



The Faith Circuit Rider

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From the Pastor



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Scripture Thought:

I am so excited to be your new pastor. What a blessing it is to serve the Lord with all of you! I am looking forward to getting to know each of you. Let me use this opportunity to share about myself and my family.

I am the middle of three children, with an older brother who lives in India and a younger sister who lives in New York City. We moved many times when I was growing up so I have lived all over the country (New York, Illinois, Oregon, and Kansas) and in Europe (Germany).

My husband, Len, and I have also moved a lot. We have lived in Michigan, New York and Florida. My husband and I have been married nearly 40 years. Len has enjoyed being retired for a number of years.

Len and I put our family together in a unique way: his, ours and ours by adoption. The four children have multiplied and now we have five grandchildren and one more on the way! We are also proud dog parents. Grace is a Schnoodle (a cross between a Schnauzer and a Poodle).

I have spent most of my life working with people. My first career was in counseling. In 2001 I felt a strong call to the ministry and went to seminary. I have been a pastor since 2006 and I love it. In my spare time I like to walk, swim, garden, and read. Len and I have been coming to this area for over 15 years on vacation. We fell in love with the mountains and decided to buy a home here in 2017. What a delight it is to be able to now serve as a pastor near our home.

Enough about me. The first thing I want to do, as your pastor, is to get to know you better! I also want to hear the stories of your personal faith journeys and all about your families. In addition, I am looking forward to learning about the history of the church and its ministries.

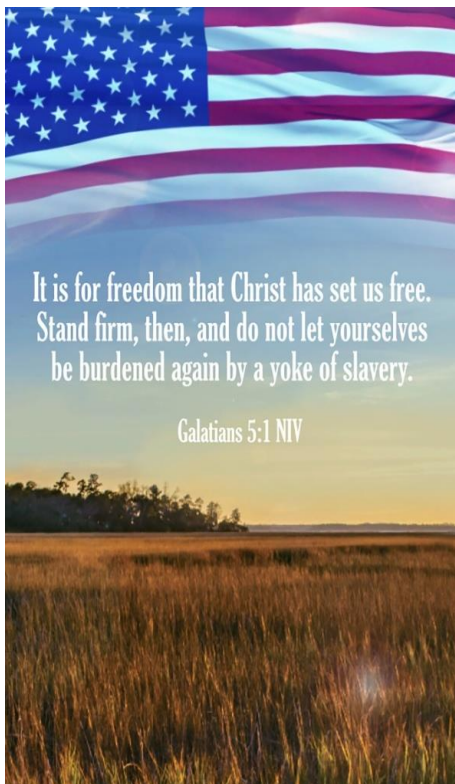
I would like to ask a couple of things of you. First, I ask that you pray for me and the church. In turn, I commit to pray for the church and all of you. Second, I ask that you recommit yourself as a disciple by faithful participation in the ministries of Faith UMC by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

I look forward to what God has planned for our ministry together!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Sharon

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (CEB)

¹¹ I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.



From the Lay Leader

July 2019

"The Meltdown"

The other Sunday I watched as our six-year-old granddaughter, MJ, had a meltdown. The stubborn streak she inherited from an unnamed source was in high gear. The standoff between MJ and her father was heating up. Her chubby cheeks were becoming flame red and those big crocodile tears were trickling down her face. Her father was standing strong and I wasn't quite sure who would break first. You see, the deal at the Trantham house is if you do not eat your meal, you do not get dessert. I was becoming weary as I watched the two continue the standoff. And besides that, the lemon curd cheesecake was getting soft! I couldn't take it any longer. I asked Matt if she could just have a bite, hoping that would encourage her to clean her plate. Well what do you know, that chunky little cherub cleaned her plate and had dessert! I tell you this only to encourage you when you feel a meltdown coming, take a breath, say a little prayer, kickback, have dessert and let the stress pass you by.

Blessings!

Susan



The UMM will return to their regular monthly meeting day, Saturday. Let me know if you will attend the breakfast provided on Saturday, July 6 at 8:30 AM.

Gerald

Treasurer's Report



June 29, 2019

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

2019 Budget \$51,739.00

Needed to date for budget	\$25,869.50
Received to date for budget	\$27,707.00
Ahead of Budget	\$ 1,837.50
Paid out to date for budget	\$20,335.81

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

JIF Class



Our Journey to Faith continues this month as John leads us in discussing the basic beliefs of our faith.

Everyone is invited to join us for this series on Sunday mornings at 9:45.

The JIF Class will not meet on Sunday, July 21. You are invited to join with Frances Cove for their Homecoming.





**SERVING MEALS
TO THE HOMELESS**

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street,
Waynesville, Saturday,
July 20th at 5:30PM.

Colorful Ladies of Faith

We will meet on Thursday, July 18 at 10:00 at the Church. We welcome anyone who wishes to share in this ministry.

Bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.



Visit our website at fumcwnc.org

It has been updated and is updated weekly!

New Feature: You can click on the Upcoming Worship scripture and view the actual Pew Bible translation.



Let Freedom Ring!

**CONTACT
information**



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 Flower Calendar has many openings. This is the season to share beautiful flowers from your garden. You may sign the Flower Calendar on the Bulletin Board.



Sharon & her husband Len!

July Servants:



Greeters: Walter Lee

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.

Rev. Robo Calling

Please be reminded to contact **Rev. Robo (400-7947)** if you have sickness, death, or any prayer needs.

It is a privilege for your Faith family to share your burdens or prayer concerns and lift you in prayer.

July Celebrations



3-Judy Ferguson

21-Don Williams



19-Donna & Gordon Wheeler

