

Confirmands Received as Professing Members



Four Elkin FUMC Confirmands professed their faith in Jesus Christ and took upon themselves the vows made at their baptisms on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Chandler Ann Beals, Margaret Freeman, Eli Powell and Hugh Turner began their confirmation journey last fall, which included three retreats, sessions with their mentors, discussion groups between retreats and individual sessions with Pastor Mark and Cindy Furr. Carter Hampton from Maple Springs UMC also participated in this year's class. He was received as a professing member at his church.

The service included a reaffirmation of baptism and Holy Communion with the confirmands as servers.

Special thanks to this year's mentors Gambill Aldridge, Nancy Ball, Betsy Robertson and Jim Teachey.

Much Work Accomplished During Impact Community Day

Members from Elkin FUMC made an impact on our community during this spring's Impact Community Day on June 3. Groups visited several agencies in Elkin completing tasks that needed to be done. One group went to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore to clean out "the dungeon," a dirty basement that had items that needed to be organized. (See picture of Cama Ball at work sweeping above.) They also helped out with other tasks in the store. Another group went to Tri-C Ministry to help clean up the parking lot and assist with tasks inside. Joan Sanders and Betsy Robertson went to The Ark where they sorted items in the basement.

One of the largest groups remained on church property to work on the prayer trail behind the church. Considered an outreach to the entire community, the trail needed some tender loving care to make it easier to hike. Major improvements included cutting into the bank to provide a more level trail and spreading granite dust to make the trail smoother.



Mike Powell, Peter Graham, Janice Powell, and Jon Garing spread granite dust on the Prayer Trail (upper left). Workers widened and leveled the trail on the hillside (left). Robert Ball and Henry Freeman stacked donated sinks in the warehouse basement of Habitat for Humanity's ReStore.

Announcements & Reminders

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY: Sunday, June 11, we will collect a special offering that will support the United Methodist Peace with Justice Ministries. Gifts given to this ministry help fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. If you are unable to be here on June 11 you may send your contribution to the church office. Make checks payable to "Elkin FUMC" and note on the check that it's for "Peace with Justice." For more information visit www.umcsgiving.org/PWJS.

FAREWELL COOKOUT: A farewell cookout for Pastor Mark will take place in the Fellowship Hall on July 2 following the 10:55 am worship service. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and dessert. Feel free to dress casually for church on this Sunday. Come and wish him well on his new appointment.

STEPS RENOVATION: The Trustees have moved 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).

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.

WNCC to Consider New Conference Center

Elkin FUMC's new Lay Member to Annual Conference, Joan Sanders will be joining clergy and laity as they gather at Lake Junaluska June 23-25. Bishop Paul Leeland will preside over his first Western NC Annual Conference since becoming our bishop on Sept. 1, 2016.

Primary topics of business include a proposal to build a new conference center in Huntersville, NC replacing a structure in Charlotte that is no longer feasible or efficient for our conference needs. Also, conference members will vote on five constitutional amendments proposed by last year's General Conference.

At the closing session on Sunday, June 25, Bishop Leeland will "fix" the appointments of Rev. Michael Shuford to First UMC, Elkin and Rev. Mark Barden to Central UMC, Shelby.

Dr. Randy Bledsoe, one of our certified lay servants, will be preaching in Pastor Mark's absence on June 25.

BIBLE SUPERHEROES VBS

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

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



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, Anne Marlette, Clyde Snyder, Florence Leveritt, Ana Garciana, Steve McLain, Betty Jordan, Linda Caudill, Jeff Miltner, Family of Bob Bedford, Family of Chad Sowers

All of our military personnel and their families

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees

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

Vision & Leadership Team

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

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PayPal Giving Fund

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