



The Faith Circuit Rider

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Scripture Thought:

Transitions are simply a part of life. Our world is constantly changing. Things in our society are now changing at a rate higher than any time in human history. You would think that we would be used to it by now, as long as most of us have lived. Even though we transition often, we don't always adjust quickly. Change, though inevitable, is not always easy.

We are now in a season of transition as a church. I have been appointed here to serve as your new pastor. I come with different experiences and different ideas. Despite frequent visits to this area, I don't really know much about Waynesville and the mountains of North Carolina and I am new in the Western North Carolina Conference. Though I have been a pastor for 13 years I do not know what is expected, desired or needed here.

This church was part of the Haywood Parish. While we will continue in ministry to the community with the other churches, the Parish has now dissolved. We are now once again a two-point charge with Francis Cove. While that is familiar, it will be different too.

So, this will be a season of listening and learning for you and for me. As we get to know each other I believe that we will experience some wonderful blessings as God uses our time for something new. I am attaching this poem I shared with you on our first Sunday. Let's use this as a focus point for our work together.

If God is a small mountain church
of older adults
seeking to be found
curious, courageous and committed
coming and seeing Jesus
with questions and concerns
and hopes for the future;
then
a community called Faith
can follow Jesus' call, together
to seek and serve others in the mountains.

*Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Sharon*

He (Jesus) replied, "Come and see." (John 1:39a CEB)



Jesus said, 'Come
and see.' They went
and saw...
John 1:39

From the Lay Leader

August 2019

"Homesick"

When I was in elementary school, I was part of a Girl Scout Troop. One summer our troop attended a two-week-long camp. Our weeks were filled with many activities including, swimming, hiking, crafts, singing, canoeing, cooking, and archery. Even though our days and evenings were filled with activities, there was one thing missing - HOME. By the time my parents came to get me, I was so very homesick that I cried myself to sleep. In fact, when they arrived, I told them I had been gone so long I almost forgot what they looked like!

I share this story because August 11 is our annual Homecoming. Do you think we have church members who are homesick for Faith UMC? I do! I encourage you to take time over the next week to contact church members who have been absent from our Faith family and encourage them to attend. Rev. Sharon Davis will be our speaker that Sunday and it would be the perfect time to cure that homesickness as we worship and fellowship with our Faith family.

Oh, don't forget to invite a friend!

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, August 3 at 8:30 AM.

Gerald

Treasurer's Report



July 21, 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	\$30,008.62
Received to date for budget	\$32,102.00
Ahead of Budget	\$ 2,093.38
Paid out to date for budget	\$23,634.96

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

JIF Class



John will finish the Journey to Faith series on August 4th. Thank you, John, for sharing your Faith journey and enabling us to think about our own journey.

Our Homecoming Service will be August 11...no JIF Class on that day.

The last two Sundays of August we will be using the Mayberry Bible Study. An episode of the TV series Mayberry will be viewed each Sunday. After which we will look at the theme for each session, take time for reflection and discuss ways to be the Church in action.

Join us for a fun time of laughter, study and fellowship each Sunday at 9:45.



No special mission program for August so you can be especially generous with your non-perishable foods for HCM at communion. Also be saving for our Labor Day cookout which will once again support the homeless school children of Haywood County. Last I heard the number has gone up to almost 400 children that have no permanent place to sleep.

Beth



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

Colorful Ladies of Faith

We will meet on the third Thursday, August 15, from 10:00 until noon in the Fellowship Hall.

If you wish to stay for lunch and fellowship, then bring a bag lunch.

This is a wonderful group and You are welcome to join us.



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.



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.



Sunday, August 11, 2019
Invite your family & friends to come join us for Fellowship, Worship & a covered dish meal immediately following the service.

August Servants:



Greeters: Chris Johnson

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.

August Celebrations



3-Grace Davis
3-Veronica "Smokey" Dooly
10-Chrystie Minchew
18-Mary Schrenk
21-Brent Yarski
27-Bina Cogdill



14-Rev. John & Grace Davis

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him
and He will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

