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Greetings brothers and sisters of Jordan Memorial UMC,

I hope everyone has had a great summer and found some time to relax and renew. I want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped with our Back to School Bash. Whether it was volunteering the day of, packing bags, bringing in supplies, donating money, or praying over the event, I want to say thank you. The success of the day could not have been possible without each of us coming together to make it possible. Together, we gave out all our bookbags with supplies, plus some additional supplies, all our food, and had a morning where kids got to be kids and enjoy a time of fun before returning to the classroom. This is a beautiful ministry each year and is truly a glimpse of the Kingdom of God in action.

It is our connection both within the church and to the larger church that has always been our greatest strength as United Methodists. I have not addressed this publicly other than from the pulpit but feel the need to take a moment to share what all is happening within our beloved denomination. The reality is that while I would love to wait until we have more concrete answers the rumors have already begun to circle and there is a lot of false information making its way through social media and in our community. This false information is harmful, and I want to share what I know to be true and how the Holy Spirit is guiding me as your pastor as I look to what is ahead.

On May 1st, 2022, a new denomination was formed called the Global Methodist Church. The GMC, as I will refer to them in this article, is a more traditional or conservative branch of Methodism. The main split is occurring over human sexuality and the acceptance of same sex unions and ordained clergy. There are other concerns that have been lifted from the GMC that have been shared, such as accountability of bishops, the trust clause that all United Methodist churches have, and various other issues to which they do not agree. This new denomination is not formally recognized yet because we have not had a general conference to do that. Only the General Conference can recognize denominations and decide with whom we will be in communion. The next General Conference is in 2024. This is the reason I have proposed our church not voting on anything because we don't know what we are voting on yet. Until the General Conference meets, we do not know which proposals will be before us. The delayed conference is the result of the pandemic and the

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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>SPC Trexler, Dylan</p> <p>Quinton Smith 144 Mt. Vernon Ave. Portsmouth, VA 23707</p> <hr/> <p><u>Memorials and Honorariums</u></p> <p><u>In Memory of Joe Hardin</u></p> <p>Bob & Martha Thomas Jerry Boyd Sam & Missy Rankin Carol Deal</p> <p><u>In Memory of Eddie Luck</u> Deborah Goldsberry</p> <p><u>In Honor of Sharon Jones</u> Betty Shackelford</p>	<p><u>College Students</u></p> <p>Kara Camp 5546 Nightwood Drive Randleman, NC 27317</p> <p>Hannah Harris 2504 NC Hwy 22 South Ramseur, NC 27316</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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challenge of getting visas since our United Methodist Church is already a global church with churches on four continents in numerous countries. This delay however, has stirred some that feel waiting this long is not acceptable. Several churches have begun the process of disaffiliation, including some here in our surrounding communities. This process includes a full church vote that must be carried by a 2/3rd margin, paying of apportionments, and paying clergy health and pension liability. There can also be costs for the land and buildings since the conference does own all United Methodist property. This has triggered some nasty debates and has even caused some churches to hire a law firm to bring a civil case against the Western NC Conference. My heart grieves over all of this because this is not the way of Christian love. There are rumors that if you stay United Methodist, you are not Christian, that we are going to quit believing in the Trinity and that Scripture is not important. Let me be clear, I am United Methodist, I believe in the Trinity, and I believe in the power and beauty of Scripture. These false claims are fear tactics to help influence people on which way to go. We see the same thing in our political structure every day; it is fear that is used as a primary motivator. This should be in politics, not in the church.

I do believe that the GMC is going to be a recognized denomination that will do great work for the kingdom. I also believe there are churches and pastors that will make that decision and it will be the right decision for them. I am not going to make any assumption about Jordan Memorial; it will be up to this congregation when the time comes. But for me, I am a United Methodist. I believe in who we are and that includes are failures and mistakes. I also believe what we are told, that the continuing UMC will be a big tent. It will be for progressive and traditional beliefs. There will be space for affirming and non-affirming churches. If you are hearing something different, it is just not correct. Let me say that again, you can remain a United Methodist and still hold a traditional view on human sexuality and same gender marriage. Churches will get to decide where they fall and not the conference or denomination. Our bishop has been clear that appointments will be made with this in mind, and there is a clear purpose to do no harm as we move forward out of this mess.

I pray that as a congregation we can look past the false witness that is being presented, and yes-it happens on both sides. I pray we can move forward with grace and love, acknowledging our brothers and sisters that think differently and in the words of Wesley, love alike even though we do not think alike. I pray for our denomination, our church, and the witness of God's love to the world that we are all a part of. Lastly,

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General Information

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

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. We recently added a women's only AA meeting each Saturday at 5:00 pm.

<p>Jordan's Closet</p> <p>Jordan's Closet is open the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.</p>	<p>Craft Circle Group</p> <p>Craft Circle Group meets every Thursday at 3pm in the fellowship hall. All crafts are welcome.</p>
<p>Walking Group</p> <p>The walking group is on hold. We will resume meeting and walking when the weather cools down some. Stay safe on these extremely hot days.</p>	<p>Faith & Fitness</p> <p>Exercise class meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee.</p>

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I pray for each of you. This is a difficult time, and the easy thing would be to run or just not show up. I am thankful for the many ways we continue to be a light to Ramseur and the ways we continue to show God's love despite the distractions that are around us. I would encourage you to keep up the good work that God has begun in you. I want to close with something I shared on Facebook not too long ago. This comes from Blake Lasater in the Arkansas Conference.

"Why I am United Methodist:

Because we see flowers where others see weeds.

It's all about grace and seeing people as children of God; it's not about "us" and "them", and a God that needs defending, but a world that needs to be loved.

It is about open hearts, open minds, and open doors, and though we are not perfect we are on that road to perfection.

We hold as our mentors Good Samaritans and Prodigal sons, faithful prostitutes and generous widows, unclean lepers and thieves on a cross. We realize we are all that strange mixture of Saint and sinner.

It's never about being right but always about doing right. Our mission is not to defend the church but simply to do all the good we can, to all the people we can, in all the ways we can, as long as we can.

We see flowers where others see weeds, because we figured out long ago that we were weeds that someone watered with grace and love.

In a world that sees only weeds to be pulled, I am thankful for a church filled with God's grace that sees things in a different light."

If you have any questions or concerns, please know I am available to talk with you. These are interesting times we are living in. This article is only a bit of all that is happening, and I am sure I did not do justice to the full scope and positions of either side in this debate. As we wrestle through what will be, please know that I wrestle with you and together we will end up where we are supposed to be. Because that is our greatest strength: our connection and love for one another.

Pastor Chris

Back-to-School Bash 2022



Back-to-School Bash is a day designed to be fun-filled with plenty of information for the families. The goal is one last bash for K-12 students. It's also a time to provide children with much needed school supplies to equip them for their first day of class.

Jordan Memorial would like to recognize and express our gratitude to REMC/People Helping People and the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Their grants were instrumental in purchasing the bookbags! We cannot begin to say thank you enough to our more than 50 sponsors who contributed funds and items to make this day such a success. We also want to say thanks the Town of Ramseur in their support of this event. Finally, we are very grateful to all the many volunteers who gave up their time to help. This day would not happen without you!

On early Saturday, August 13, the SWH & SERMS Beta Club arrived. They began helping setup. They moved tables, chairs, garbage cans, water, food, chips, helped with signage, manned the streets, and many other tasks. Their help was very much appreciated and needed.

More than 30 sponsors began arriving and setting up their booths. Closing the street at 9 am ensured everyone's safety. The three bounce houses went up next, and were ready for the K-12 students to have fun!

The families began arriving around 10am, where they enjoyed the perfect weather and visiting every booth to learn about the many programs available to them. Several sponsors offered games like corn hole, or food like popcorn. Families that visited the Ramseur Museum were challenged to a scavenger hunt and earned prizes for items they found. The local businesses on Main Street were open and also supported the day.

Boy Scout Troop 508 managed the food table. In less than three hours, they handed out 350 corn dogs, 200 hot dogs, 22 gallons of tea, and 7 cases of bottled water! They were wonderful representatives of the standards of the Boy Scouts. And the food was terrific!

The bookbags were packed and staged on Friday by a super group of about 20 volunteers who gave up their free time to help. On Saturday, the volunteers handed out 674 bookbags in less than three hours!! Each K-12 student got to pick their favorite color of bag. Inside the bags was a binder, paper, pencils, pens, glue stick, note card, set of colored pencil or crayons. After getting their bags, several local pastors offered prayers for a successful, safe, and happy school year. We owe a world of thanks to the sixteen local churches that contributed to purchasing the school supplies!

So to say that Back-to School Bash 2022 was a wonderful successful day is a major understatement....IT WAS FABULOUS!! If you think 2022 was a great year.....then just wait until 2023!!

Back-to-School Bash

Back-to-School Bash 2022 was truly a blessed day! Thank you so much to the wonderful volunteers and sponsors that made this day such a success!



2022 Sponsors!

Thank you so much to our Back-to-School Bash 2022 Sponsors!

It was a wonderful day thanks to your help and support!

Allen Insurance
Ash/Rand EMS
Bounce to You - Bounce Houses
Carlie C's
Cedar Falls UMC
Central Falls UMC
Chatham Portables
Chick fil A of Asheboro
Chili's of Asheboro
Coleridge Lion's Club
Communities in Schools of Randolph County
CPI Security
Crime Stoppers
Debbie Crews
ESOL - English Speakers of Other Language
Fidelity Bank of Ramseur
First Baptist Church
First Christian Church
Franklinville Diner / tea
Gboro Martial Arts Academy
Gracie Hill / Girl Scouts
Grays Chapel UMC
Guardian ad litem of Rand. County
Habitat for Humanity
Head Start of Randolph County
Holly's Chapel Church
Holly Spring Friends Church
Hurricane Janes Restaurant
Jordan Memorial UMC
Jordan's ICY Machine
Jordan's UMC table / La Luz De Cristo
Loflin Funeral Home
Magnolias on Main
Vicki Caudle
McCrary Chapel UMC
McKenzie Real Estate
Millstone Creek Orchards
Mobile Library of Rand. County

Modern Woodman
Mt. Nebo Holy Church
Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church
Myra Gaddy
Parks Cross Roads Church
Patterson Grove Church
Pleasant Ridge Church
Ramseur Chamber of Commerce
Ramseur Civitans
Ramseur Family Dentistry
Ramseur Fire Department
Ramseur Food Pantry
Ramseur Mayor & Town
Ramseur Ministerial Association
Ramseur Public Works
Ramseur Wesleyan Church
Randolph Health Dept. & Safe Kids of Randolph Co.
Randolph Partnership for Children / Incredible Years/ WIC pgm
REMC/People Helping People
Sammy's Main Street Grill
Scout Troop 508
Sheriff's Dept. of RC
Silver Dollar
Soldiers of Mercy
SWH Beta Club
SERMS Beta Club
Styles Unlimited
Texas RoadHouse
The Phone Man
The Real Estate Shoppe
Tom Allen
Universal Health Care
Vee's Bakery on Main St
Vic's Picks
Walmart
Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church
Whitaker Farms
Your Choices Randolph Co.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice resumes on Wednesday Sept 7 at 5pm.

Handbell Practice

Handbell Practice Wednesday's at 6pm.

Dear Friends of Jordan Memorial, Thanks to all of you for your kindness of cards, prayers and the good food during my injury.

Thanks and God Bless,
Jerry Boyd

Church Council / Charge Conference

Church Council and Charge Conference meeting Sept 25 at 4pm in the fellowship hall. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

Trustees Meeting

The Trustees will meet Sept 29 at 9am in the conference room. Following the meeting the group will be doing some church maintenance

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, Oct 2 we will have a combined service with La Luz de Cristo for World Communion Sunday. Following the service we will have a covered dish luncheon.



Brown House



Have you noticed something missing on Main St? A few weeks ago, we finally saw the Brown House come down. I know this has been met with mixed emotions. For some, there were many memories tied to this house. I have also heard from community folks that wonder why we didn't use it as a shelter or for another ministry.



The reality was that the repairs needed to make the little house usable again were going to be more than it was worth. An entire wall needed to be rebuilt with new supports underneath it as well as plumbing that did not work. The most faithful thing we could do was tear it down to build back something new, and that is precisely what we will do. We already have architectural drawings for an outdoor shelter to go on this site. This shelter will serve as a place for outdoor worship, community meals, families to have picnics, community gatherings, or just simply as a place for people to enjoy when they come downtown. Just a few feet down from where we will build the shelter is the location of the old town well. The well was a place where the community would gather to share stories, fellowship, and receive the life-giving water they needed for day-to-day life. We see the shelter doing the same; it will be called The Well because we see it as a place for our modern day community to gather, fellowship, and receive the loving water of Jesus that is needed for our day to day lives. Our vision is that it will be a place for all of Ramseur and not just our church.

How can you help?

Share the story, share what the vision is and why we are doing it. We want everyone to be on board because this is truly a vision for all of us both inside the church and outside.

Help us raise money to build it. We have a great start through a grant already, but it will not cover the full cost. You can donate by marking your check or envelope "The Well".

This is truly something that will benefit not only our church but Ramseur as well. I hope you can share our passion as we make the Well become a reality and a place for authentic love based worship, small groups, and conversations in our community.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith has selected two mission projects for the month of September and ongoing:

We are collecting gift cards in \$10 increments from Dollar General, McDonald's or Food Lion for the Adult Services Division of the Randolph County Department of Social Services. This agency has approximately 100 people on its caseload. Of this number, around 75 to 80 % have no relatives or family support. These clients have no way to purchase small items such as a candy bar, a soft drink, a special toiletry or small clothing item due to very limited funds. These clients are all Randolph County residents and would greatly benefit from this mission project. If you would like to donate a gift card, please give the card directly to Celia Harris or Betty Jo Armfield. You may also donate funds to purchase gift cards and someone from UWF will purchase the gift cards. Please give donations directly to Celia Harris.

We also have an ongoing mission project of supporting Backpack Pals at Franklinville Elementary School. We hope to provide Backpack Pals once every other month the entire school year. This project costs approximately \$100 each month and we would be grateful for your support. You may donate funds to Celia Harris or place them in the small bucket at the table on the side of the sanctuary.

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting, which is scheduled for November 13 at 4pm. Please note the time change.

Thank you for the support given to our United Women in Faith.

Betty Jo Armfield, President

Homecoming



Join us for Homecoming on September 18th! We will have a chance to reconnect, remember our saints, and worship together. Following the service there will be a covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can make it to share with us on this special day! Service time is 10:30 AM with lunch to follow.

Fresh Expressions



Our next Growing Together Fresh Expression will be September 17th 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the parsonage.

This is for ladies to gather and craft and grow together in their faith. We are excited to announce that we are opening this up to more than just the ladies, men feel free to come as well as we will engage in a time of fellowship as well. (Just not crafting haha) 307 Elam Ave. Ramseur NC, 27316

Sanctuary Update:

As many of you know we have been in the long process of exploring our foundation issues under the sanctuary and our Trustees have done an outstanding job in gathering quotes and working towards next steps in resolving our issues. We have received two quotes for the repairs that came in very close to one another. Both quotes address the majority of the concerns but not all of the issues that we are facing. We are waiting on one more quote, but it will be after January before we will get it. While this seems like a long way away, the Trustees feel that it is worth being patient to receive one more quote from a reliable company to make sure we are being good stewards and doing what is best for the church. We want to be transparent in our information so that everyone is informed on what is going on. This delay we believe will help us to have a clearer picture on what is best, and we feel it is worth the wait to get a little more information. Thank you for your patience as we seek to resolve this. In the meantime, we will continue to worship. We have been assured by the engineer that we are not falling through the floor anytime soon, and we will continue to raise money to cover the costly repairs that we know are coming. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office or any of our Trustees.

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	2	3 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
4	5 Labor Day Office Closed AA Mtg 6:30pm	6 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm	7 Choir Practice 5pm Handbell 6pm	8 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	9	10 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
11	12 AA Mtg 6:30pm	13 9am Exercise Class	14 Choir Practice 5pm Handbell 6pm	15 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	16	17 Fresh Expressions 10am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
18 Homecoming 10:30am	19 AA Mtg 6:30pm	20 9am Exercise Class Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal	21 Choir Practice 5pm Handbell 6pm	22 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	23	24 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
25 Church Council / Charge Conference 4pm	26 AA Mtg 6:30pm	27 9am Exercise Class	28 Choir Practice 5pm Handbell 6pm	29 9am Trustee mtg 9am Exercise Class Craft Grp 3pm Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	30	

Ramseur Food Pantry: Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Greens, Canned Pinto & Green Beans.

September Birthdays

01-Emily Leigh Gann
02-Aaron Bressler
04-Tommy Boyd
04-James Scott Riddle
05-Kenneth Hudson
05-Courtney Collins
05-Aaron Bressler
06-Marc Williams
08-Jerry Boyd
08-Darrell E. Williams
10-Rebecca L. Hinshaw
10-Magnum Embree
11-Tim E. Lankford
12-Malvin Robinson
12-Amy Petty

13-David Craven
14-Joy Collins
14-Celeste Byrnes
15-Bradley Russell Craven
15-Ann Robinson
15-Ann Hutchins
18-G. Ronnie Hardin
19-Emily C. Johnson
19-Betty K. Shackelford
21-Williams G. Allen
21-Ed. A. Mitchell
28-Brenda Siers
29-Nathan G. Harris
29-Ann W. Pike
29-Chad Lankford
30-Kenneth S. Rains



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The Table will resume on Tuesday September 20th, at 5:30pm. Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith! Please bring and share your favorite dessert.

NOTE New Times!**

Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 10:30am

