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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dearest Faith,

I love September. I was walking on campus in Cullowhee this week, and there are these trees that always begin to change colors long before all the others. They seem to announce that Autumn is coming even if it's still swelteringly hot outside. And yet just yesterday, my family went for a walk around Lake Junaluska, and there were hibiscus and sunflowers in bloom. It seems like all the flowers are blooming right now. It's still Summer, but the season will change soon enough. I'm reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

I love when the seasons change, I guess because new seasons always seem to bring with them a sense of promise and hope and new possibility. We gaze at all the color and beauty around us now while also wondering about the coming weeks and months. Who can fathom, who can begin to imagine what God might do in this season to come?

As we enter into this new season, I'm looking forward to welcoming Lauren Harris! She will begin leading us in music this Sunday, September 3rd, and I can't wait for you to hear her play. Lauren comes to us from Broad Street United Methodist Church in Statesville, NC, and she has a lot of experience as a pianist and accompanist. I hope you'll join us in welcoming her this Sunday.

By the way, did you know that the Holy Cow Food Truck will be visiting Faith again this month? I'm excited that this partnership has enabled us to help serve so many people in our community. Please feel free to drop by on September 15th and enjoy a free lunch!

Looking ahead to the new season, I can't help but wonder and imagine. Maybe that's true for you too. I just can't wait to see what God is going to do at Faith UMC and in our community in the season to come. And yet I'm also reminded to slow down and smell the flowers that are blooming right now, to look for what God is doing today. Where are you seeing God lately? I can't wait to hear about it, and I can't wait to join you in worship. See you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,
Jed

MESSAGE FROM LAY LEADER – SUSAN TRANTHAM

It's a Miracle

I heard a story the other day and it went something like this...

“Late in my mother’s battle with Alzheimer’s, I visited her at the memory care unit. My mother asked me—out of the blue— “Do you still play the trombone?” Funny question. Then I remembered an old memory. Back when I was 9 or 10, I played the trombone... badly. Mom and I were sitting at the kitchen table—just the two of us. It was her birthday. She had a small piece of cake with one candle. She looked sad.

So, I ran upstairs to get my trombone. I marched back downstairs blaring Happy Birthday. She ran to me and hugged me with so much love. I had made her smile. And here I was sitting with her many years later. Most of her memories gone—but she remembered the love of that moment. It was a miracle!”

Not all miracles are as grand as those we have been studying through our Sunday sermon messages. Feeding the five thousand, healing the sick, walking on water, casting out demons just to name a few.

Daily miracles come in all different forms.

Most don’t require a prelude or postlude of bells, whistles, or trumpets!

Sometimes the smallest thing or what seems somewhat insignificant can have the greatest impact. Think of the times when you have received a card or call from someone who lifted your spirits during a difficult time in your life. Or what about an unexpected check in the mail when the bank balance shows a minimal \$5.00. The safe arrival of a newborn baby who was considered an at-risk pregnancy. What about the healing of a strained relationship? God’s goodness in many forms goes on and on.

I hope you will take time this month to work with God and become a miracle worker yourself. Who knows, the love you show may make someone smile!

May God bless your efforts on and on!
Susan



BETH'S MISSION MESSAGE

I would like to extend our collecting for UMCORE throughout the month of September. We are just now hitting the peak of hurricane season and the needs continue.



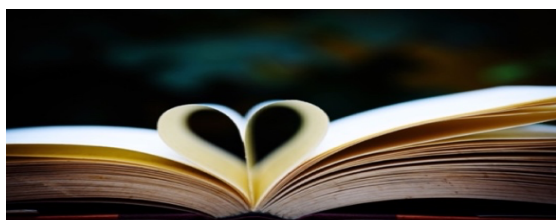
Stewardship News as of August 28, 2023

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

2023 Budget \$50,519.00

Needed to date for budget	\$35,363.30
Received to date for budget	\$28,548.00
Behind Budget	\$ 6,815.30
Paid out to date for budget	\$26,653.90

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!



SEPTEMBER 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP 11 AM**

Sunday School is on a hiatus this fall. We will resume on November 5.

SEPTEMBER 4 – Labor Day is a holiday most Americans can get behind! Yeah, it sadly means that summer is coming to a close, but it's also a day that holds so much meaning. For one, it's just another excuse to enjoy all the fun things to do on Labor Day such as eat our favorite grilled foods, host pool parties.

The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Labor Day always takes place on the first Monday in September. Labor Day has been a national holiday since 1894, when President Grover Cleveland signed the law that Congress passed designating the first Monday in September a holiday for workers.

SEPTEMBER 14 – Holy Cross Day Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also called Universal Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross or Holy Cross Day, liturgical feast celebrated on

September 14 to honor the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. In the Eastern churches the feast dates back to the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the site of Christ's tomb) in Jerusalem circa 335.

The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death. The feast celebrates the redemptive transformation of a barbaric instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind. In some traditions, a cross is oriented to North, South, East and West directions to represent the universal nature of Christ's sacrifice and prayers are said for the salvation of all.

SEPTEMBER 29 – Michael and All Angels Michaelmas, Christian feast of St. Michael the Archangel, celebrated in the Western churches on September 29. Given St. Michael's traditional position as leader of the heavenly armies, veneration of all angels was eventually incorporated into his feast day.

The veneration of St. Michael—typically regarded as the greatest of the archangels and a mighty defender of the church against Satan—began in the Eastern Church in the 4th century and had spread to Western Christianity by the 5th century.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Tryllis Autrey
- 2 – Rick Boen
- 7 – Rev. Jed Tate
- 19 – Josh Scarbrough
- 20 – Thurman Blaine
- 23 – Susan Trantham



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

- 16 – Eduardo & Tracy Villevecas
- 24 – Scotty & Kari Setser