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The First Word

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Youth Prepare for Summer Mission Trips

Elkin FUMC Youth have been busy raising funds for their summer mission trips, which begin soon. Thanks to the generous support of our membership, our youth will be ministering from Wilkes County to Honduras.

Carolina Cross Connection – Home Repair

A home repair mission team will work in Wilkes County June 18-24 building wheelchair ramps, porches and steps; underpinning mobile homes; doing yardwork; repairing floors and walls; painting inside and outside homes; housecleaning; window washing; and other home needs. Along with helping with these physical needs, team members hope to meet the spiritual, emotional, and social needs as well.

YeTI (Pfeiffer Youth Theological Institute)

Lilly Walker will attend YeTI (Pfeiffer Youth Theological Institute) June 18-July 1, where she will learn to become a useful and effective servant leader by learning more about herself in relation to God and God's call on her life. She will explore time-honored theological ideas, put faith into action through hands on learning and community service, engage in a daily rhythm of prayer and worship. She will spend one week at Pfeiffer University's Misenheimer campus and one week in Charlotte where she will study and serve in sports ministry with various sport teams in the Charlotte area.

Carolina Cross Connection - Honduras

Our foreign mission team will be in Honduras July 10-17 to spread Christ's love to the orphans and those caring for them, as well as to experience God's presence and His ability to supply everything that we need. They will strive to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs by encouraging orphanage workers, playing with children, helping out with construction and repair projects, laughing and worshipping with the new people they meet, and sharing the love of Christ.

Carolina Cross Connection- Urban Ministry

In Asheville during the week of July 16, our youth team will befriend those who are without homes or are marginalized. Carolina Cross Connection has partnered with local groups and organizations of Asheville, especially, the Haywood Street Congregation, which is United Methodist, a unique congregation of homeless and housed alike. At Haywood Street Church, people eat together, work together, and worship together. It seeks to be a welcoming place where everyone is invited to participate in fellowship and family.

IMPACT
COMMUNITY

Saturday, June 3

8:45 am

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Congratulations 2017 High School Graduates



Emma Aldridge
Appalachian State University
Majoring in Nursing



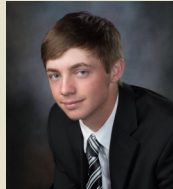
Cameron Beals
UNC-Chapel Hill
Majoring in Public Policy



Jacob Bellia
Virginia Tech
Majoring in Engineering



Kelly Hunsucker
UNC-Chapel Hill



Jarrett Peterson
UNC-Chapel Hill
Majoring in Biology



Isaac Powell
NC State University
Majoring in Mechanical Engineering



Cole Walker
The King's College in New York City
Majoring in Politics, Philosophy & Economics

Upcoming Worship

Ascension Sunday/Recognition of Graduates
May 28

We end the Easter Season with Ascension Sunday, remembering Jesus' ascension into heaven. This year we will also recognize our high school graduates and learn more of their plans for the future.

Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday
June 4

This is the Sunday to wear red as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and remember the day when tongues of fire descended upon the Christians gathered in the Upper Room. Pastor Mark will also confirm as Professing Members Chandler Ann Beals, Margaret Freeman, Eli Powell, and Hugh Turner.

Trinity Sunday
June 11

Celebration of our Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the highlight of Trinity Sunday. This year, we will learn how we can join in the dance of life in a way that spreads love and offers joy to the world.

FUMC Preschoolers Graduate As Well

The excitement of graduation not only captures the focus of high school and college seniors, but also the children who are graduating from Elkin FUMC's Pre-School. This year 11 preschoolers received their diplomas at a graduation ceremony held Thursday, May 25 in the Chapel.

Dressed in white robes, they processed into the Chapel as Amy Johnson played the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance." Pre-School Director Beth Darnell presented them their diplomas.

"I feel both excitement and sadness because they are going to 'big' school," said Beth. "They've worked really hard this year. There are some exciting things ahead for them."

Making the transition to Kindergarten is a big step for these youngsters that can be both exciting and unsettling with all the changes. "I think they are ready," said Beth.

Beth, along with her 11 teachers and helpers are known for their great preparation and care for the children in our program. This year 45 children were enrolled in a program that has been growing for the past couple of years. Already 40 are registered for next year and only a few openings are available. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in one of the openings, please contact Beth Darnell at 336-835-2323 or bdarnell@elkinfumc.org before the program fills up for the fall.



June Calendar

ONGOING EVENTS

Sunday

- 8:45 am - Worship
- 9:45 am - Sunday School
- 10:55 am - Worship
- 5:30 pm - Mens' Bible Study
- 6:30 pm - Mercy Bible Study

Friday

Church Office Closed

MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS—JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:00 AM- IMPACT Day
4 Confirmation Sunday 7:00 PM- Baccalaureate Service	5 11:00 AM-Lydia Circle	6	7	8	9	10
11 2:00 PM-7th & 8th Grade Pool Party 4:00 PM-9th-12th Grade Pool Party 6:00 PM-College Pool Party	12	13 7:00 PM- Trustees Meeting	14 9:00 AM-Youth Volunteer at Tri-C	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Youth at Carolina Cross Connection Home Repair ----->						
25 12:15 PM- Vision & Leader- ship Team 5-7 PM-Vacation Bible School Kick Off at Elkin Park Pool	26 Vacation Bible	27 School (5:30-8:00 PM)	28	29	30	
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Ministry Volunteers

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, June 4

Lay Reader: Ellen Schumak

Children's Time: Cindy Furr

Children's Church: Stacey Carter

Acolytes/Chimer: Lucas Keller, Charlie Pelkey, Matthew Pelkey

Crucifer/Banner Bearer: Claire Grider, Paul Grider

Greeters: J.L. & Jane Lowe, Mary Renegar, Tony Duncan, Chris & Tammy Coley, Bob & Gail Midkiff

Ushers: Frank Beals, Rick Caudle, Glen Grider, Lon Snider, Darryl Rhyne

Counters: Dave Johnson, Gardner & Lauren Meek

Sunday, June 11

Lay Reader: Pam Fencil

Children's Time: Amy Johnson

Children's Church: Janet Canter

Acolytes/Chimer: Miles Cline, Eli Powell, Grace Harrison

Crucifer/Banner Bearer: Henry Freeman, Jade Byerly

Greeters: Tom Gwyn, Steve & Vickie Wells, Martha Maier, Emaline Cockerham, Louise Cockerham, Andy & Ann Garner

Ushers: Dan Park, Steve Wells, David Van Antwerp, George Crater

Counters: Mike Powell, Andy & Ann Garner

Sunday, June 18

Lay Reader: Jennifer Martin Brown

Children's Time: Mark Barden

Children's Church: Mary Keller

Acolytes/Chimer: Lydia & Granger Teachey, Starr Morrison

Crucifer/Banner Bearer: Ashley Hunsucker, Silas Coley

Greeters: Steve Mackie, Jane Hazelman, Jake Schot, David & Betsy Robertson

Ushers: James Freeman, David Poindexter, David Cline, Charlie Bellia, Danny Freeman

Counters: Frank Beals, David & Betsy Robertson

Sunday, June 25

Guest Preacher: Randy Bledsoe

Lay Reader: Emaline Cockerham

Children's Time: Cindy Furr

Children's Church: Jennifer Kleinheksel

Acolytes/Chimer: Zena Petrocy, Bronwyn Sloop, Ella Kleinheksel

Crucifer/Banner Bearer: Zara Petrocy, Claire Grider

Greeters: Rob & Gina Peterson, Gambill Aldridge, Sam Tesh

Ushers: Gary Conrad, Gerald Combs, Steve Brown, Tiger Sloop, Randy Hunsucker

Counters: Gambill Aldridge, Margaret Tucker, Steve & Vickie Wells

STEWARDSHIP REVIEW

April 2017

Income: \$25,419

Expenses: \$28,464.42

Difference: (\$3,045.42)

January - April 2017

Income: \$141,594.72

Expenses: \$129,734.26

Difference: \$11,860.46

SOLID ROCK CAFE

Wednesday, June 7 - Last Wednesday night meal until Fall

Menu: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Cooking Team Leader: George Brown & Peter Graham

Dessert: Powell, Harrison, Carroll, MacDonald, McDowell

JUNE MEETINGS

Trustees

Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 pm (Library)

Vision & Leadership Team

Sunday, June 25, 12:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Gift Cards Needed for Family After Devastating Fire

Fire destroyed the home of the family of one of our preschoolers on Tuesday night. Fortunately, nobody was at home and no one was injured. Consequently, the family lost everything they owned. If you wish to respond, the suggestion is to give gift cards (grocery store, retail store, hardware store, etc.) so the family can buy exactly what they need at this time.

If you would like to donate a gift card, simply drop it in the wall safe located beside the Finance Office, which is located between the Library and Chapel. We will make sure it gets to the right place. Most importantly, this family needs your prayers.

BIBLE SUPERHEROES

You can be a HERO, too!

June 25-29

Sunday: 5:00-7:00 pm

Kick-off Cookout

& Swim at Elkin Park Pool

Monday - Thursday: 5:30-8 pm

Worship, Music, Games, Science, Service & Stories

Weather permitting, this will be an outdoor VBS, incorporating our worship area and prayer trail. **We will need pop-up canopies for our supper tent and station areas— may we borrow yours?**

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Please contact Amy Johnson at the church office: 336-835-2323 or by email: ajohnson@elkinfumc.org.



Congregational Care

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2 - Gambill Aldridge
 June 4 - Frank Beals
 June 5 - Hal Stuart
 June 8 - Kim Arnold
 June 9 - Shelby Powell
 June 14 - Rita Irwin
 June 16 - Gary Conrad, Jeff Seaford
 June 17 - Mary Renegar
 June 18 - Glen Grider
 June 19 - Chelsea Maines, Carter Oakes, Mary Neil
 June 20 - Lily Sartain
 June 22 - Bud Hall
 June 23 - Charlie Bellia, Austin Coley
 June 24 - Steve Brown, Melissa Freeman
 June 25 - Jessica Schwanhausser
 June 26 - J.L. Lowe
 June 27 - Leverett Garing
 June 28 - Gardner Meek
 June 29 - Barbara Barden, Laura Oakes, Eric Eller
 June 30 - Cindy Furr

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 - Dave & Amy Johnson
 Jeff & Janet Adams
 June 7 - Jim & Barbara Harrell
 June 8 - Tom & Laura Gwyn
 June 11 - Randy & Yvonne Hunsucker
 June 13 - Larry & Birdie Johnson
 June 14 - Steve & Glenda Brown
 June 15 - Bob & Nancy Ball
 John & Becky O'Connell
 June 16 - Richard & Jane Dale
 June 17 - Jeff & Omegia Seaford
 June 19 - Bob & Marian Spencer
 June 20 - Bud & Caroline Hall
 June 22 - Zack & Pat Trexler
 June 23 - Wayne & Tammy Coe
 June 26 - Bill & Iris Amburn
 Steva & Ginny Mackie
 June 27 - Mitch & Jill Neaves
 Randy & Steva Bledsoe
 June 28 - Jim & Dosha Teachey
 June 29 - Mike & Janice Powell
 Robert & Eris Ball

PRAYER CONCERNS

Church Family: Bliss Vanderpool, Ann Graham, Sam Tesh, Holly Gambill, Betty Tesh, Rev. Paul McCauley, Sallie Park, Zack Trexler, Paulette McCauley, Libbi Parks, Emad Elkhaiat, Ray Fencl, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Hal Stuart, Bill Amburn, Glenda Brown, PJ Elkhaiat, nursing home residents & homebound

Extended Care: Jim Cockerham, Mary Cockerham, Iris Amburn, Jenny Brown, Frances Harris, Mary Neil, Linda Maxey, Dan Park

Extended Family: Ruth Deck, Aileen Sparks, John Seats, Richard Sparks, Diana Hamm, Richard Smoot, Clifford Jordan, Ronnie Ray, Nada Sheets, Lana Craft, Emily Stewart, Ethan Spencer, Tim, Dick Bailey, Anne Marlette, Clyde Snyder, Family of Lois Billings, Florence Leveritt, Ana Garciana, Family of James Sebastian, Steve McLain, Betty Jordan, Family of Kay Jennings, Linda Caudill, Jeff Miltner

All of our military personnel and their families

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED to Tonya Smith and family upon the death of her mother, Kay Jennings, who passed away on May 14.

IMPACT COMMUNITY: Time is running out to register for Impact Community Day online at <http://elkinfumc.org/impact-day> or on the board outside the Church Office. Projects include maintenance work on the prayer trail behind the church, painting at The Ark, warehouse cleaning at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, and clean-up at Tri-C Ministry. Participants are invited to stop by the church Fellowship Hall on June 3 between 8:45 and 9 am on the day of the event for coffee and donuts. You can leave from the church to go to the site.

LYDIA CIRCLE MEETING: Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, June 5 at 11:00 am in the parlor. Please bring money for Lifeline Pregnancy. Following the meeting, join us for lunch. All women of the church are invited to attend

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS NEEDED: You may have seen around the community little cabinets mounted on posts with food inside free to anyone who is hungry and has nothing to eat. These are part of an effort called, "Helping Hands – Your Neighbors' Pantry," which provides food, personal care products and other items that are needed by those who may not have funds to purchase them. A full list of needed items can be found next to the collection box.

TRI-C DONATIONS NEEDED: Canned Fruit is the needed item for June. Deposit these items and any non-perishable food items or toiletries in the basket under the table at the administrative entrance.

STEPS RENOVATION: The Trustees are moving on to the next capital project, renovation of the steps and walkway in front of the main entrance to the Sanctuary. Work will begin as soon as we raise the funds to complete the project, which will take approximately \$23,000. Prayerfully consider a contribution and designate it for the Capital Fund. For more information, contact Steve Wells, Trustees Chairperson (stevenwlls990@gmail.com).



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Wednesday Nights Wrap Up With Choir Programs

The Spring children’s choir programs signal the ‘16-’17 Wednesday Night Dinner season is coming to a close. If you missed a program, there is still one more opportunity. The Cherub Choir (4 year olds through Kindergarten) will present their program next Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to come at 6 pm for a covered dish meal. Everyone is asked to bring a main dish or side item to share. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

The final Wednesday Night Dinner is set for June 7. The “inflatables” will be set up for the children to enjoy as they traditionally do at both the beginning and end of the year’s Wednesday night schedule. George Brown and Peter Graham will fire up the grill to serve hot dogs and hamburgers.

Our Wednesday Night Dinners would not be possible without the help of our marvelous regular cooking teams and volunteer groups who prepare meals from time to time. Special thanks to our cooking team leaders: George Brown, David VanAntwerp and Greta Wallace. Without them, we would go hungry on Wednesday evenings.



The Spirit Singers (Grades 1-3) presented their program on May 17.



The God Squad (Grades 4-6) presented their program on May 24.