



The Faith Circuit Rider

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Scripture Thought:

Fall has officially started. There is now more dark than light each day. The leaves have begun to change colors and we hope for cooler weather soon. I have always loved the fall. It is my favorite season. But for nearly 30 years I have been in Florida and there they only have two seasons, hot and hotter.

The writer of Ecclesiastes proclaims that there is a season for everything! I am looking forward to the fall season in the Smokies and the splendor of colors that God will paint on these mountains. There will be cool days to enjoy and crunchy leaves when I go on my walks. The autumn days hold great promise. It will be glorious.

There are other kinds of seasons as well. There are seasons in our lives, in our families and working lives. There are also seasons in our spiritual lives and in the life of our church. This fall I am waiting with great anticipation for God's work amongst us. I know that whatever happens, it will be beautiful.

*Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Sharon*



*God has made everything beautiful in its time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11*

From the Lay Leader

October 2019

"Fishing for People"

Last Sunday we attended an outdoor worship service at St. Deck UMC at Topsail Beach. The sanctuary backdrop was a cloudless Carolina blue sky, gently rolling waves with a thin line of white caps, and khaki sand.

To our right, we saw two young men casting their nets into the sea. Their efforts continued for some time, mostly retrieving empty nets, but occasionally dragging in a small fish or two. At some point another gentleman arrived, arms stretched out, he began a short conversation, and then the three departed. For a short time, we were transported back in time to what seemed to be the story from Matthew 4:18-22, Jesus calling the first disciples.

I can't imagine what Peter and Andrew thought as Jesus approached them. And then, when he requested that they come and follow him and fish for people! What was this Jesus thinking? How could they just drop everything, leave and follow him. What were they going to do about their lucrative fishing business, their families and friends? What is this fishing for people business anyway?

Fast forward more than 2000 years! That same Jesus is still calling us to fish for people. He may not be asking us to drop our nets, but he's asking us to put him first in our lives, follow him and make disciples in His name. It may be by inviting someone to church, feeding or clothing the needy, helping your neighbor, leading by example or coming up with some innovative idea that Jesus is speaking to you.

Let's make a special effort to work together in answering the call to follow Jesus and make disciples for His kingdom.

Susan



The UMM will meet on Saturday, October 12 at 8:30am

Coffee and donuts will be served!

Gerald

Treasurer's Report



September 28, 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	\$39,321.64
Received to date for budget	\$43,368.00
Ahead of Budget	\$ 3,046.36
Paid out to date for budget	\$31,147.56

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

JIF Class

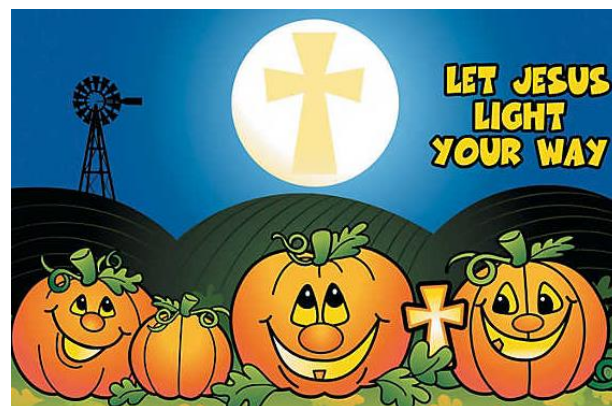


Thank you, George, for your informative lessons on The Book of Kells. He viewed The Book of Kells at Trinity College while he was in Dublin, Ireland.

The Book of Kells is an illustrated manuscript of the four Gospels. We appreciate his sharing his expertise with us. We also finished the Mayberry series this past month. Thanks to John for his leadership.

In October we welcome Janie and her study on Women of the Bible. Can you guess which women she will use in these lessons? Come and see if you have guessed correctly.

All are welcome to our Class at 9:45 each Sunday. You will find us welcoming and entertaining.





October 6th we will receive communion and donate non-perishable goods to our hungry neighbors through Haywood Christian Ministry. Please be as generous as you can.

Also, it has been a catastrophic hurricane season and it is not over yet. Please consider making donations to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, so they might show the love of Christ in tangible ways to those affected.

Beth



SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street, Waynesville, Saturday, October 19th at 5:30PM.

Colorful Ladies of Faith

The Colorful Ladies will meet on Thursday, October 17th, at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your own lunch if you wish to fellowship while we eat at 12:00. Everyone is invited to join us.



Visit our website at 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.



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.



October Servants:



Greeters: Conchita Poovey

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.

October Celebrations



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4-Wendy Scarbrough
11-Debbie Mull
11-Tim Duckett
14-Jeremy Minchew
14-Bill Benson
15-Betty Caulfield
16-Kenny Mull
21-Carol Gatrell
24-Pat McCracken
31-Gerald Trantham



12-Bill & Janie Benson
27-Mark & Veronica Dooley
28-Justin & Abbey Scarbrough





Visit our website at fumcwn.org. It is updated weekly with the entire service from the greeting, announcements, prelude, prayer and hymns to the sermon, benediction and postlude!



BEAR Closet opportunity: If you would like a blessing straight from God, come sort and fold tiny newborn to 5-year baby clothes, package diapers and create welcome to the world bags for sweet newborn babies.

Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3.

Once per quarter two people are needed to represent Faith and work in the BEAR closet located at Francis Cove. It is a fulfilling time of fellowship working alongside others for the children. Let me know if you are interested.