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Greetings friends of Jordan Memorial UMC!

Can you hear it? Listen closely. God is speaking. God is speaking through the songs of the birds I hear outside my office, God is speaking through the flowers that are emerging on the trees, God is reminding us that spring is here. I love living where we can experience all four seasons of the year, just when I get tired of one season it is time to move into the next one. Spring however is special. The barren trees begin to show life, the cold and desolate looking landscape begins to emerge in full color; there is new life that springs up. With every spring there is a reminder of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. The winter does not last forever; it is a season and in time passes. Our lives are the same; we go through seasons as well. Sometimes they are bright and sunny, other times they are cold and barren. We face seasons of loneliness, seasons of sickness, seasons of stress, seasons of uncertainty, we all face some kind of season that pushes us and tests us. I can't help but look back over the past two years and feel like we have been stuck in a season of isolation and uncertainty. Church has looked, felt, and sounded different and that has been a challenge for all of us. I am excited about the signs of spring within our church that we will see this month. Our community meal will return to being in person instead of drive thru only. We will get to sit and fellowship with friends we have not had a chance to interact with in over two years! We will have a church covered dish meal on Palm Sunday, the first one since the pandemic changed our world over two years ago! There are signs of new hope and life springing up and it is a reminder of what Easter is all about. Our hope comes from the message of Easter, it is our reminder of how much God loves us and the power of God to put to death our sins, our afflictions, our sorrows, and our pain and breathe into them new life through the resurrection.

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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 2800 Spoons Chapel Rd Asheboro, NC 27205</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</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 2367 Woodridge Drive Asheboro, NC 27205</p> <p>Melissa Strickland 2868 Spoons Chapel Road Asheboro, NC 27205</p>
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Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor of Toni Marley

Bob & Betty Jo Armfield

In Honor of Bob & Martha Thomas

Bob & Betty Jo Armfield

In Memory of Terri Chamblee

Ed & Shirley Mitchell

John & Priscilla Allen

Emily Johnson

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During Lent we have been focusing on our Discipleship journey and what it looks like as we journey in grace. The goal is that this Journey through grace leads us to authentic transformation of ourselves and the world around us. We see this in the hope of Easter and the return to people and ministries we have missed. This Easter we want to celebrate not only the resurrection of our Lord but the resurrection of our church, our lives, and our community! We want to rejoice in seeing lives, changed, renewed, and restored, we want to see authentic love being shared at the Table and a community of fellowship that finds connection not in what makes us different but rather in what unites us in Jesus Christ. This Easter we have a chance to walk out of the tomb of isolation, the tomb of despair, the tomb of bitterness and hate, and walk into the life that Christ has prepared for all people. This Easter we truly get to experience the resurrection both spiritually and physically as we celebrate what God has done and continues to do within each of our lives. I pray we can all experience the power of the resurrection, the hope that comes from Christ, and the joy of the new season that is ahead!

Pastor Chris

General Information



Egg Hunt

April 10th Following the Fellowship Lunch we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for any kids that want to participate. We will be accepting donations of candy, small toys, and eggs that can be left outside the church office. For any questions or if you would like to help please contact the church office or Celia Harris.



Holy Week Services

Sunday April 10th Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt following the Fellowship Meal

Thursday April 14th Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM at Franklinville UMC

Friday April 15th Good Friday Service 7:00 PM at Jordan Memorial UMC

Sunday April 17th Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 AM

Welcome Back!

We have missed you! This year at Easter we celebrate not only the resurrection of Jesus but the re-birth of our church as we turn from the pandemic and into the next chapter of ministry at Jordan Memorial UMC. The pandemic forced us all to find alternative ways to worship whether by attending new faith communities or enjoying online. Whatever the reason please know that you are loved and always welcome here at Jordan! We want to invite you to a special Palm Sunday Service where we celebrate the hope of Easter as a reminder of our rebirth and being made new! Following the service we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Covered Dish meal, something we have all missed! We pray this will be a chance to reconnect with one another and move on from the challenges of the past two years. Join us on April 10th at 11:00 AM for worship and then our meal immediately following the service! Hope to see you there!



Fellowship Meal



Growing Together

April 23rd 10AM-12PM at the Parsonage 307 Elam Ave.

A time for women to gather for fellowship, worship, devotion, journaling, and crafting! Please contact Jaidy if you plan to attend so adequate materials can be prepared.

United Women in Faith



During its 150 years in mission, United Methodist Women has had more than 25 name changes!! While we have been called United Methodist Women since 1972, we now have a new name; one that reflects the changes in how women live and choose to engage the world in faith. We are now known as **United Women in Faith!** While we may have a new name, we continue to be a force driven by God's love with a focus on women, children and youth. We act for justice and transform communities. Please come and join us as our love in action impacts our community and our world!

United Women in Faith would like to express our sincere thanks to all who so generously provided toothpaste and deodorant for the Ramseur Food Pantry and school supplies for Southeastern Randolph Middle School. We appreciate your ongoing support of our mission projects that are so needed in our community.

During the month of April, we will be collecting **feminine hygiene products** for the Ramseur Food Pantry. All donations may be placed in the container outside the office door.

Thank you!

Dear Jordan Memorial Church

Pastor Chris, All of your folks did such a good job building the wheelchair ramp for Mr. Charlie Andrews in Ramseur. I spoke with his family today and they are just thrilled with the outcome and I know just how special it was to get their ramp so quickly. We hope to work with you again.

Shirley Carlson, NCBAM

Thank you!

Impact Ramseur

A special thanks to our Impact Ramseur Team. Mr. Andrews from our community needed a ramp and our team was right there to provide. We are always looking for more help with our Impact Team, if you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Chris or Ann Hutchins.



Church Council

We will have a Church Council meeting Sunday April 3 at 4pm in the Fellowship hall.

Note from Church Office

Graduates for June LINK. If you know of someone graduating this June, please provide a write up and/or picture to be included in the June Link. Thank you.



Mission Day at Mount Shepherd

A big THANKS! to all who came out and helped with our Mission weekend at Mt Shepherd. We had a lot of fun and got a lot done. We were successful in re-roofing a cabin and the pool house, constructed a new entrance way into the camp, replaced a bridge on the mountain trail, painted trim on all the cabins, painted the stalls in the bathhouse, stained the new entrance way, stained the boat house, applied fresh mulch to the main walking trail and installed electrical plumbing for a new laundry facility. As you can see we did a lot in a short time. We accomplished a lot but we also enjoyed time in fellowship and got to know people better and perhaps even met some new friends. There is always room on our Impact Team so we would love to see you next time!





Connections

During the week of March 7th, we had a chance to meet and connect with a group of wonderful students from the University of Georgia. They graciously volunteered their Spring break time to come to Ramseur and work on a Habitat house. We fed them on Tuesday night and enjoyed fellowship with them around the table and a few of us even went and worked with them on the jobsite. These students could have gone to the beach or back home for their break but instead chose to spend their free time helping others. It was a beautiful picture of the kingdom of God and a hope for the future of our world.



Back to School Bash is scheduled for August 13, 2022 at 10am. Please mark this date on your calendar and if you're interested in helping please let the church office know.

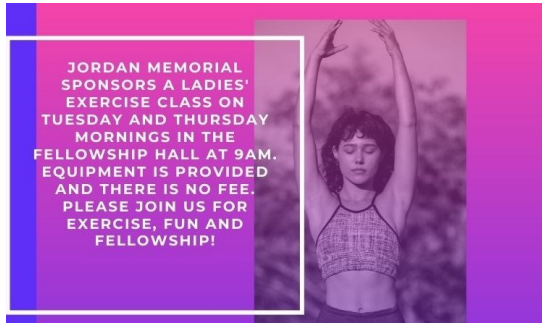
Our next planning meeting is Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30pm in the conference room.

Use your phone or tablet to scan this bar qr code to watch a special message from Pastor Chris about Palm Sunday. Enjoy!



AA Group

Jordan Memorial is hosting an open discussion **AA Group** on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room. Please be in prayer for this important ministry.



Small Group

The Well meets every Thursday night at 6:00 PM at the parsonage. Feel free to come and enjoy the conversation. We have met new faces and heard amazing stories as we have started out. There is always room for one more at the table so we hope to see you there! We will not have small group meeting on Maundy Thursday, April 14.



What's Next for the UMC?

There is a lot of speculation as to what is next for us as United Methodist. With the delay of General Conference to May of 2024, the announcement that the Global Methodist church will launch May 1st of this year, and all of the rumors and stories shared on social media we need a time to collect all the facts and to be better informed as to what all is happening in our denomination. What does this split mean, what is the time frame, and what does that mean for us here at Jordan Memorial UMC?



We will hold an information session on Sunday April 24th at 4:00 PM. The purpose of this time will be to explain where we are as a denomination, what are the foreseen options moving forward, and what that means for us at Jordan Memorial UMC. We will hold a time for questions afterwards. Our prayer is that through learning about all that is before us when the time comes to make a decision, we as a church can be well informed to move in the direction, we feel God is leading us.

Craft Circle Group

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

In Appreciation / Announcements

Announcements!

Choir starts Wednesday April 20th 5:00 PM.
Hand bells start Wednesday April 20th 6:00 PM.

Both groups are accepting new members!

A note from Sue Sinkewicz,

Dear church family, thank you all. All your cards and the heart felt prayers are greatly appreciated. I love all the visits and the food delivery is greatly appreciated. I also love the phone calls. Love and prayers, Sue

Congratulations!

Megan Chamblee for receiving Distinguished Educator for 2021-2022 at Southwest Randolph.

Lindsay Armfield for receiving Teacher of the Year at Providence Grove.

Thank you all so much for providing such a lovely meal to our UGA students. They had a great time with you all. It was such a blessing to have that meal for the students. We appreciate all your love and support to Habitat for Humanity.
In Christ Love, Desiree T

Thank you!

Dear Friends of Jordan Memorial,

You all are such a blessing to me and I will be forever grateful for the many prayers and cards with encouraging words which I received.

Last week I got great news about my last PET scan. I was all clear and on March 7th the port will be removed.

So it's official! This journey is complete and I thank God for his mercy and faithfulness.

God Bless you all! Mary Hutchins



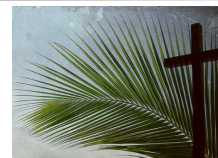
CONGRATULATIONS

to Quint, Rebecca & Calvin Smith at the birth of their baby & brother Elliott on March 13. All is well and Calvin is very happy to have a brother!

They are still in Portsmouth VA and Elliott was born at the Navy Medical Center.



April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 AA Grp 6:30pm	5 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	6	7 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Grp 6:30pm	8	9
10 Palm Sunday Fellowship meal Easter Egg Hunt	11 AA Grp 6:30pm	12 9am Exercise Class	13	14 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm AA Grp 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Svc @ Franklinville UMC 7pm	15 Good Friday Svc @ Jordan Memorial 7pm	16
17 Easter	18 AA Grp 6:30pm	19 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm	20 Choir Practice 5pm Hand Bell Practice 6pm	21 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Grp 6:30pm	22	23 Growing Together 10am @ Parsonage
24	25 AA Grp 6:30pm	26 9am Exercise Class School Bash mtg 6:30pm	27 Choir Practice 5pm Hand Bell Practice 6pm	28 9am Exercise Class Small Grp 6pm AA Grp 6:30pm	29	30

Ramseur Food Pantry: Canned Pinto & Green Beans, Instant Potatoes & Soups.
We will need volunteers April 25—29.

April Birthdays

04-Meredith Duell
05-Jasmine Gager
05-Carolyn Albright
05-James Rains, Jr.
09-Dorsey Chamblee
09-Harris W. Marley
13-Arthur Gant, III
14-Elisa Sumakeris
14-Geri Bressler
17-Teresa McNeil
19-Katy Gant

20-Sandy Ihme
22-Carl Anderson Jr.
23-C. Mike Dorsett
24-Timothy Rains
25-JoLynne Allen
27-Mont Gilmore
27-Cornelia Rankin
28-Sidney Blake
29-Joanna Sumakeris
30-Lee Armfield



Happy Easter

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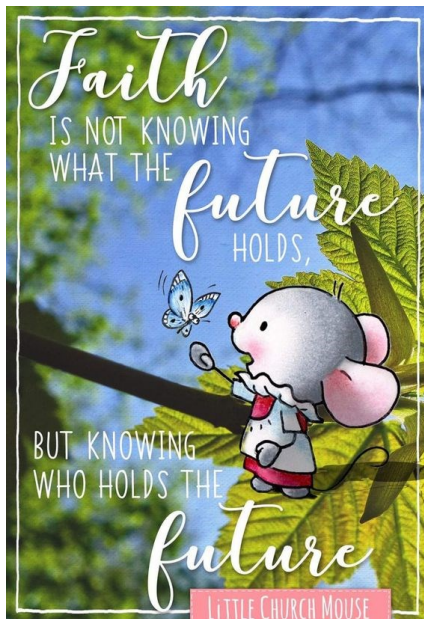
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Community Meal

Join us April 19th at 5:30PM for our Community Meal. We will be in person! Join us as we gather around the Table and reconnect with old friends and make new ones!



Worship times
Sunday School 10am
Worship Service 11am

