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In the neighborhood for good!



Mending

I've always had big dreams and big plans. When I was 8 years old, I wanted to be a rock star or a ballerina on the big stage. A few years later I wanted to be an archaeologist and go on digs to uncover history. Soon after that I was called into ministry. I was going to save the world with love. I remember as a young teenager watching *Bewitched* and *I Dream of Jeannie*, wishing that it could be that simple. I could just wiggle my nose or cross my arms and nod my head and make things happen, make things change, make things better. My wishes were small—that I would be popular and well liked, or win something I wanted, and, big—that I could make heartbreak go away, and find answers to life's most intractable problems.

That was a lot of years and a lot of lessons ago. I've come to believe that while there are certainly big things that need doing, most of us are called to do small, seemingly unimportant things that, in fact, make all the difference. We are called to bandage wounds more than heal. Help more than save. Listen more than answer. Mend more than create. It's a simple thing, but so important. We might be tempted to give up, to shrug our shoulders, to say it's not our problem, to despair. It is our problem, just not only our problem. We are called to be engaged with our whole being, but we are not in it alone. We cannot, nor are we asked to do it alone. But we are asked to do our part, to make a stitch here and there in the ripped fabric, to add a colorful patch.

Look around you at all that is ragged and torn. How are you called to mend? A kind word? Time spent? A shoulder to cry on? A sympathetic ear? A shared laugh? Showing up? Standing with? Speaking out? We do not know the secret code or the magic spell, but we do know the threads that weave it all together – faith, hope, love. The world needs mending. Let us be about small things.

Peace,

Sally

Welcome!

We are thrilled to officially welcome four new members to our church family! **Nancy Benjamin, Karen Skilling, and Ichabod Temperance** joined at the nine o'clock service on July 30; and **Karen Marks** joined at the eleven o'clock service on August 20. All of these good people are well known to those of us who have been around for at least the last year. They've "belonged" to us and with us, but they all decided to make the commitment of membership. Welcome, friends!

... from Leslie

Hey there!

I hope you have been able to stay cool in the midst of the intense heat wave going on right now! I'm really counting on it starting to cool down sometime soon as we get into Fall, my favorite season! As we approach this transition in the seasons, I can't help but think about the different transitions and seasons in our faith journeys. Our faith may not look or feel the same as it has in the past, and it may even look and feel different in the future! I am thankful for a God that walks beside us in all of our seasons and changes.

Sometimes in our faith, we grow into trying new things. We may pick up new spiritual disciplines like journaling, doing yoga, or volunteering somewhere new. We may have never imagined leading a small group or writing out our prayers in the past but now be considering the possibility of God leading us into that new thing we thought we would never do. I encourage you to spend time in this transition into Fall to think about where God may be beckoning you, what you might turn to and grow towards. I'm always here if you need someone to chat with along the way.

Here's to a new season of weather, of life, and of faith! We may not know exactly what it will look like, but I have a good feeling that it will turn out beautifully.

Leslie

"Keep on praying for the saints. . ."

Ephesians 6:18

Please pray for the members of our church family who have been in the hospital, who have recently had surgery, are scheduled for surgery, or who otherwise need our prayers:

Jack Boggan
Carol Ruth Devore
Greg Jones

We extend our sympathies to the family of
Tammy Juanice Hammond. See page 4.

Congratulations, Bob Chapman!



Our Bob Chapman was recently honored for having served as a volunteer for 40 years with United Ability. United Ability's mission is to provide innovative services connecting people with disabilities to their communities and empowering individuals to live full and meaningful lives. We are grateful for Bob's commitment to service in the community and for his giving heart.

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September Birthdays

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| | | | | | 1 *Victoria Warren | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 *Joy Dorriety *Doreen Duley | 7 | 8 *Jane Phares *Jeff Willoughby | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 *Nancy Anderson | 13 | 14 *Martha Mosley | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 *Roger Thomas | 29 *Karen Skilling | 30 |

SUPER SENIORS

First of all, thanks to those of you who came to see *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It was a fun experience, but it sure took it out of one senior I know!

This month, September (how can it be?), we will play Bingo (everybody's favorite, it seems). The date is Tuesday, September 12, at 10 a.m. in the back room of the diner. I hope you will not only be there yourself, but also invite someone to come with you.

In October, we will watch a movie, and I am all ears for suggestions you may have—old, new, classic, little known—whatever you'd like to see, I'll search it out and make it happen, if at all possible. Please let me know, though, soon enough for me to find it.

For November, we will share a meal together either in the diner or elsewhere. I'll let you know.

Out of space! See you on the 12th!

Jane P.

Friday Night Fellowship



Hi, friends.

As I said next door in the Seniors article, thanks to all of you who came to see the play. I hope, if you came for the designated performance, you got your \$2 discount. If not, please let me know, and I'll see to it you are refunded.

This month, we'll revisit Rusty's Barbecue in Leeds. We had a good crowd last time we went there, but we were also missing some folks. I hope, if you were not there, you'll make it this time and join us for some good eats!

We'll meet on Friday night, September 22, at 6 p.m. at Rusty's.

Jane P.

Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

This month is brought to you by the colors **White** and **Gold**. After using these colors for the first seven Sundays of Eastertide, we go to **Red** for Pentecost, back to **White Gold** for Trinity Sunday, and then these colors aren't used for a while. The last two Sundays to use the two colors are in November. That would be for All Saints Day, and for Christ the King (the last Sunday of the liturgical year). Perhaps now is a good place to follow up on something I mentioned last month. That would be the two colors for Communion Sundays. Earlier rubrics (a set of guidelines) called for these colors. This practice has slowly begun to end as more and more churches move toward Communion more often, and for some, even on every Sunday,. One source says that Communion Sundays now use whatever the color is of the current season.



Between Epiphany and Easter, is a most important color in our year, and that would be the color of **Purple**. It's called the "penitential" color. We use it for the six Sundays of Lent!

Now we change sponsors. **Red** and **Green** are now up. **Red's** only official Sunday is Pentecost. It may also be used as an alternate color during Holy Week. Some churches, including ourselves, follow an earlier set of guidelines, and use it for summertime Sundays. We then switch to **Green**. It's the official color for "Ordinary Time," from mid-January until Transfiguration, immediately before Lent. In the Methodist Church, we call this the season of Epiphany. **Green** picks back up after Trinity and goes until Christ the King in November. They are called the "Sundays after Pentecost. We then begin our Christian calendar all over again with the four Sundays of Advent.

Love,

Barry

Memorial Service

On September 10 at the beginning of the Sunday School hour (10am), you are invited to a brief memorial service for Tammy Hammond in the meeting room on the first floor of the main building. We ask that you bring first aid and snack bag items in memory of Tammy as we celebrate her life and commit to serving others, like her, who struggle on our streets.



Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

— Desmond Tutu

Needs for Community Ministries

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| Snack Bags: | Fruit cups | Water | Vienna sausages | Granola bars |
| Food Co-op: | Cleaning supplies | Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels) | | |
| Wellness Pantry: | Bar soap | Toothbrushes | Toothpaste | Shower gel |
| | Mouthwash | Deodorant | Band-Aids | Lotion |
| | Vaseline | Baby Aspirin | Toilet Paper | Paper Towels |
| | Feminine Hygiene Products | | Baby and Adult Diapers | |
| | Hydrogen Peroxide Wipes | | | |

Lectionary Readings for September

I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you.
Psalm 119:11 (CEB)

Sunday, September 3 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15

Romans 12:9-21

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, September 10 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14

Romans 13:8-14

Psalm 149

Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 17 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-12

Psalm 114

Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 24 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15

Philippians 1:21-30

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Matthew 20:1-16

... from your Lay Leader

Hi, church family!

In the third installment of my exploration of our creed, I want to look at ways we can “love and serve others.” Of course, if you’ve been around East Lake UMC any time at all, you know that loving and serving others is what we are all about. From the time I was a small child here at ELUMC, I, and my fellow little ones, were encouraged to support our missionaries in foreign countries as well as the UM Children’s Home here at home. I can remember, from when I was a young adult, the birth of Eastern Area Christian Ministries right out of our own church. Now that we no longer have EACM, support is still sought and given to our snack bag ministries and our co-op. We are now having “lunch with our friends” one Sunday a month, thanks to Robert Milledge’s sharing his own calling with us. We have already taken one mission trip to Hinton this year and are planning the second in November. Over the years, we have been on missions to Panama, Chile, Dominican Republic, St. Maarten, as well as several trips to McAllen, Texas.

Many of the people in our church have worked firsthand to “love and serve others.” Others have faithfully given to mission opportunities. But here’s some food for thought: Our creed doesn’t say, “Give to others”; it says to *love and serve* others. It’s really hard to love and/or serve others from a distance, or just by giving money. Now I’m not trying to say that our gifts and offerings to ministries for others aren’t acceptable. I’m just suggesting to those who haven’t worked face to face with others in need that there is a special blessing in store if you do. Just think about it!

Cheering for you!

Jane Phares

Team for Hinton Rural Life Center Mission Trip Takes Shape

While most of us aren't thinking of our plans for November yet, a goodly number of our folks have already committed to mission November 9-12. The following people have signed on to go:

Melinda Adkins
 Sally Allocca
 Jackie Folk
 Carol Hay
 Bruno Hughes
 Lucy Lipp
 Mike McCleskey (Sally's brother)
 Karen Marks
 John Milledge
 Robert Milledge
 Jane Phares
 Sam Williamson (Rev.)

We still await the final decision of a couple more. Please be in prayer, even now, for these men and women who go in our name to do the work of building the Kingdom in North Carolina.



Can you believe this is our TENTH annual golf tournament? It seems like only yesterday we were planning for the first one, but year by year we have added to our successes—and now we have reached ten years!

This year's tournament will be, as usual, on the last Monday of September—September 25, to be exact. And as usual, it will be at Grayson Valley Country Club.

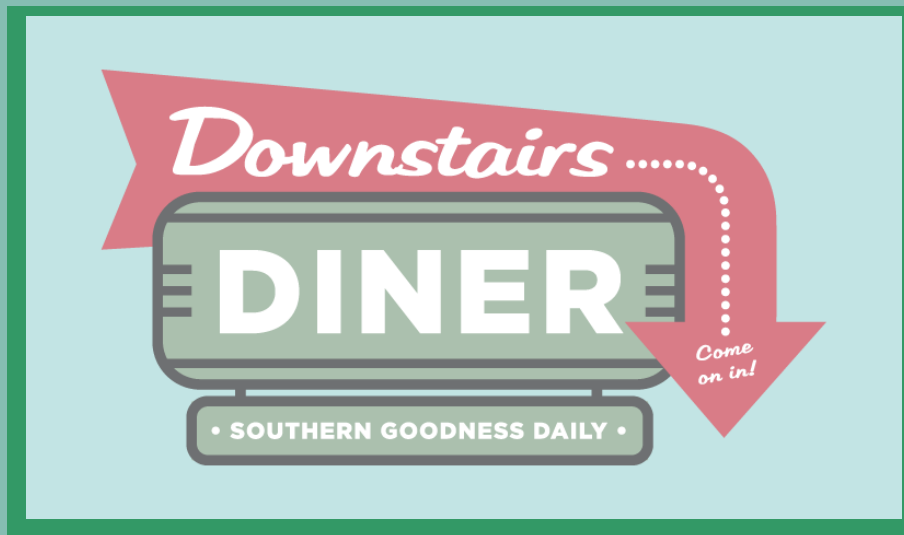
We are hoping there will be a record turnout for this year's tournament. We want golfers to help us celebrate this momentous event! We also hope there will be record support from our church, through sponsorships and other help. If you would like to help, talk to Bob Chapman or Jane Phares. They will suggest ways you can help to make this the best year ever. There are ways both before the day and the actual tournament day. Let us hear from you!



Yes, get ready!
Coming Saturday, November 4
 Get out your crafts and other handmades, preserves, baked goods, and any other sell-able items you'd like to donate!
 Talk to Jane Phares about volunteering!

THE SMALLEST ACT
of kindness
 IS WORTH MORE THAN THE
grandest intention.

OSCAR WILDE



Every-Day Diner Offerings for September 2023!

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| Tuesday, September 5 | Baked spaghetti, corn salad, garlic bread |
| Wednesday, September 6 | Chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, roll |
| Thursday, September 7 | Cheeseburgers, baked beans, potato salad |
| Friday, September 8 | Turkey or ham cold cuts, pasta salad, pickle spears, chips |
| Monday, September 11 | Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans roll |
| Tuesday, September 12 | Taco salad with corn, black beans, tortilla chips |
| Wednesday, September 13 | Macaroni and cheese, collards, sweet potatoes |
| Thursday, September 14 | Baked chicken, broccoli-rice casserole, roll |
| Friday, September 15 | Baked or fried fish, coleslaw, baked beans |
| Monday, September 18 | Baked chicken, roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes |
| Tuesday, September 19 | BBQ pork chops, wild rice, roasted vegetables |
| Wednesday, September 20 | Macaroni & cheese, cabbage, butter beans, cornbread |
| Thursday, September 21 | Lasagna, garden salad, corn, roll |
| Friday, September 22 | Chicken salad, pita bread, sliced tomatoes |
| Monday, September 25 | Cabbage soup with ground beef, fried corn, cornbread |
| Tuesday, September 26 | Taco salad with pinto beans, Spanish rice |
| Wednesday, September 27 | Stuffed chicken, cabbage, macaroni and cheese, cornbread |
| Thursday, September 28 | Beef tips with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, roll |
| Friday, September 29 | Loaded baked potatoes with chicken or beef, corn, cheese, sour cream |

September 2023

Saturday, September 2

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon

Sunday, September 3

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Monday, September 4

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - CHURCH CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, September 6

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 7

Book study– 10-11ish a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, September 9

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon

Sunday, September 10

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
Leadership Team Meeting – 2 p.m. (Office
Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 12

Senior Bingo – 10 a.m. (back room of the diner)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, September 13

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

Book study– 10-11ish a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

Market and Thrift Store – regular hours

Sunday, September 17

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
“Feeding Our Friends” – 12:30 p.m. (Diner)

Tuesday, September 19

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, September 20

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

Book study– 10-11ish a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ponder with the Pastor – 5:30-7 p.m. (True Story
Brewery)

Friday, September 22

Friday Night Fellowship – meet at 6 p.m. at Rusty's
Barbecue in Leeds

Saturday, September 23

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon

Sunday, September 24

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 26

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, September 27

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wednesday night Bible Study – 6 p.m.

Thursday, September 28

Book study– 10-11ish a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, September 30

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon