

JORDAN
MEMORIAL UNITED
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CHURCH



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It is hard to believe another summer is over. It feels like our Summer of Songs just started and we were ready to plan beach trips and family outings. Now we are preparing for school, cooler weather, and all the fall fun we enjoy. As the summer comes to a close, I have spent some time reflecting on all the events of this summer.

First, I hope you have all enjoyed the series in Psalms along with the special music each week to accompany each Psalm. This was truly a joy to prepare and preach. I hope that you have gained some insight into the different Psalm writers and perspectives along the way. I hope you have found your song. Music truly has a way of touching the depth of our souls and I pray that as I shared with you songs that have touched me, that you found your song along the way.

Second, we had a wonderful Annual Conference. As United Methodist, we meet every year as laity and clergy to conduct the business of the annual conference and the wider church. This time is always filled with many things to do. It is also a great chance to see friends and hear about all that God is doing across our conference. This year’s conference had a different feel to it. I left this year full of hope and encouragement for what lies ahead. There is a lot of misinformation floating around our world today. I am sure many of you have heard that we are losing churches or that the denomination is falling apart. While yes, we have lost several churches to disaffiliation and yes more will follow, we as a denomination are still strong. God is still doing wonderful things in Western North Carolina and all across the world. Our distinct Wesleyan way of doing things, are methods to our Methodism are still providing transformative love in communities all across our state and beyond. Please don’t get caught listening to the noise, we are still going strong and that will not stop.

Third, speaking of ways God is shining in our communities, the third thing I

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

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Memorials and Honorariums

**In Memory of Charles and Callie
Lane**
Betty Fields

In Memory of Joe Hardin
Betty Shackelford

**In Honor of Wayne & Ann
Hutchins**
Jane Cranford

In Memory of Mason Siers
Anne Cox
Shirley Mitchell
Emily Johnson
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David & Celia Harris

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Mason Eugene Siers

May 16, 1945 ~ August 16, 2023 (age 78)

Mason Eugene Siers, age 78, passed away Wednesday at the Heros Way Hospice at the Durham VA Medical Center. Born in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Dorlo Lee Siers and Audrey Gregory Siers. He was a member of the Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church in Ramseur, NC where he was past chairman of the Pastor-Parrish Relations Committee and the Finance Committee. He was a former member of the Optimist Club, the National Rifle Association, and the N.C. Taxidermist Association. He was involved with the Boy Scouts of America, and was a former Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader along with the Order of the Arrow. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Siers is survived by his wife, Brenda Fisher Siers; a son and daughter in law, Derek Lee (Cyndi) Siers; two daughters and sons in law, Shelia S. (John) Winfrey, Cheri S. (Mel) Powers; a sister and brother in law, Shanda S. (Mike) Prince; seven grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Jimmie Allen Siers and Sherman Lee Siers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, General Fund, 1511 Main Street, Ramseur, NC 27316.

General Information

AA Group

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

We also host a women's only AA meeting Saturday's at 5pm in the conference room.

Faith & Fitness

Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee.

Walking Group

The Walking group meets at Franklinville at 9am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Craft Circle Group

The Craft Group meets on Wednesday's at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

Growing Together



Join us for **Growing Together** September 30th 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at the Parsonage. This monthly gathering is a chance to grow in our relationships with one another. Crossing cultural and language barriers, we seek to grow in our faith as we learn from each other and create out of our personal stories. The ladies enjoy crafting while the men have been going and enjoying breakfast together. Please RSVP with Jaidy or the church office in order to prepare adequate supplies. This is open to men and women and is a wonderful opportunity to create, share, and grow!

JORDAN'S CLOSET NEW HOURS!

Open each month on first Saturday from 10am - 12 pm and on third Tuesday from 5-7pm.

Offering free clothes for Women, Men and Children
We also accept donations of gently used clothes



Jordan Memorial UMC 1511 Main Street Ramseur

UWF News

Thank you to all that attended the program in August. Kenita Matthews-White gave a wonderful presentation on serving the homeless and less fortunate in our county. During September and October, the UWF will be collecting the following donations to support Grace Given:

New and gently used towels and washcloths
Deodorant for men and women
Liquid body wash in large bottles
Socks for men, women and children

Please support this mission outreach. All donations may be placed in the container outside the church office. Feel free to call me if you have questions.

Betty Jo Armfield

want to reflect on was this year's Back to School Bash. Every year this event keeps growing and it has become quite a ministry outreach for our church. On page one, you can see a picture of those lined up to get book bags. This year we stuffed 720 bags and handed out all of them by 12:00 PM. We had multiple agencies sharing information and resources with our community; we went through 128 lbs. of ice making snow cones, and even gave out all our extra supplies at our church table. Most importantly, we loved our community. We gave kids a safe space to have fun before starting back to school as well as provided needed resources to give them the tools to succeed when they do. This is such a vital ministry of our church, and I am grateful for each of you that helped contribute in some way. Whether it was through your time, donations, or simply praying, it all makes a difference. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus tells us to let the little children come to him and do not hinder them. The word hinder is the most important part of this passage. There are several references in the Gospels and in Acts to not hindering. To hinder is the opposite of help. What we do is help children and families by providing basic supplies so they can put their money towards something else. We help students by giving them the tools they need to get off to a great start from day one! It's not a handout, it's a hand up. I am thankful that as a church we see the importance of this ministry and spend much of our time and resources to make it happen. It truly makes a difference in our community.

As you can see, we had a busy summer. I hope that you found ways to connect with God during these past few months, if not, it is never too late! We are gearing up for fall where there will be plenty more opportunities to grow, reach, love, connect, and equip others within our community. Don't forget our model of GRACE, it's a circle for a reason. Once we end something, we begin the next. I am excited about what is ahead, for our church, for our community, and for our denomination. God is doing great things! May we all do our best to help and not hinder as we seek to see God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Chris Smith



Back to School Bash 2023



Joe's Cart

Did you see Joe's cart at the Back To School Bash? A very special thank you to the ladies at Ramseur Public Library for doing this. To honor Joe Hardin's memory, they filled a cart with children's books that kids could take during our event. This was such a meaningful way to honor our friend Joe and his dedication to the Public Library in our community.

Thank you to our amazing sponsors!! Sponsors are listed on our website: JordanMemorial.org



Homecoming/Memorial Day

September 17, 2023

Jordan Memorial members and friends will celebrate the church's 137th anniversary when we observe our Annual Homecoming/Memorial Day on September 17, 2023. The worship service will begin at 10:30 am. We will also remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant since our last homecoming service. We invite family members and friends of those being remembered to worship with us on this special occasion.

A fellowship meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. The bereaved families will be the guests of Jordan Memorial at the luncheon.

We look forward to seeing our members, former members and friends at this special service.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is October 1st. mark your calendars for this special service. We will have a combined service with our brothers and sisters from La Luz and celebrate the Holy Sacrament together. Following the service, we will have a meal where we invite you to bring your favorite dish as we taste foods from various countries as we celebrate our unity in Christ Jesus.



What is Your Spiritual Gift Sermon Series?

Discover Your
Spiritual
GIFTS



Join us for our September Sermon Series on Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts. Based on the recent survey we did, a number of folks expressed learning more about how to live into their gifts. During the month of September, we will look at Spiritual gifts, how to discover yours, and how we can use them to enhance the ministries of Jordan Memorial UMC.

Dear Jordan Memorial,
Thank you so much for sponsoring the Backpack Program of Franklinville Elementary. Your generous contribution was a blessing to the students. We appreciate your support. We hope you are able to help us again this upcoming school year.
With gratitude,
Jessica Hernandez

The Well

The Well is a Fresh Expression where we seek to create a communal place where people can gather to talk about faith, life, and everything in between. This is open to anyone regardless of your religious background. We believe that the Well in the time of Jesus was a place of life-giving water, community engagement, and needed fellowship. We are continuing our study through the book of Genesis, and it is never too late to join. We hope you can join us!

**September 7th 10:00 AM in the Conference Room
7:00 PM at the parsonage.**

**September 28th 10:00 AM in the Conference Room
7:00 PM at the parsonage**

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
3	4 Office Closed Labor Day AA Mtg 6:30pm	5 9am Faith & Fitness	6 Craft Grp 3pm	7 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	8	9 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
10	11 AA Mtg 6:30pm	12 9am Faith & Fitness	13 Craft Grp 3pm	14 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	15	16 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
17	18 AA Mtg 6:30pm	19 9am Faith & Fitness	20 Craft Grp 3pm	21 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	22	23 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
24	25 AA Mtg 6:30pm	26 9am Faith & Fitness	27 Craft Grp 3pm	28 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	29	30 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm Growing Together 10am

Ramseur Food Pantry: Juices and rice, Cereal, Canned Meats We will need volunteers Sept 11-15.

September Birthdays

01-Emily Leigh Gann
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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Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 10:30am
La Luz Service 12:30am



Community Meal

Community Meals will resume on September 19th at 5pm.

