our way to see the world through a different lens. Just as the leaves change and the landscape around us looks different, prayer offers a way for us to see the world afresh. We are able to approach our difficulties and challenges with hope and assurance that God hears us.

As we continue our series, we are looking at ways to increase our prayer toolbox. We have talked about the basics of prayer and prayer as praise. This month we will look at communal prayer as we pray as one body in Christ. This will coincide with world communion Sunday, the Sunday we share in communion with churches of all denominations around the world. The next week will be personal prayer, those prayer times we go one on one with God. Week three is listening and stillness. Too many times we come to God in prayer, and we are doing all the talking. We want God to speak but do we stop long enough to listen? Week four will be prayer as comfort and reassurance. We all know that times can be difficult; prayer serves as a reminder of God's presence and does bring comfort in our time of need. Then finally on the last Sunday of the month we will look at intercessory prayer and how we lift of the needs of others. Praying for others is a powerful tool we have.

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<p><u>Please send mail and pray for our Homebound</u></p> <p>Ray Albright 217 Holly Hill Street Ramseur, NC 27316</p> <p>Bill Smith Cross Roads Retirement Center 1302 Old Cox Rd (Room 1) Asheboro, NC 27205</p> <p>Sharon Jones 2988 Tuttle Road Archdale, NC 27263</p> <p>Ann Robinson Room 108 Universal Health Care 7166 Jordan Road Ramseur, NC 27316</p>	<p><u>Jordan Memorial Military</u></p> <p>Aaron Bressler and Lundy Burge 10783 Scripps Ranch Row San Diego, CA 92131-2509</p> <p>SPC Trexler, Dylan CMR 422 Box 1453 APO AE 09067-0015</p> <p>Quinton Smith 144 Mt. Vernon Ave. Portsmouth, VA 23707</p>	<p><u>College Students</u></p> <p>Nancy Almanza PO Box 361 Ramseur, NC 27316</p> <p>Kara Camp 5546 Nightwood Drive Randleman, NC 27317</p> <p>Colton Embree 1600 Longwood Dr. Greenville, NC 27858</p> <p>Hannah Harris 2504 NC Hwy 22 South Ramseur, NC 27316</p> <p>Nathan Harris 5128 Powell Townes Way Raleigh, NC 27606</p> <p>Fletcher Rains 225 New Prospect Street Unit #101 Cullowhee, NC 28723</p> <p>Ashley Shackelford Campus Box 20182 One University Parkway High Point, NC 27268</p> <p>Melissa Strickland 2868 Spoons Chapel Road Asheboro, NC 27205</p>
<p><u>Memorials and Honorariums</u></p> <p><u>In Memory of Bill Johnson</u></p> <p>Ronnie & Jane Cranford</p> <p><u>In Honor of Celeste Byrnes</u></p> <p>Bob & Betty Jo Armfield</p>		



Phyllis June (Deaton) Saunders

January 2, 1949 ~ September 7, 2021 (age 72)

Siler City- Phyllis June Deaton Saunders, 72, passed away Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Randolph Hospice. Born in Randolph County on January 2, 1949 she was the daughter of the late Milo Deaton Jr, and Hazel Pugh Deaton.

Phyllis worked in the office at Rice Hosiery and was also a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Angela Vanhorn and her husband Larry of Liberty and Randy Saunders and his wife Debbie of Ramseur; grandchildren, Trey, Jaden, Brittany, Heather, Amber, Vanessa, Anderson and Kyleigh; 6 great grandchildren; siblings, Teresa Duncan of Sanford, Gary Deaton of Sanford; as well as her friend of many years, Miss Wilma.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Randolph Hospice, 416 Vision Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203.

General Information

To All Dear Church Family,

Ray & I thank all of you for your prayers, visits, cards, calls and especially the food that has been sent. We are so grateful for all you've done for us. We send a special thanks to Rob Roberts and Tony York for all the hours they have spent on the ramp for our front steps. You are all so special to us. Love & prayers, Carolyn & Ray Albright

Craft Circle Group

The Craft Circle Group (formerly called knitting & crochet) will start meeting again on Thursday's at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. All crafts are welcome.

Our first project is to make a baby blanket.

Contact the church office or Michelle Keeling if you have any questions.

Social at Parsonage

Jaidy and I would like to invite you to the parsonage for an evening of fellowship and fun. We had so much fun at the ice cream social we decided to do another gathering on **October 24th from 5-7 pm.**

We will have the fire pit going, so, we invite you to come and sit around the fire as we share stories and fellowship. If folks are comfortable, we can even do some s'mores!

Most importantly we just want a chance to share with each of you and enjoy a beautiful fall evening. Hope to see you then!

Pastor Chris and Jaidy Smith

Jordan's Closet

Jordan's Closet is open on first & third Tuesday of each month from 5-7pm.

Community Meal

Our next community meal is Tuesday, October 19 at 5pm.

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As you can see prayer takes on many forms. Just like the changing leaves with the variety of colors, prayer takes on different hues to form a beautiful landscape. All of these are ways we can connect with God, connect with others, and find hope for what we are facing. I hope you will find a way to join us as we continue this series. I also want to thank those that have already given prayer testimonies and thank those that will be speaking this month. We all have stories of how prayer has impacted our lives and it is powerful to hear. If you can't join us in person, please take advantage of our live stream. You can find it on the church's Facebook page or clicking the link on JordanMemorial.org. We are also in the process of upgrading our live stream capabilities, so be on the look out for a new and improved online worship!

As Jaidy and I continue to get to know each of you better we want to share we are blessed to be in such a wonderful church. We believe that our being here is the result of fervent prayer and it shows God is still at work. Through these changing seasons I hope you can find evidence of God's hand in your life. As we continue to grow together and the landscape around us changes, may we find beauty in the change and hope in what God is doing among us.

Pastor Chris Smith

UMW NEWS

This reflection was shared by Crandall Ellison at our August meeting. What a beautiful reminder of how the UMW serves others..

For reflections I would like for us to think of all the many things our UMW has sponsored or adopted as a fund raiser for Jordan Memorial.

Let's first look at Dorcas – a Christian woman in Joppa of Judea noted for her acts of charity. She was called a disciple in Acts 9:36 and this is the only instance where the feminine form of the word is used. When she passed, the apostle Peter was nearby at Lydda – traveled to Joppa - knelt beside her to pray and raised her back to life. You see, Dorcas began a journey of love that has led to us today.

As United Methodist Women before us, we have learned how a few pennies by many can produce great help for others. There is strength in numbers.

Moving forward to the mid-1950s – 1960s, we see how our acts of charity and love have grown.

I can remember those delicious chicken pie suppers and bazaars that raised funds as our church grew and added the education building/fellowship hall. Many of our precious ladies before us worked tirelessly preparing food, crafts, jams, jellies and other goodies for this event. These were the days of real plates and silverware and no electric dishwasher. I guess we could say this big event has become our Day on Main Street. Orders have been taken for chicken pies and prepared in our fellowship hall kitchen in past years. We have prepared meals for ADK, class reunions, placed orders for cutlery and held silent auctions, just to name a few of our recent events.

Next is our care for each other in times of loss and sickness. Food is always helpful at these times. We once carried these goods to the home but now in time of loss, we serve at the church which takes much off the family. Even Covid cannot stop us! We no longer prepare food ourselves but purchase from the deli, Best Food and Vee's desserts. No, we are not lazy-just being safe.

Our outreach is inspiring! Shirley Mitchell is so faithful to send many cards to our shut-ins, sick, in the loss of a loved one and other special occasions. She and Ed are/have been our visitors to our families and community – to nursing homes, assisted living and hospitals. Anne Cox is faithful with her decorative cards for all and Celia Harris with her cards and special stamps – check your stamp when you receive one from her (my mother loved receiving all her cards but would always call and tell me about the stamp and then the card). Many others send cards, The Upper Room and place calls to check on our friends. This act of kindness is such a blessing not only for the receiver but the sender. Reaching out to others is so needed.

How about those school supplies! We collected for years and divided with our schools for their supply room. Wow – it has now grown into “Back to School Bash” with many area churches providing supplies, helping pack and working those long hot hours on Saturday to see those beautiful smiles on the faces of the children. The children pass through, pick out their back pack; enjoy hot dogs, corn dogs, snow cones and other activities. What a blessing!!! Donna, Debbie, Pastor Chris and Jaidy have given so

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many hours and weeks to organizing this event. Was it a success? - with the help of many - YES!! Yes!! Yes!! – Another great year!!

We continue to honor requests from the schools and others; such as Undie Sunday – Sweatpant Sunday. There was a need for the children to have a change when an accident happened. We have answered the call for Dry Erase markers, Kits for the women’s shelter, gifts for nursing home residents for their bingo day, the Clothes Closet, shoe box ministry, and teacher appreciation snacks to name just a few happenings.

Have we grown?? Are we busy? – Oh yes – this is just a sample of our love for others and our enjoyment and fellowship bringing it all together.

We are UMW – Are we strong?? Oh yes!! Are we tired? – Yes, maybe. Do we enjoy this time? – Absolutely!! Will we continue our mission? - With God’s help we will....

Remember: “We are ordinary women who love God from the heart.”

Prayer:

What a beautiful day you have given us God and we thank you for each breath.

May we continue to reach out to others in our community and around our world as we follow the example of those who have made this journey before us. Help us to **not** take our gifts from You for granted. And remember you are **always** by our side.

We pray for those sick and those suffering today - those hungry and homeless; our shut ins; those being abused; those grieving; our children; our front line workers, our military, all those who provide for us here and around our world – you know all our needs. Lord, our hospitals are so full! We pray your guiding hand will help our sick to recover completely and return to their families soon. Be with us as we travel from here today and bring us back together soon.

In thy name we pray.

Amen



Trunk or Treat

We will have Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31 from 5-7pm. We will set up on Main Street. If you are interested in participating contact Pastor Chris.

Please bring bags of individually wrapped candy during October. There is a bin outside the church office for collection.



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Jordan Closet 5pm	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16 Ramseur Fall Festival 9am
17	18	19 Jordan Closet 5 am Community Meal 5pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween/ Trunk or Treat 5-7pm on Main St.						

Ramseur Food Pantry: Canned Collard & Turnip Greens, Sauerkraut, Beets

October Birthdays

02-Bruce Ihme
02-Parker Shackelford
04-Michele Stout
05-Caroline Allen
06-Alisa Renee Leonard
07-Roger Stout
07-Cissie G. Apple
08-Doug Miller
08-April Joanne Leonard
10-David William Posey, Jr.

13-Cathy W. Riddle
14-Stephanie Riddle Collins
15-Kathy B. McPherson
17-Jackie Craven
19-Mickey Cox
20-Erin Williams Graves
21-Joe M. Hardin
28-Jimmy Riddle
31-Shannon Posey
31-Melanie Rains



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YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

OCTOBER 19 @ 5PM
THIS IS DRIVE THRU GRAB & GO BOX MEAL
JORDAN MEMORIAL UMC
1511 MAIN STREET RAMSEUR