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Greetings brothers and sisters of Jordan Memorial UMC and happy summer! While yes, summer does not officially start until June 21st, we all know that with the end of the school year and conclusion of Memorial Day we unofficially launch into summer. It is a time for rest, relaxation, and reflection. It is a chance to take in all that has been happening in our lives and in the world. For Jaidy and I, we are completing our first year of ministry with all of you. Time has flown by this past year and it has been a wonderful first year! We want to say thank you to each and every one of you for loving us and welcoming us into this community. We could not ask for a better place to be in ministry and are excited to be starting another year together. While this past year has been full of challenges coming out of COVID, it has also been full of blessing and new opportunities. I wanted to take an opportunity to highlight some of the accomplishments over the past year to highlight the good work we are doing and hopefully encourage us as we prepare to launch into year two! So call this a State of the Ministry instead of a State of the Union address as we look back on this last year at all we have done.

First was our Back to School Bash. We hit the ground running last summer as the planning was in full swing when we arrived. It was a day in which we gave out over 500 book bags with school supplies, tons of food, and provided a space for kids to have fun before the school year started. This event, which has continued to grow over the years, is a wonderful ministry to the children and families of our community. For me, it was beautiful to see a diversity of folks gathered on Main St. and having a good time. This event was a great start to the school year and was wonderful to see so many church members and community leaders working together for the betterment of the community.

The next big accomplishment was the beginning of our in person and livestreaming worship services. Thanks to many long hours from Donna and a grant from our conference, we were able to get a new camera and recording software for being able to livestream our Sunday morning services with ease. Many of you have commented on how it is nice to be able to watch the service while out of town or just simply needing a Sunday to stay at home

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**Please send mail and
pray for our Homebound**

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Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Ed Luck

Toni Marley

In Memory of Rev. H.H. Jordan

Tom Jordan

In Memory of Sarah Gilmore

Billie & Jamie Poole
Terry & Denise Yow
Mont Gilmore

In Memory of Estella Bland Gilmore

Mont Gilmore

In Memory of Brent Zerfoss

David & Barbara Zerfoss

Glenn Douglas Petty

December 5, 1956 – May 11, 2022



Glenn Douglas Petty, 65, of Warrenton, Virginia, passed away May 11, 2022, at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, after complications of the treatment of lymphoma.

Glenn's biggest love was his family, and fatherhood was his greatest joy. He delighted in all the love his children brought into his life, and they will greatly miss him. Glenn cheered them on through youth football, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, and riding lessons, and later in high school games, plays, art shows and more. He made great salsa and homemade pizza, planned fun family vacations, and was a wonderful example of a caring and encouraging father.

Survivors include his wife, Amy Thomas Petty, daughter, Anna Galina Petty, son, William "Toly" Petty, brother, Joel Petty and his wife Yana, nephews David and Pasha, and niece Donna. Glenn is also survived by Amy's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, of Ramseur, North Carolina, who loved him like a son. He was predeceased by his parents and much-loved sister

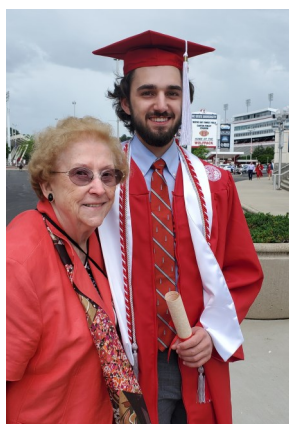
Gail Petty Williams.

In lieu of flowers, those choosing to donate in his memory can do so to Saint James' Episcopal Church, Fauquier County SPCA, or a therapeutic riding or thoroughbred retirement nonprofit in your area.

Congratulations Graduates!

On May 8, **NANCY ALMANZA** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. She will be working at Asheboro High School as a college advisor. Nancy has been a faithful volunteer at Jordan's closet for about four years. Additionally, her entire family (mother Norma and sisters Maria and Fatima) that volunteered with her, came many times when she was away at school.

Congratulations on your degree and your new job!

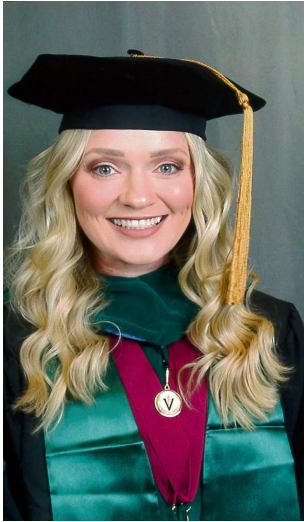


NATHAN HARRIS graduated Cum Laude from NC State University on May 7, 2022 with a degree in Business Administration and concentration in Marketing. While at NC State, Nathan played an active role in Poole Peer Leaders, a mentorship program through Poole College of Management. He served as president of the organization his senior year. Nathan plans to work in the field of digital marketing.



ASHLEY LANE SHACKELFORD graduated from High Point University, December 31st, 2021. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Art degree in History and received her North Carolina Teaching license. Ashley was a Presidential Scholar, a member of Phi Mu sorority, and a Honor graduate, Summa Cum Laude. Ashley is a 2nd grade teacher at Southmont Elementary School, a weekend Library supervisor at High Point University, and working on her Master's degree in Library Science through East Carolina University. We thank God for his guidance and pray Ashley will always keep her heart and eyes on God. We are so proud of you and excited to see where He leads you.





Dr. **ANNA SHELTON** graduated with honors from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Spartanburg, South Carolina on May 13.

She is the daughter of Jan and Kevin Shelton of Liberty, granddaughter of Janice and the late George Shelton of Liberty and Ed and Shirley Mitchell of Ramseur.

Dr. Shelton will begin a four year OB/GYN residency at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Tulsa, Oklahoma in June.

On behalf of all of us here at Jordan Memorial we want to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to all our High School and College graduates this year! May God guide you as you begin this next part of the journey!



FLETCHER RAINS

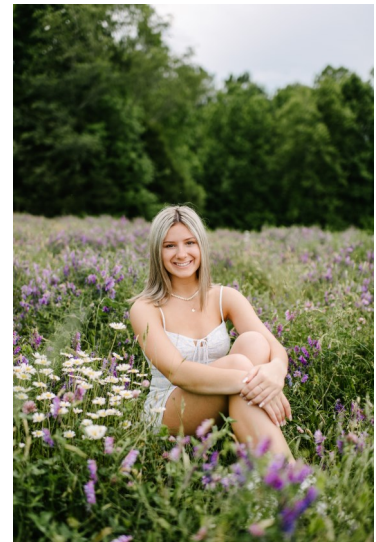
Western Carolina University

BS Degree

Major: Construction Management

Minor: Business Administration

Future plans: He will be working for Balfour Beatty as a Field Project Engineer beginning June 6.



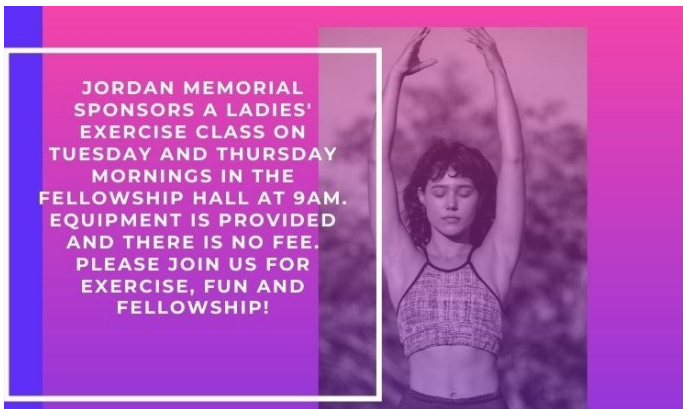
VILETTA JAYNE EMBREE will be graduating from Southwestern Randolph High School on June 8th. Viletta was in SGA, Beta Club and Chief Editor of the yearbook. She was a competitive cheerleader at RGA and competed on a World's Team. She also played on the golf team at SWRHS her senior year. Viletta was accepted into the Honor's College at East Carolina University which included a scholarship for tuition. She will be attending, beginning 2022 fall semester. Go Pirates! She is undecided on her major, but is considering perusing a degree in the medical field.

General Information

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.



Choir & Handbell Practice

We will not have choir practice during the summer. We will resume practice in the fall. Handbell practice Wednesday's 6:00 PM.



Craft Circle Group

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



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but still be a part of the worship service. We learned during COVID the importance of online worship and the need that will persist in the years to come. We have homebound members that can enjoy services now, friends that have moved to other cities and parts of the country, and we even have folks that love what we do but are not ready to enter a church setting quite yet. All of these are reasons to continue our online presence. Each week we average reaching over 50 people through our online platforms. It was even great during Christmas to share our music service and other special services that not everyone was able to attend. We also owe a big thank you to Hunter Shackelford for his knowledge and work each and every Sunday to run not only the livestream, but the sound system and the slide projections as well.

Third, we made it through COVID! We need to celebrate that! It was not easy, we had times we had to move services to online only and we had to wear masks and social distance, none of which was fun, but we did it! We ran on the motto of “Let’s work together to stay together”, and we did just that. I know there was various understandings of the virus within our church. It would have been easy to have been divided and argumentative over how we handled certain things, but we didn’t. We remained the church throughout all of it and, chose to love over our disagreements. The result was where we are today, our attendance is the highest its been, we have seen new faces join us for worship, and we are stronger now as a result of what we have been through. That is all worth celebrating!

Fourth, has been the launching and/or recognizing of existing Fresh Expressions. If this term is new to you, it is simply finding ways to be the church outside of our normal Sunday morning time. We recognize there are those folks that will not attend a Sunday morning service, so we find new ways to be the church for all people. This is no different than when John Wesley left his pulpit and began to preach in the fields and docks for workers before they began their day. When these groups meet, church is happening! We have exercise group that meets every Tuesday and Thursday. This is a place for women to come and not only exercise their bodies but their minds as well as they share in devotional time, conversation, and community. Betty Jo does an outstanding job with this ministry. We have a walking group that Doug Collins started recently at Deep River Trail, a group that walks and talks about all sorts of things from life, God, to what is happening in the world. There is fellowship, discipleship, and community within this group as well. Our Thursday night small group, The Well, continues to be a place where we grow deeper together in our faith. We have seen new faces and had chances to discuss some deep issues that get at the heart of what we face each day. Growing Together has been an art-based small group that Jaidy started. We have seen it grow each month and it is a time to fellowship, grow, and experience God through the arts. Our community meal, The Table, has gone back to in-person from being drive-through only. Here people gather for food, fellowship, and faith. It is more than just a meal; people are fed physically and spiritually through our authentic love-based conversations that happen around the table. We also have our Thursday Crafty Crafters and soon to be three AA groups that meet at the church. All of these are opportunities to engage in community and are a part of the ministries here at Jordan Memorial.

Fifth, is our increase in missional engagement. Wayne and Ann Hutchins do a great job leading this effort. Along with other great volunteers Jordan’s Closet fills a real need for clothing within our community. The families we meet have become friends and the Closet itself has become its own small community. We have also built several ramps for folks in need, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, and in March we had a big missions work weekend at Mt Shepherd Camp and Retreat Center. Missions is an important part of what we do in living out our faith and connecting with the world around us.

As you can see, we have done a lot over the last year, and this honestly does not cover everything. Year one was exciting and fun, but I can’t wait to see what year two has to offer! This summer I want you

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take time to rest, relax, and reflect. As you do this, I want you to think about where you will fit into what happens at Jordan Memorial in the coming year. Maybe it is in missions, small groups, or one of our Fresh Expressions. Maybe it is starting a Fresh Expression out of your passion and gifts. I believe year two will be amazing, but it can only be if we are doing it together. What are the ways you can become more involved in the coming year? What are you passionate about? What would you like to see happening at Jordan Memorial in the coming year? These are all great questions to ponder as you rest, relax, and reflect this summer. Looking forward to what is ahead and working alongside each of you in the coming year!

Pastor Chris.

Brown House Update

It has been several months since we first shared the plans of tearing down the old brown house and replacing it with an outdoor pavilion. Unfortunately, due to DH Griffins busy schedule they have not been able to do the demo work yet. We have been in contact with them and have been assured that it is in the works but for now we are still on hold. As the saying goes, "Good things come to those who wait", so we will continue to patiently wait for the next phase of this project to be completed so we can move one step closer to our goal!



Annual Conference

Annual Conference 2022 is June 16th-19th. This is the annual meeting of our Western North Carolina Conference where we gather to make decisions that govern our conference, clergy, and churches. Please be in prayer for the Annual Conference and for all the clergy and laity that will travel to Lake Junaluska during this time. We have several from our church that are voting members this year so please hold them in prayer as they travel and represent each of you for the conference.



Pastor Chris Smith (Jordan Memorial)
 Ann Hutchins (Jordan Memorial)
 Doug Collins (Uwharrie District at Large)
 Jaidy Smith (Uwharrie District at Large)

Alcohol Anonymous (AA)



Alcohol Anonymous (AA) is a wonderful ministry that helps people battling addiction by providing a place of security, accountability, and community. Here at Jordan Memorial, we have been hosting two meetings for the Ramseur area on Monday and Thursday Evenings at 6:30 PM. Starting June 4th, we will have a women's only AA meeting each Saturday at 5:00 pm. Please hold these groups in your prayers and if you know anyone that is in need, please refer them to one of our meetings so they can begin the process of beating addiction.

Small Group

We will have our small group meeting every Thursday in June at 6pm

Thank You!

We want to thank all the women and men in the UMW that have been bringing us meals and sending cards. It really brightens our day and we enjoy all the visits so much. It makes us feel like we are still part of the church even though we have not been able to come. We pray blessing on all of you daily. We also enjoy having the services online to watch. Thanks to all who take part in making it happen.
Malvin & Ann Robinson



Growing Together

Growing Together- Our Arts and Bible Journaling Fresh Expression will not meet in the month of June. Our next time together will be July 30th 10:00 AM -12:00 PM at the Parsonage 307 Elam Ave. Ramseur NC. Enjoy vacation time with family and friends this summer!

Encanto Summer Series- We Talk About Bruno and A Whole Lot More!



What is your calling? What are your gifts? There is no shortage of spiritual help books to help you determine your purpose and gifts within the life of the church. With so much to choose from it might be hard to know where to start, but thanks to Disney we have a great framework to work from, the popular movie Encanto! Join us this summer as we journey through the struggles and growths of the different characters and along the way perhaps discover something about ourselves. We will see how we can release our harmful expectations and release our true gifts.

July 9th 3:00 PM We will have a matinee movie showing! Join us in the fellowship hall for popcorn and snacks as we watch the movie together before starting the series! If you can't make it on the 9th, I would highly encourage you to find a time to watch Encanto prior to the sermon series.

July 10th- August 28th Summer Sermon Series on Encanto, We Talk about Bruno and a Whole Lot More!



Jaidy and I are so excited to be returning for another year at Jordan Memorial UMC. We love being in ministry here and are excited about all the coming year has to offer. We are also passionate about Hispanic/Latino ministries as we served a Hispanic congregation for four years in the Greensboro area. We are grateful to Laura Auten, our



District Superintendent, the cabinet, and our Bishop that not only are Jaidy and I reappointed to Jordan Memorial for the coming year, we have also been co appointed to La Luz de Cristo UMC in Asheboro. We feel this will be an amazing opportunity to reach a new community as well as enhance what we are already doing here at Jordan Memorial. This will not be a charge but rather a partnership. This is going to be a new way to live into our United Methodist Connection. Our conference is facing a hard reality as each year, more pastors retire than come in new. Filling appointments is a challenge, so this is a new way to utilize the gifts and graces of pastors and their congregations. The important part for each of you to know is that we are still committed to Jordan Memorial and the ministry here in Ramseur; none of that will change. We will continue to love and serve alongside each of you just as we have for this past year. We also look forward to the partnerships between La Luz and Jordan Memorial. Together we will be able to accomplish more and that will be exciting. As mentioned before, this is not new territory for us. We did collaborative ministry with two churches for four years in Greensboro and understand what it takes to balance not only time but also various cultures in the process. Laura Auten, as well as our SPRC committee are also committed to supporting Jaidy and myself and keeping us from being overloaded in this process and in making sure that the churches' needs are met. Of course, with this there are great opportunities for many of you to take on leadership roles in Sunday School and small groups. Part of our goal for year two is to equip more leaders in the church which will go a long way in helping this partnership be fruitful. If you feel led to help in any way, please let us know so we can work alongside you to help you live into your gifts and graces. We are excited about what is ahead and know that it will be a blessing for all of you as well.

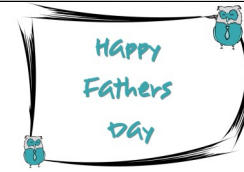
Chris and Jaidy Smith

Church Foundation Update:

Hopefully by now many of you are aware of the foundation concerns we have under the sanctuary. Please note that the building is safe, and we are not fearful of falling through the floor at any time, however, we recognize that there is age and deterioration showing and it will need to be addressed before it becomes worse. We have had Summey Engineering come out and do a report to identify the problematic areas that need addressing. Currently we are waiting on contractors to give estimates on the repair so that we can begin to form a plan for what to do. No doubt you will hear all sorts of ideas on what we should do that range all over the spectrum. That is a good thing. We need to keep all our options open as we seek to be good stewards of our resources and this sacred space. By entertaining all options, we will be assured that whatever decision that gets made is the best decision for our church. Please don't be alarmed if you hear an option you don't agree with. Our goal is to simply put everything out on the table and then as a church, we will decide what is the best course of action. We recognize this will be a long process and that it will not be easy, but we also believe that we can do it together and, in the end, have something we are all proud of. Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Chris or any member of the Administrative Council or Trustees if you have any questions or concerns.



June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	3	4 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
5 Pentecost	6 AA Mtg 6:30pm	7 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	8	9 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	10	11 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
12	13 AA Mtg 6:30pm	14 9am Exercise Class	15	16 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	17	18 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
19 Father's Day	20 AA Mtg 6:30pm	21 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm	22	23 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	24	25 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
26	27 AA Mtg 6:30pm	28 9am Exercise Class	29	30 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm		

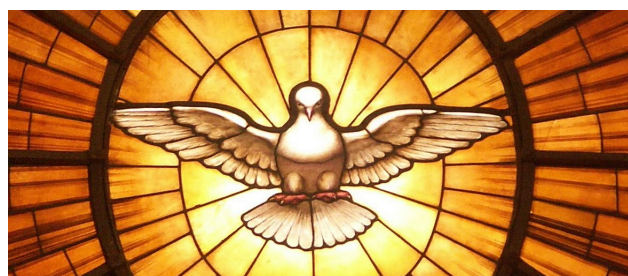
Ramseur Food Pantry: Biscuit & Muffin Mix, Canned Fruit (reg & sugar free). We will need volunteers June 20-24.

June Birthdays

01-Zach Clark
03-Rebekah Wilkinson
03-Shirley Lane
05-William Johnson
05-Ryan Leonard
07-Taylor Leonard
09-John Sinkewicz
09-Ray Leonard

10-Clara Vandiford
12-Joy Gantt
16-Anna Shelton
16-Randy Cox
16-Randy Strickland
18-Mary Jane Elizabeth Albright
21-Billy Mitchell
23-Ricky Cox
24-Mike Dorsett

24-Chris Dorsett
26-Cindy Chaffin
26-Pamela Trexler
26-Margaret Vickory
28-William Smith
29-William Allen
29-David True
30-Morgan Hainey



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
3	4 Independence Day Office Closed AA Mtg 6:30pm	5 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	6	7 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	8	9 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm 3pm Movie & Popcorn
10	11 AA Mtg 6:30pm	12 9am Exercise Class	13	14 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	15	16 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
17	18 AA Mtg 6:30pm	19 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	20	21 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	22	23 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
24	25 AA Mtg 6:30pm	26 9am Exercise Class	27	28 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	29	30 Growing Together 10am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
31	The church office will be closed on July 4th.					

Ramseur Food Pantry: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes

July Birthdays

01-Tyler Wood
02-Cindy Strickland
03-Lisa Johnson
03-Sandra Leonard
04-Betty Fields
05-Judith L. Gibson
05-Dylan Trexler
05-Martha Kreiser
08-Deborah L. Goldsberry
09-Brad Graves
10-Eddie Leonard
12-Kim Shackelford
13-Daniel Cox
14-Kathy Thomas

14-Kathy D. Posey
15-David H. Ihme
15- Heather Bateman
16-Jaidy Smith
17-Perry Stout
18-Joseph Armfield
19-Kathryn B. Nichols
19-Robert Cody Allen
21-Wesley Kurtz
23-Jimmy Moody
24-Robert L. Armfield, Jr.
25-Weston Wood
26-Melissa Strickland
26-Brendon Trexler
26-Hunter Shackelford
29-Elizabeth Chaffin



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Join us for our next **community meal** June 21 at 5:30pm This is an in-person meal in the fellowship hall. Take Outs available at 6:00 PM.

Great Food, Great Fellowship, Live Music, Deepening Faith

***Please note there will not be a community meal in July or August, and we will resume in September. Have a great summer!



Worship times
Sunday School 10am
Worship Service 11am
Tune in for our live worship service!