



The Faith Circuit Rider



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From the Pastor

Saying Goodbye and Hello

Rose and I are coming up on our last Sunday at Faith UMC.

Never did I suspect when I took this appointment on the first Sunday of July in 2016 that I would be leaving so soon. At that point, I was not so sure that I would enjoy preaching every week, or serving a congregation again, but you have proven me wrong.

A colleague that I worked with on the conference staff remarked the other day that when I talked about my little congregation in the mountains that I had a smile on my face, and that I was excited. She also said that when I talked about websites and communications projects, there was no joy in my voice. Faith UMC rekindled my love for the local church. This is the big reason I am saying goodbye.

In the coming weeks, you will say "Hello" to your new pastor, Rob Rollins.

Rob was finishing up at Duke when I was starting there. I was coming right out of college, he was there after working in the real world. He has a big personality and he is full of life. I suspect that is why he did not fully retire, even though we recognized him at Annual Conference as one of the 60 retirees.

Rose and I will miss all of you, and we will miss the many good times we shared together. We feel better knowing that Rob will be coming as your pastor.

I know you will welcome him like you welcomed me. You will enjoy his preaching and you will find him easy going and full of humor. You are in good hands with your new pastor.

I know this to be true, God cares for all of us, and whether we are coming or going, all will be well.

You are in great hands.

Pastor Michael

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Scripture Thought:



Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

From the Lay Leader
July 2018
“The Purple Onion”

Last month during our meal marathon for Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, I purchased the most beautiful purple onion you've ever seen. Perfect size and shape, no blemishes on the tender skin. I was in heaven! When I cut into what I thought was my Lenten colored gem, I was disappointed. The center was rotten.

Have you ever felt like my purple onion, perfect on the outside but rotten on the inside? That inside part of us, our soul, takes a great deal of work. We are the keeper of our soul! We have to care for it like we would anything else that needs maintenance. This has been the theme of our six-week study in Sunday school.

So, is it well with your soul? Have you taken time to clean out the stream of your soul? Do you have Sabbath time so your soul can catch up with the rest of your body? Do you nourish your soul with scripture and prayer daily? All of these things can help make it well with your soul.

I encourage you to take time for a soul refresher and make sure you are keeping your soul healthy. Remember, it is the only one you have!

Refresh your soul and be a blessing this month...
Susan

Treasurer's Report



June 28, 2018

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness.”

2018 Budget \$49,293.00

Needed through 6/24/18 for budget	\$24,646.50
Received to date for budget	\$26,077.00
Ahead of Budget	\$ 1,430.50
Paid out to date for budget	\$ 20,663.63

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

JIF Class



We have been Soul Searching with John Ortberg and our teaching team the past month.

Thank you, teachers.

In July we will take a break from this study as George leads us in a 3 week series on Angels.

We welcome Carol back to our Class for the Summer. It was a pleasant surprise to have her join us on June 17.

The Jiffites thank Michael and Rose for being a part of our Class for the past 2 years. Their presence, teaching and wisdom have been appreciated. Our love and prayers go with them.

Reminder: NO JIF Class on Sunday, July 15th. Francis Cove Homecoming



The UMM will meet at the church at 8:30 AM on Saturday, July 7. Earl Cogdill will bring the donuts!

Gerald



July 4th is right around the corner. Our cookout is a fundraiser for supporting veterans here in Haywood County. Cookout starts at 6 pm. We have been collecting socks and underwear for our friends at Pathways in June.

August is homecoming; no missions activity.

Labor Day cookout is to raise funds for the homeless school children in Haywood County. Start saving now to make a difference in the lives of children in our neighborhoods.

Thanks for working so hard for the kingdom of God!
Beth



**SERVING MEALS
TO THE HOMELESS**
OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street,
Waynesville, Saturday,
July 21st at 5:30PM.

Colorful Ladies of Faith

We will meet on Thursday, July 19th, at 10:00 am in the Church Fellowship Hall.

If you wish to stay through lunch, please bring your own lunch. Water provided.

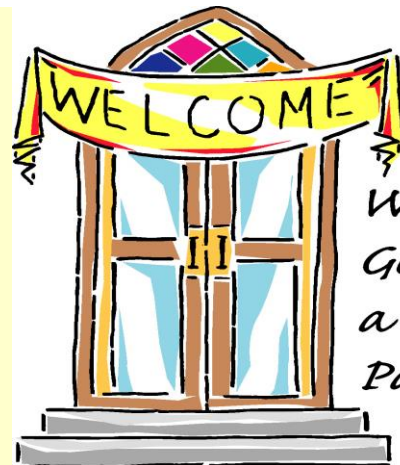


If any changes or additions need to be made please contact me by calling 828-456-6944 or email jlf21@charter.net. Thanks, Judy

Flowers for Faith



The flowers in our church enhance our Worship Service and add to our beautiful sanctuary. To continue to enjoy flowers each Sunday, we need volunteers to provide them. This is a good way to honor or to remember special persons in our lives. Please sign the Flower list on the Bulletin Board or in the Sanctuary foyer. Thanks for supporting this project.



*We're
Getting
a New
Pastor*

*July 8th, 2018
Pastor Rob Rollins & his wife June*

July Servants:



Greeters: John & Grace Davis

Educational Entrance: Committee of the UMM



Our church now has assistance for the hearing impaired. If you have trouble hearing the service, please pick up a hearing aid in the narthex. A special thank you to Eduardo and Tracy for spearheading this project and helping to make our worship services more meaningful for all.

July Celebrations



JULY BIRTHDAYS

3-Judy Ferguson
8-John Ayer
18-Laci Kirkpatrick
21-Don Williams



19-Donna & Gordon Wheeler

