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Greetings my brothers and sisters of Jordan Memorial UMC. Happy November everyone! Before long the Christmas decorations that have been in stores for months will begin to appear in homes and in yards, meals will be planned with family and friends, and even church will get busy with special services and events. It's a season of rush and excitement and sometimes even stress and anxiety as we prepare for all that is ahead. I want to encourage all of us, before the busyness of November commences that we stop to make space.

We just enjoyed a wonderful evening at the parsonage where we sat around the firepit and enjoyed some good old fashion smores. We enjoyed time in fellowship and even had a chance to share our favorite fall memories. As I thought on my favorite memories, they all had to do with sitting around a fire. I can get lost on the moment of just watching the flames dance in intricate patterns and moves. I want to share with you a poem by Judy Brown.

"What makes a fire burn is space between the logs, a breathing space. Too much of a good thing, too many logs packed in too tight can douse the flames almost as surely as a pail of water would. So building fires requires attention to the spaces in between, as much as to the wood. When we are able to build open spaces in the same way we have learned to pile on the logs, then we can come to see how it is fuel, and absence of the fuel together, that make fire possible. We only need to lay a log lightly from time to time. A fire grows simply because the space is there, with openings in which the flame that knows just how it wants to burn can find its way." (Brown, Judy "Leading From Within")

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This is a beautiful reminder that we need space in our lives. We are approaching the busy holiday season, the church calendar is filling up, and it is easy to get so distracted that we forget to leave ourselves some space. We pile on so many logs that we can put out the flame of our spirit instead of letting our light shine. Just as a fire needs space to grow and burn so does our lives. We need space for God to come in and speak, space to relax from the stresses of the world; we need space in order to grow. I challenge you to look for ways to create space. Find those moments where instead of piling on more logs you allow the flames to fill those empty spaces. A fire is a beautiful thing when it moves into the empty space and begins to dance. Our lives are the same. If we leave space then God's Spirit can fill those spaces and begin to dance, and we can provide a light and warmth that this world so desperately needs.

Pastor Chris

General Information

Craft Circle Group

All Crafts Welcome. Every Thursday at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW NEWS

The **UMW meeting** is scheduled for Sunday November 7th at 2:30pm in the fellowship hall. Bring any size picture of someone you love to the meeting, that you can glue onto a book.

Joint Sunday Service

November 21st at 3pm we will have a joint Community Thanksgiving Service at Franklinville UMC (Joint service with Jordan Memorial, Franklinville, Rehobeth, and McCrary Chapel UMC.)

Pray Like Jesus

We will be wrapping up our Pray Like Jesus sermon series in November. Our final three pieces of the Toolbox are prayer as confession and forgiveness, prayer as restoration and renewal, and prayer as thanksgiving. Come join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you have not been back to church, we would love to see you! If you can't make it, join us online through the churches Facebook page or click the link on our website www.jordanmemorial.org Please leave a comment to let us know you stopped by and so we can connect with you!



Congratulations to Eric & Lauren Hutchins on the birth of their new baby girl, Della Elaine Hutchins!



Fall Festival

We had a wonderful day at the Fall Festival. A big thanks to all who came out that day to help with the table and for those who donated drinks, chips, and crafts towards the sale. It was fun to meet new people and share with the community all that is happening at Jordan Memorial. The town reported a record turnout, and it was great to see Main Street come alive!













S'mores at the Parsonage

We had a great time at our S'mores at the Parsonage! It was so good to see so many and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship. We especially enjoyed hearing about your favorite Fall Memories. If you didn't make it, please know we missed you!!











Brown House

Have you heard the news! The little house located beside Jordan Memorial on Main St that has been named the "Brown House" will soon be no more! Thanks to monies raised during the Fall Festival and generous donors we have secured enough funds to have the house removed. This is the first step in a vision to create an outdoor space that will serve as a community gathering spot for worship, meals, small groups, and other functions on Main St. It's exciting to see this dream begin to take form and become a reality!





Looking Ahead

December can be a busy month so here are a few things to go ahead and get on your calendar!

December 5th from 5-7pm Jaidy and I invite you to the parsonage for Cookies and Carols. Nothing starts the Christmas season better than delicious cookies, hot chocolate, and singing your favorite Christmas songs!

December 12th at 6pm Christmas Music-Join us this evening in the sanctuary for a night of special music to celebrate this Holy season!

December 24th-5pm Join us for a Candlelight Christmas Eve service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends UMW mtg 2:30pm Charge Conference @ 6pm	8	9 10 11 12 13 DAY				
14	15	16 Community Meal 5pm	17	18	19	20
21 Joint Svc 3pm.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 First Day Of Advent	29	3[] The church office will be closed Nov 11, but someone will be in the office on Wed Nov 10th.				

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Ramseur Food Pantry: Hot & Cold Cereals, Canned Meats We will need volunteers Nov 8-12.

November Birthdays

03-Linda J. Williams

03-Jim McIntosh

o6-Rob Roberts

07-Jeff Albright

09-Sophia Murray

10-Michael Bodsford

11-Tara Kurtz

12-Jerry Cox

12-Jamie Armfield

13 - Timmy Elmore-

14-Nancy Gudd

15-Justin Stout

16-Tim Campbell



18-Eric Allred

18-Carey E. Campbell

18-Nancy J. Martin Moss

19-Sydney Blake-Sheridan

19-Joshua Kurtz

19-Carol P. Deal

20-Mark F. Albright

20- Eric Hutchins

22-Tommy Hoover

22-Susan Womble

22-Brian Shackelford

24-Claudia H. Ihme

27-Sharon Cox

28-Jenna Elkins

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<u>Worship times</u> Sunday School 9:45am Worship Service 11am