



# The Faith Circuit Rider

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From the Pastor



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**Scripture Thought:**

It is called Holy Discontent. It is when your children and grandchildren don't go to church and you feel like you should do something about it, but don't know what. It is when you know that there are an increasing number of poor and homeless people in our community and you want to make a difference. It is when you think that there must be something that can be done about the drug epidemic, but you feel totally out of your league.

Holy Discontent happens when God breaks our hearts for others. It is when the Holy Spirit gets ahold of our hearts and convinces us that there is work to be done and won't leave us alone until we act. Over the years the people of this church have experienced Holy Discontent many times and have responded. But not every time. We all have good reasons for not launching into action. We are too old, or too sick, or too busy. We convince ourselves that maybe the bigger churches should take on those kinds of problems.

The reality is that when we find our hearts totally touched by a situation, God is calling us to do something. It is part of the way God motivates us.

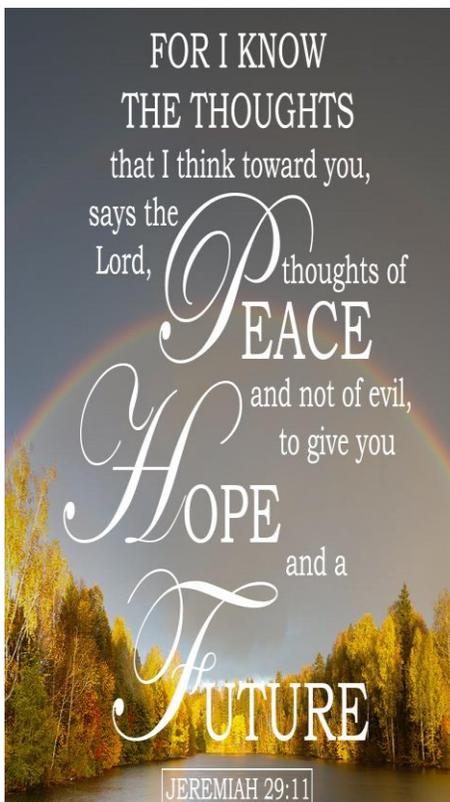
This is a new season in the life of this church. It would be easy to simply sit back and come to Sunday worship and go home feeling good. The reality is that church should be a little uncomfortable. That Holy Discontent is God's call to action.

Ask Judy Ferguson about Faith Farm. God has been breaking her heart about this and she has launched into action.

What is your Holy Discontent? Where is your heart broken for others? What is God intending next for Faith? How can we partner with Francis Cove to make a bigger impact in our community?

*Your sister in this journey of faith,  
Pastor Sharon*

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. (Jeremiah 29:11 CEB)



## From the Lay Leader

September 2019

"Hearth Health"

We love Mexican food! Recently we patronized the new Papa's and Beer in the old Pasquales building. It was shortly after 4 PM and the place was packed. Our novice waitress had a difficult time understanding our local Haywood County dialect. We finally came to an agreement on our appetizer, freshly-made-right-at-your-table, guacamole and chips. Did you know that kiwi-colored fat encased in a leather-like skin is actually a fruit, not a vegetable? This wonder fruit actually lowers cholesterol levels and reduces the risk of heart disease and stroke. They are nature's heart protectors.

We spend a great deal of time making sure that eleven-ounce physical organ, the size of a clinched fist, is healthy and protected. But what about our spiritual heart? How do we protect it? We must allow God's love to surround it. We must allow and embrace the friendship of faithful Christians to share in the care.

Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

I hope your physical heart is strong and healthy and your spiritual heart is overflowing with the goodness that God expects to come from his children.

Blessings!

*Susan*



The UMM will return to their regular monthly meeting day, Saturday.

Coffee and donuts will be served on Saturday, September 7 at 8:30 AM.

*Gerald*

## Treasurer's Report



August 25, 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	\$34,147.74
Received to date for budget	\$38,446.00
Ahead of Budget	\$ 4,298.26
Paid out to date for budget	\$28,082.52

**2019 APPORTIONMENTS ARE PAID IN FULL,  
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!**

## JIF Class



This month we will continue the Mayberry Bible Study. After viewing the TV episode, there will be time for discussion. Join with us for a time of laughter, study and fellowship. No reservations required.

Our world traveler, George, will take the Teacher's chair on the 8th of September and continue his lessons for the remainder of the month. We look forward to his return.

A warm welcome to our new Jiffites, Carol Gatrell and Bill Barker. We are glad you are here.

An invitation is extended to all to join us at 10:45 each Sunday morning.



Our Labor Day meal will be a potluck dinner at 6 pm. We will be raising money for the homeless school children of Haywood county.

Also, keep your eyes and ears open for information on the garden towers project. We will be partnering with Pathways so they can grow veggies and herbs for their kitchen

Thanks for being the hands and feet of Christ,  
*Beth*



**SERVING MEALS  
TO THE HOMELESS**

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street,  
Waynesville, Saturday,  
September 21st at 5:30PM.

## Colorful Ladies of Faith

We will meet on the third Thursday, September 19th, at 10:00am. It was great having our Pastor, Sharon, join us last month. Some new ideas were presented and will be discussed at this meeting. You are welcome to come and fellowship with us.



Visit our website at [fumcwn.org](http://fumcwn.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.

## CONTACT information



If any changes or additions need to be made please contact me by calling 828-456-6944 or email [jlf21@charter.net](mailto: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.



## September Servants:



**Greeters:** Betty Gant

**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.

## September Celebrations



1-Tryllis Autrey

2-Rick Boen

7-Rev. Sharon Davis

8-Dare Rogers

16-Noah Rogers

19-Josh Scarbrough

20-Thurman Blaine

23-Glenda Duckett

23-Susan Trantham

30-Mary Wheeler



15-Chrystie & Jeremy Minchew

16-Eduardo & Tracy E. Villaveces

24-Kari & Scotty Setser

