

*Pastor Note,*

*“Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.  
I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name, I will lift my hands.”  
Psalm 63:3-4*

As children of God, we are convinced that we have been chosen for the praise and worship of God. Every time that we worship him we acknowledge his grace toward us, and His presence in the person of the Holy Spirit. We know that God delights in the praises of his people.

Have you ever wonder why sometimes we feel closer to God when we sing to the Lord at church? Simply, because worship happens where believers come together as the body of Christ, in one hope, in one faith, in one baptism in one spirit. The church is a place where our souls worship God, and our thirsty spirit is satisfied.

Meditating in Psalm 63, the scholars mention that this Psalm has been used as a morning song for hundreds of years, and they have come to this conclusion because verse 1 says, *"I will look for you early"*. *The Hebrew word "early" can also mean "in a special way"*. *They say that maybe when David wrote Psalms 63 he was in the time of need. He felt in his spirit the need to seek God early in the morning to worship Him especially.*


When David wrote this Psalm his son Absalom was persecuting him, and David didn't have any other option, but to run to Edom, away from his place of worship, away from the temple. Now, to get to Edom, David had to go through a wilderness, through a dry place. The scholars think that in those moments of persecution he was not only in a dry place, but his soul became dry as well; he was not able to worship God in his Temple.


Every Sunday morning when we open the doors of our church we come together to worship God in a special way, we thank God for his grace, for his presence in our lives. Even though our world today is not an easy place, sometimes it seems that we are in a dry and parched land where there is no water, and where many souls became dry, still, our spirit longs for him. As the psalmist says: *“His love toward us is better than life, and we will praise him, as long as we live and in your name, we will lift up my hands.”* *As we continue in ministry together, serving one another and caring for our community, let us be intentional to continue being worshipers remembering that God is enthroned in the praises of his people.*

I wish you to delight yourselves in the presence of God as you praise Him this beginning of the beautiful season of fall.

Blessings, Grace, and Peace  
*Pastor Norma*



OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Tommy & Pam Hinson - 2	Jason & Dana Taylor - 13
Kevin & Kim Brock - 21	
John & Theresa Phifer - 28	
	<i>Happy Anniversary</i>

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Shirley Lowery - 3	RA Kindley - 4	
Emma Hall - 5	Maggie Hinson - 9	
Cameron Plyler - 7	Todd Donaldson - 10	Bob McCall - 28
Scarlet Helms - 16	Jo Ann Rowell - 11	Jim Beam - 29
Gray Brooks - 18	Chip Harris - 14	Kenneth Purser - 30
Taylor Apple - 19	Tyler Price - 26	
Susan Beam - 19	Tyler Wiley - 27	
Peggy Herman - 20		



**SEPTEMBER GIVINGS**

<i>Tithes</i>	11,925
<i>Honorariums</i>	50
<i>Children's Missions</i>	6
<i>UMCOR</i>	150
<i>Total</i>	12,131



**Western North Carolina Conference**  
The United Methodist Church

The Charge Conference be on November 9th at 6:30 this year it will be in clusters over zoom, if you would like to join please email [zionumcmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:zionumcmonroe@gmail.com) for the zoom link.



**Prayer Group: Fast & Pray**

Tuesdays @ 5PM in the Sanctuary

Please send anyone prayer requests to [zionumcmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:zionumcmonroe@gmail.com)

# Upcoming Church Events and News



## **Loaves and Fishes:**

This month we will be collecting packages of mashed potatoes, corn muffins, sugar and grits

## **Union County Community Shelter:**

We will be serving the Union County Community Shelter on October the 18th, see Tara if you would like to volunteer.



- October we will elect officers. If you are interested in serving just let me know.
- We are feeding the football team on Oct.29<sup>th</sup>.
- Next meeting is Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Susan Beam will present the program.
- Debbie will take care of mailing our Veteran cards.
- Saturday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> we will decorate the church for Christmas.



## **Tree, Wreath & Garland Fundraiser**

Boy Scout troop 226, will be selling and delivering Christmas trees, wreathes and garlands. They will deliver the items on November 27th to your door. There will be order forms in the narthex.

## **Bake Sale**

There will be a Bake Sale to support the Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser on Sunday, October 10th right after the Service

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday October 17th at 8 AM
- Nominations committee meeting on October 17th at 11:15PM in the New Life Center
  - Care Ministry Team will meet on Thursday October 21st at 6:30PM
  - United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday October 26th at 6PM
- Administrative Council will be meeting on Sunday October 31st to approve new committee members for 2022 right after worship



There are Boxes in the sanctuary for Operation Christmas Child, they are due by Sunday, November 14th.

# YOUTH GROUP



Please join us along with  
Stallings UMC, Faith UMC,  
Indian Trail UMC, and Mill  
Grove UMC for Sunday Youth  
Nights from 4:30-6!



## October at Faith UMC

Oct 10 - Corn Maze  
Oct 17  
Oct 24  
Oct 31

## November at Zion UMC

Nov 4  
Nov 14  
Nov 21  
No meeting Nov 28

ZION UMC

# FALL FESTIVAL

Cookout • Smores • Music • Truck or Treat

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**OCTOBER 30, 2021 / 4PM - 6:30 PM**  
**COSTUMES ARE WELCOME**

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THE UMM WILL BE PROVIDING THE FOOD  
IF YOU ARE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN GIVING OUT CANDY FOR  
TRUNK OR TREAT PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX