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Greetings Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this start to spring! I came across a picture of a church sign that I found humorous. It said, “Don’t let worries kill you, let the church help.” Now I know what the message is implying; if worry and stress are getting you down, let the church help to offer peace and assurance. But I can’t help but feel the way we read it initially might be a truer statement. Why is there so much worry and stress in the life of the church? We are worried about how to pay bills, worried about our future, worried about changes we do not like, worried about our community, and the list goes on and on. There have been countless times I have lost sleep over different issues that have come up and I have heard from others that they cannot do anymore because it is too stressful. Don’t let worry kill you; let the church help. I can’t help but feel we are missing something if church has become a place of worry, stress, and a place we need time away from. Church should be the opposite. It should be a place of peace, assurance, and a place we want to come to get away from the stress and worry of the world. So where have we gone wrong?

Luke tells us “who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your live? Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Luke 12: 25-28, 34

First, we have to trust God. It sounds simple enough but for many of us to relinquish control is a very difficult thing. We have to get out of the way and allow God to lead us. Many times, our worry and stress is the result of us taking too much on ourselves and not relying fully on God. We are called to be in ministry, but it is God’s ministry, not ours. I wonder if we allowed our egos to step aside and follow where God was leading us if we would see less stress and worry? We are reminded that God provides for His creation. I think of the birds that have built a nest in the tree on our patio. They work to build their nest and will prepare for laying eggs. But I wonder how much stress does it endure? God provides the leaves, the pine straw, all the materials needed to form the nest, He created the tree with branches spaced perfectly for the nest to perch. There is work involved yes, the bird must form the nest and be a part of the process, but God is providing every

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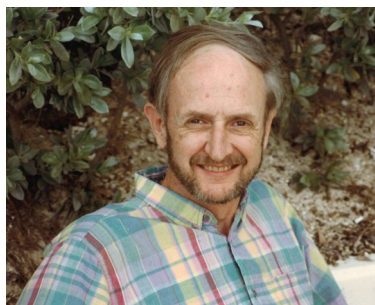
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Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor of Ed & Shirley Mitchell
by Betty Dorsett

In Honor of Ray & Carolyn Albright
by Betty Dorsett

In Memory of Claude & Wilma Hardin
by Bruce & Claudia Ihme



Carl Woodliffe Anderson, Jr. 84, formerly of Ramseur, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2022.

Carl was born on April 22, 1937 in Randolph County, NC to Carl Woodliffe Anderson, Sr. and Loy Beatrice Trogdon Anderson. Raised in a loving Christian home, Carl and his family were active members in Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church. His father was a church trustee and his mother was an ex-officio member of the board as Chairman on the Commission on Worship. Carl attended Ramseur High School (1955) where his friends knew him as Carl, Jr., Carlie, or Gun. He was active in many activities and voted Most Popular, Most Courteous, and Most Talented his

Senior Year. Carl attended NC State College (now NC State University) where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree with honors (1959) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he obtained a Master of Science in Engineering Science degree, also with honors (1962).

After a full career working for Atlantic Research Corporation in Northern Virginia as a rocket propulsion engineer, Carl retired to his beloved Fox Mountain Farm property located in Culpeper, County, VA. It was here that he felt most at home and comfortable. Carl was from a family of farm folks and spent much of his adolescence with oodles of grandparents, aunts, uncle and cousin on Trogdon Hill in Asheboro.

Carl is survived by his wife, Ann, two daughters from a previous marriage (Amber Morris King), Lauren Bozzay (Joe) and Susan Caudle, step-sons Michael Pardo (Sheila) and Noel Pardo (Laurel) and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Carl's visitation, service, and burial are May 5, 2022 at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at Fairfax Memorial Park.

General Information



Vision Team

Vision Team Meeting
May 18th 7:00 PM.

AA Group

Jordan Memorial hosts **Alcoholic Anonymous meetings** on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room.

Beginning June 4th we will host a women's only AA meeting Saturday's at 5pm in the conference room.



United Women of Faith

United Women of Faith meeting is May 15 at 2:30 in fellowship hall. We will have a guest speaker on Climate Justice.

Announcing!

Choir practice is Wednesday's 5:00 PM.

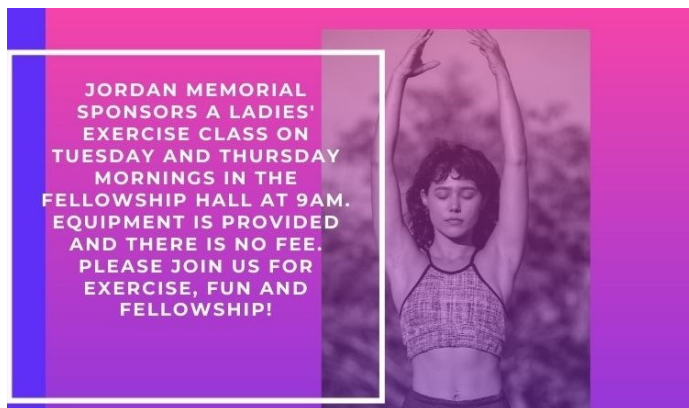
Handbell practice Wednesday's 6:00 PM.

Both groups are accepting new members!



National Day of Prayer

We will have National Day of Prayer on May 5th on the steps of the Municipal Building 12:00 PM.



Growing Together

Growing Together Saturday May 28th 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the parsonage, 307 Elam Ave.

A small group for women to gather and craft, create, and build community.



Thank you!

From the bottom of my heart I wish to express my deepest gratitude for the wonderful recognition, the plaque & appreciative cards on announcement Sunday. I feel God's love here and am very honored and humbled to be part of this church and community.

Thank you again, Sincerely, Donna

Note from Church Office

Graduates for June LINK. If you know of someone graduating this June, please provide a write up and/or picture by May 23rd to be included in the June Link. Thank you.

Save the Date: May 14, 2022
28338 Hatley Farm Rd. Albemarle, NC 28001



District Fresh Expressions Training

May 14th 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM We will be at Hatley Farm in Albemarle, the plan as of now is to take the church van for any that are interested. Cost is \$10 to cover lunch; you can register either online at the District Website or simply speak with Pastor Chris and he will get you signed up. The last day to register is May 9th. This will be an interactive workshop where we will learn about Fresh Expressions, in particular for rural settings and have working demos to be hands on in what Fresh Expressions can look like. We believe Fresh Expressions to be vital to the future of the church and hope you will make plans to attend with us so we can learn together how to implement new ways of worship at Jordan Memorial UMC. The demos will include:

Fishing Demo: Go near any body of water on any morning of the week, including Sunday, and you're bound to find people fishing. What if, instead of asking those folks to give up their hobby, or livelihood, so they can be in church on Sunday morning, you brought the church to them? In this demo participants will get to go fishing and experience what a fishing church might look like. If you have your own rod, bring it, but it's not a requirement.

Art Church Demo: Exploring an art and creativity-centered fresh expression, engaging in worship, prayer, and Scripture reflection with coloring, doodling, and mixed media creations. Loads of resources and ideas for implementing creative fresh expressions in your ministry setting. Enjoy "make and take" greeting cards to keep and to give away.

Cooking Church Demo: Food is a language we all speak, and many of our churches are doing some kind of feeding ministry, whether it be a community meal, food boxes outside their churches, or food pantries. What if there was a form of church that communicated the Gospel, while also teaching those in our community how to cook with items commonly found in food pantries? In this demo you will get to experience an example of how food and the way we present says a lot about how we communicate the gospel and begin to dream of a new form of church around food and cooking.

Building Team Church Demo: On a recent Habitat for Humanity project a student from the University of Georgia asked why this couldn't be church? The answer is it can! This demo will be a hands-on approach to turning our mission outreach opportunities into Expressions of worship and community. Building teams have been a vital part of our United Methodist Connection where people have built churches, homes, ramps, and done all other sorts of work to Impact their communities and the world. In this demo we will build; we will build relationships, we will build a project, and we will build a new way to be the church!

Dinner Church and Discipleship: In this workshop we will talk about Dinner Church not just as a place for food, fellowship, and worship, but how it can be a place for ongoing, deep, and formative discipleship. If your church has had or hopes to start a Dinner Church, this would be a great workshop how to take it to the next level.

Community Garden and Discipleship: Explore what discipleship looks like in a Fresh Expression based around a community garden.

Craft Circle Group

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

Back to School Bash

Since 2015, Back-to-School Bash on Main Street in Ramseur has celebrated with hundreds of children and their families from across multiple counties. Again this year, we are excited to announce that the streets in downtown Ramseur will be blocked off so that children and adults can enjoy free fun activities, food and school supplies. Additionally, health screenings and community resources will be available. In 2021, we were able to give away over 650 bookbags filled with school supplies. Our goal is to do the same for 2022!

This year's event is scheduled **for Saturday, August 13 from 10am-1pm.**

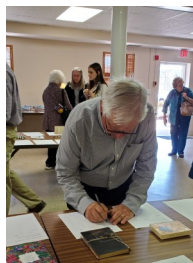
The Ramseur community has a high number of children who are economically disadvantaged. The average for our elementary population is slightly over 60% of students who are considered economically disadvantaged, while our middle and high school students are identified as over 67% economically disadvantaged, according to NC School Report Card data.

We would be grateful for your help and support of the Back-to-School Bash. Our communities need hope! We believe that with your help families will be uplifted and encouraged. Attached you will find a copy of the event flyer. Please let me know if you would like to partner with us on this spectacular event. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.



Our next back to school bash meeting is Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30pm in the conference room.

The UMW silent auction was a huge success! Thanks to all who participated.



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step of the way.

Second is to make sure our treasure and heart align with that of God. Where do we spend our money and time? Is it for others or ourselves? What do we treasure? Is it new ways to experience God through worship or community? Where our treasure is there our heart is also. If we treasure sports, we will devote our time to sports. If we treasure time at the beach, we will spend time there. None of these are bad things mind you, but I wonder do we treasure time with God and with our neighbors as much as we treasure these other things. Sometimes we do need time away to rest, relax and renew. This is renewal of our bodies which we all should do. But we cannot neglect the renewal of our spirits as well. We do this through spending time with God and God's creation (this means time with others). So much of our worry and stress is because we take on too much alone. God did not intend for us to go through life alone, we are meant to journey together in community. That is what the church is, a place for community. Don't let worry kill you, let the church help. Let the church be exactly what it is supposed to be. An imperfect place with imperfect people journeying through life together. A place that is less about singing the right song or saying the right thing and rather a place that is about experiencing the presence of God and building community with God and neighbor. That is the heart of what Jesus is telling us in Luke. Just as God provides the straw, the grass, and the trees for the birds, God provides us with love, peace, and hope. We see this in Jesus as he journeys with us through the Holy Spirit, and we see it in each other as we journey together.

It has been exciting to see many new faces (well, at least new to me) back at church. I hope we see this continue, not because the sermons are great or the music is stellar, but because we have an authentic sense of love and community that makes a difference in the middle of the stress and worry of life. Don't let worry kill you, let the church help. Let it be that place of community.

Pastor Chris



Walking Group

Our walk at Deep River Trail in Franklinville will take place Monday thru Thursday at 9am. We will meet at the parking lot just below the picnic shelter in Franklinville. It's not all about exercise. The conversations always make the journey more enjoyable! This is open to all, so please join us if you can!



May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 AA Mtg 6:30pm	3 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	4 Choir Practice 5pm Hand Bell Practice 6pm	5 9am Exercise Class National Day Prayer 12pm Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 AA Mtg 6:30pm	10 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	11 Choir Practice 5pm Hand Bell Practice 6pm	12 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	13	14 Fresh Expression Tng 10am
15	16 AA Mtg 6:30pm	17 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm	18 Choir Practice 5pm Hand Bell Practice 6pm	19 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	20	21
22	23 AA Mtg 6:30pm	24 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm School Bash mtg 6:30pm	25 Choir Practice 5pm Hand Bell Practice 6pm	26 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	27	28 Growing Together 10am
29	30 AA Mtg 6:30pm Memorial Day Office Closed	31 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	<i>The church office will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.</i>			

Ramseur Food Pantry: Powdered and Canned Milk.

May Birthdays

08-Debbie Campbell
08-Mary Gant Hudson
08-Debbie Huffman
09-Celia Harris
12-Barry Ellison
14-Hannah Harris
16-Mason Siers
18-Kay Parks
19-Addison Armfield
20-Peyton Leonard
21-Lauren Hutchins
22-Betty Jo Armfield

22-Liam Armfield
22-Jake Chaffin
23-Greg Fox
23-Devonia McNeill
25-Brian Leonard
25-Chris Watkins
27-Doug Gager
29-Thomas Hardin



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Join us for our next community meal May 17 at 5:30pm.
This is an in-person meal in the fellowship hall.



Worship times
Sunday School 10am
Worship Service 11am



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