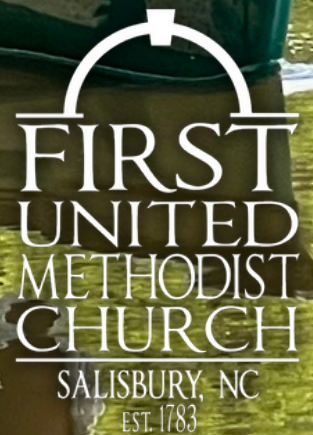


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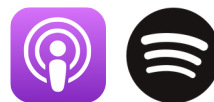


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Season of the Church Year

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|---------|----------------------|
| June 2 | <i>Ordinary Time</i> |
| June 9 | |
| June 16 | |
| June 23 | |
| June 30 | |
| | July 7 |
| | July 14 |
| | July 21 |
| | July 28 |

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Re:Marks

During these summer months, we would all do well to spend some time reflecting deeply upon who we are as the Church and what we are called to do. For these questions, author Reggie McNeal offers some compelling thoughts in his book, *Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church*. McNeal especially mentions three shifts. In all three, we imagine where we've been (and perhaps stuck) and the direction we need to go. These shifts do not happen immediately for a group, nor do they happen easily. I agree with McNeal, however, that these three shifts must happen in order for the Church to thrive.

Shift #1 - From an Internal to an External Ministry Focus

Our natural inclination is to protect ourselves and strive to ensure our own future. When this becomes evident, we see just how human the Church is. Think about the conversations and decisions frequently made. Their presumptions often deal with survival or our own entertainment. Success is defined in terms of activities and numerical goals. Meanwhile, our community changes, has real needs, and the widening gap between community & Church becomes nearly too vast. Recently I heard Bishop Gregory Palmer say that the Church's worst sin in recent years is this: not being connected to our community. Making this necessary shift – from an internal focus to an external focus – requires a radical change in mindset, along with a dogged determination over the long haul.

Shift #2 – From Program Development to People Development

The old assumption was the people needed to be in church activities in order to be real Christians. The more people attended programs, the better off they would be. As those numbers increased, so did the Church's ego. But is that necessarily true? People who have drifted away would yell, "no!" And actually, several studies reveal that active church members attending programs do not reflect a more holy value set than the culture at large. Instead of developing programs, let's focus on developing people. This is hard work! It's not completed in an eight-week course. Also, a person's growth is neither linear nor easily deciphered. Making this necessary shift – from developing programs to developing people – requires giving up old assumptions and taking seriously God's work of sanctification in people.

Shift #3 – From Church-Based to Kingdom-Based Leadership

Remember Jesus taught parables about the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God, not an organization we call "Church." As such, leaders need to imagine what they do as Kingdom work. That goes for me, any clergy person, and certainly every lay person leading, too. When the Church reflects the Kingdom, reveals the Kingdom, or points to the Kingdom, we sure are thankful. Being caught up in Kingdom living, as opposed to Church growth, liberates us! It grants us an assurance that we're on the right track instead of chasing an uncatchable phantom. Making this necessary shift – from Church-based to Kingdom-based – requires less of an emphasis on institutional maintenance and more of an incarnational influence.

Think about these three shifts relative to your Christian discipleship. What does it mean for you to make these shifts?



Pastor Mark

Community Meals - Invite a Friend!



JUNE 5 & JULY 3

Community Meal

connect with friends, old & new
Fisher Street entrance - 6:00pm

(Next: August 7)

Donations welcome, but this meal is FREE!

June menu - hot dog cook out



Join Creation Care Ministry Team

How may we honor and preserve God's creation?

For too long, we have lived in the world without being aware of ways in which we were not respecting the wonderful creation we were given. By becoming more aware of how we live our daily lives - by recycling, reusing and reducing are just some efforts in preserving and caring for God's creation.

Throughout the Bible, we learn that God has an ongoing relationship with creation.

Psalm 24: 1-2

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it, for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

This exciting new ministry for United Methodists offers a biblical and historical foundation for integrating creation care into the life of our United Methodist Congregation. It aims to celebrate God and creation.

Volunteers are needed for the success of this ministry, your suggestions and ideas are needed.

Initiative #1 - recycling at the church. We are again able to recycle paper, plastic & aluminum. Bins will be available throughout the church building, and volunteers are needed to empty bins & roll the recycling can to the street on recycling days

Contact Genevieve Martin or the church.



Cheerwine Brownie Sales



Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make, package, and sell brownies at the Cheerwine festival. Because of your efforts we were able to raise around \$1500 for Camp Discovery in one day!

These dollars translate to three more campers whose week at camp will be fully covered.



Upcoming Downtown Events



June 1 - Pop at the Post

The Salisbury Symphony describes 'Pops' as a "concert under the historic Salisbury Post Loading Dock offers a unique backdrop that combines urban charm with a rich history. The acoustics and ambiance here create a one-of-a-kind concert experience. Come see how this space transforms into a musical haven!" Pops at the Post will be on our doorstep on the first Saturday in June.

Saturday
June 1



Saturday
June 22

June 22 - Salisbury Pride

The Trustees have approved supporting another downtown event - FUMC will be the location where Salisbury Pride organizers will be hosting the volunteer check-in table. Volunteers interested in offering our guests hospitality that day can contact Bob Johnsen!

Church Street Market Begins!



May 22 was the kickoff of Church Street Market, and we had a great turnout of church members, as well as many new faces join us to shop on the church lawn. Our first market day was a great success, and we look forward to many Wednesdays to come over the summer!

Follow Church Street Market on Instagram - [ChurchStreetMarketSalisbury](#)



WEDNESDAYS 4-7PM
ON THE CHURCH LAWN

WHY A MARKET?

It's about building community! We're showing up outside the church walls in a visible way to make connections and better know the surrounding community. At the same time we get to support local businesses and our local economy!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Put the market on your calendar and show up to shop
- Volunteer to set up/clean up
- Be a host at the church table
- Donate goods to sell at the church table
- Tell friends and family about Church Street Market!

We need volunteers to make things happen!
Please contact Helen Leonovich, or the church office.

VENDOR APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT FUMCSALISBURY.ORG/MARKET

organic relationships, nutritious food

Summer Music Ministry

Summer Choir

June 02 - August 25



Join us in the Music Suite at 10:30am to rehearse a simple anthem for the 11:00 am service.



Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing June 30

Request your favorite hymn to be sung in worship on the last Sunday in June! (email ideas to: josh@fumcsalisbury.org)



Christmas in July Sunday, July 14



Celebrating Christ's Incarnation with 163 days until Christmas! A love offering will be collected on this day that will be used to hire special musicians for Christmas Eve.

Our Life in The Spirit



"Spirit Series" Sermons

- June 2 LOVE & JOY
- June 9 PEACE & PATIENCE
- June 16 KINDNESS & GOODNESS
- June 23 FAITHFULNESS
- June 30 GENTLENESS & SELF-CONTROL

Bible Study

Mondays: June 17 , June 24, July 1, & July 8 10:30 – 11:30 am @ Trinity Oaks

Wednesdays: June 19, June 26, July 3, & July 10 10:30 – 11:30 am @ FUMC

Spiritual Gifts Discovery

Wednesday, July 17 7:00 pm via Zoom (sign up to get the Zoom link)

<https://shorturl.at/08yMZ>



Youth Ministry

Salisbury Youth 6-12 GRADE MINISTRY

Newsletter



On May 19 we wrapped up all of our school year programming with Confirmation Sunday celebrated in the morning and the Summer Kickoff that afternoon. Congratulations to our seven confirmands who joined the church in May!!

Confirmation



Thank you to all of our confirmation mentors for encouraging our confirmands along the way!!

Confirmands who joined at FUMC Salisbury and Milford Hills UMC (L-R)

Back Row: Lucas, Declan, Mason, JJ, Emily

Front Row: Raleigh, Dudley, Meredith, Tre, Savannah, Gracie, Campbell, Mia, Icey



Celebrating Graduates

Congratulations to **Connor Price**, graduate of Jesse Carson High School, who received the Roy & Lula Goodman Scholarship for 2024!



Congratulations to the following college students with FUMC Salisbury ties who have graduated this spring!

- Ian Walser**, East Carolina University Class of 2024
- Nicholas Peltz**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Class of 2024
- Sierra Braun**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington Class of 2024

Do you know of other graduates to celebrate? Let us know and we'll print them in upcoming edition of the Ecclesia!

Hood Theological Seminary Recognitions

Congratulations to the following Hood Theological Seminary students

- Dr. Boris Henderson (graduated with his Doctor of Ministry degree, and will be our guest preacher on July 28th)
- Rev. Torey Haynes (graduated with his Master of Divinity degree, preached at our church on February 13, 2022)
- Whitney Cassell, our Church Ministry Intern, who was awarded both The Dr. Robert Harkrader Endowed Scholarship and The Hood Alumni Association Annual Scholarship.

Summer Guest Speakers & Preachers

5th Sunday



June 30, 9:45am

Rev. Bill Hoyle will present lessons learned from a recent trip to war-torn Israel and Gaza. Bill is a retired Presbyterian pastor, and the Interim Director Catawba Clergy Network at Catawba College.

Guest Preachers in July

July 21

The Rev. Dr. Thad S. Austin, Vice-President of Philanthropy for the EveryAge Foundation



July 28

Dr. Boris Henderson, Senior Director of Real Estate & Capital Projects at Aldersgate Retirement Communities



Preparing for Camp Discovery



SHOP THE CAMP WISH LIST



Help us buy items for this year's theme:
Following Jesus
Changes the Game



Are you on social media?

Follow Camp Discovery on Facebook and @campdiscoveryfumc on Instagram



Camp Discovery
191 likes · 205 followers

Send Email Liked Message



*"I serve because it's a fun experience and it makes me happy to see how much it really means to the kids and how much fun they have at camp, overall, I just love the impact it has on everyone."
-Austin*

@CAMPDISCOVERY

CAMPER APPLICATIONS

90%

ALMOST ALL OF OUR CAMPER SPOTS ARE FILLED THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME LAST MINUTE CHANGES WHEN STUDENTS RECEIVE SUMMER SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS.

MENTOR APPLICATIONS

72%

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A COUPLE MORE MENTORS - ESPECIALLY FOR OUR BOY CAMPERS! MENTORS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD. APPLICATION AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE.

FUNDRAISING GOAL

88%

THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN CAMP DISCOVERY IS AROUND 16K - THE LARGEST SINGLE MONETARY INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WE MAKE EVERY YEAR.

*ALL STATS FROM THE MIDDLE OF MAY

GIVE THE GIFT OF CAMP
DETAILS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL & CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS AVAILABLE AT FUMCSALISBURY.ORG/CAMP-DISCOVERY



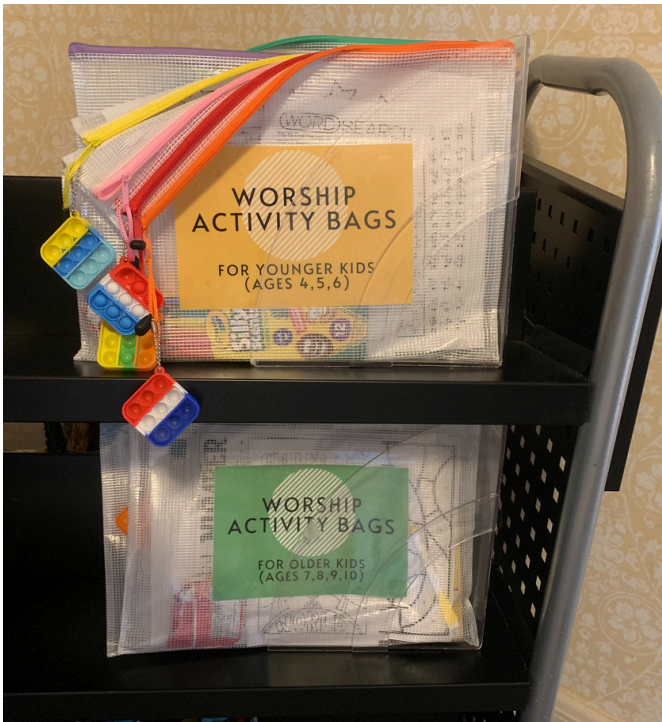
For more information on how to serve, please email:

CampDiscoveryFUMC@gmail.com

Children's Ministry

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS *helping families engage in worship*

The children's worship cart has received a refresh with some new items! Look for these activity bags in the tower room (room entering the Sanctuary, coming from the Nursery).



Vacation Bible School - June 24 - 27

VBS
Registration
is Open!



REGISTER HERE



DAY 1

It's wild!
Jesus is
why we
share our
story.

DAY 2

It's wild!
Jesus helps
us to
use our
gifts.

DAY 3

It's wild!
Jesus
invites us to
spend time
with God.

DAY 4

It's wild!
Jesus
shows us
how to
spend time
with others.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27 (NIV)

VBS for children nursery - 5th Grade | fumcsalisbury.org/vbs

Rowan Helping Ministries This Month

Food Pantry Needs

breakfast items, dry pastas, canned fruits & veggies

Did you know?

Rowan Helping Ministries is moving their current administrative offices to the recently renovated R. B. Miller building. The current space will be repurposed for primary care and mental health services, provided onsite through their partner agency Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Center, allowing them to expand hours and serve more clients.



Serving Meals in Jeannie's Kitchen

June: Adam & Eve/Seekers Classes (June 13/14)

July: Taffy Jordan & Volunteers (July 11/12)

August: Discovery Class

Interested in your group serving a meal? Contact Taffy Jordan!

Food Packing

Fourth Wednesdays, during the school year.

Summer Schedule TBD.

Interested in coming to a packing party? Contact Jen Fogt!

Child Development Programs

After School Child Care

Looking for quality summer child care? We have openings for children who have completed grades K-5. Join us for fun, skill building, and adventures in and around Salisbury. For info call (704)636-3121 ext. 1112 or email afterschool@funmcsalisbury.org

Preschool

Our registration is in full swing! We have limited spaces available in our 3's and 4's classes for next year, and currently have openings in our Older and Younger 2's classes.

There are some teaching positions (part-time) that need to be filled for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. We are looking for warm, loving, creative, fun teachers to join us! If you are interested, or know someone that may be, please feel free to reach out to Kelly Austin (704)636-3121 x.1113

Child Development Center

During June and July, the Child Development Center has teamed up with the local library to promote the significance of reading to young children. As part of this program, a bin of age-appropriate books will be provided weekly, along with a weekly storytime session for the children to enjoy. During storytime, the children can listen to storytellers, sing songs, and improve their early literacy abilities.

Check out church member Jason Walser reading to the CDC class!



Additionally, we are currently accepting enrollments for 3-5 year-olds for the 2024-2025 academic year. Our aim is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn and grow. We would love for you and your child to join the Child Development Center family!

National Child Care Appreciation

National Child Care Appreciation is annually celebrated to recognize child care providers, teachers, directors, and other educators of young children. We celebrate throughout the United States and around the world as a “thank you” to the people who educate, support, and spend tireless amount of time with our children.

Our child care staff deserve a big “Thank You” for their dedication, commitment, and compassion. Less than one-third of the children in America have a full-time stay-at-home parent. Since the child care provider is a partner in raising children, parents carefully choose their child care provider and trust the staff. They keep our children safe, nurture their curiosity and prepare them for a lifetime of learning and growth. It’s important that we acknowledge the essential child care staff at First United Methodist Church that provide five unique programs that serve children daily. Please join us in recognizing our staff and we invite you to visit our wonderful children’s programs.

Preschool Program

Kelly Austin, Director ext. 1113

Nine Month Program - September through May

Younger 2's - 8:30am-11:45am - Tuesday and Thursday

Older 2's - 8:30am -11:45pm - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

3's and 4's - 8:30am -12:pm - Monday through Friday

Child Development Center

Brittney Lewis Harris, Director ext. 1111

Twelve Month Program - Five Star Center

Ages 3, 4, and 5 - 6:30am - 6:00pm - Monday through Friday

NC Pre-K Program

Brittney Lewis Harris, Director ext. 1111

Ten Month Program - August - May - State Regulated Program

7:45am - 2:15pm - Monday through Friday

Four years old on or before August 31st of program year

After-School Child Care Program

Scotty Adcock, Director ext. 1112

Ten Month Program - August - May

Kindergarten - Grade 5 students - 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Summer Day Camp Program

Scotty Adcock, Director ext. 1112

Seven Week Program – June - July

8:00am - 5:00pm - Monday -Friday

Completed Kindergarten - Grade 5



Breeze: New Church Management Software

Breeze Online Directory

First United Methodist Church Salisbury is moving to a new online directory called Breeze ChMS. This change will streamline a number of services for church members and staff, saving us money every month. Our new online directory will also have an app that you can download.



How do I start with new online directory?

On June 13 members will receive an email invitation from fumcsalisbury.breezechms.com. It will have a link for you to create a username and password. Then you can login. "fumcsalisbury" is the specific church code you will need to get to the login page.

What will I see when I login?

You will see a Dashboard. You can click on My Profile and check your information or edit your contact information. You will need to upload a photo to your profile in the new directory. To logout from Breeze, click on the gear icon and choose Logout. As with all online accounts, please remember to log out, and never save your password when using a public computer.

What if I don't get an email with invitation to login to Breeze?

We may need to update your email address. Please call the church office. Leave your name, phone and current email address. You will get a call or an email.

Can I still use the "old" online directory?

For a limited time, yes, you can use the "old" online directory during June and July. The new online directory, fumcsalisbury.breezechms.com will be our only online directory effective August 1. Any updates made to the CTRN Online Directory (old directory) will not transfer to Breeze.

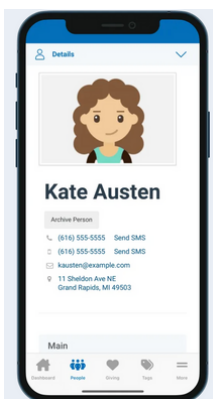
What if I need help uploading a photo? Or other help with the new online directory?

Susan Eldridge will be at church on Mondays June 17 & 24 from 10:00-11:00am to help members with accessing Breeze, uploading pictures, or logging in. You can also call the church office and leave a message with the volunteer for Susan to contact you.

What else can Breeze do?

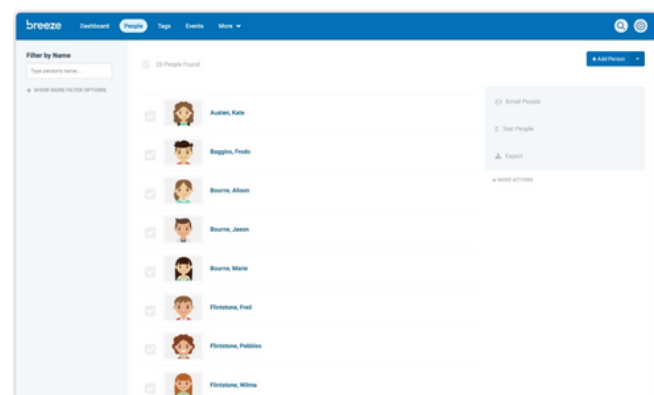
Breeze ChMS (Church Management Software)

is more than just an online directory. You'll also be able to see the record of your personal giving to the church from this year and moving forward. It has the capability of taking the place of our calendar service, checking people in for events, and scheduling volunteers, and more.



Breeze ChMS

Invitations to Breeze will be sent to all church members for whom we have an email address on June 13. If you don't see an invitation on that day, please contact the church office to make sure we have your correct email address.



First Methodist Day

JUNE 9

First Methodist Day (noun): A day to make a bonus gift toward upkeep of the building and grounds of the church.

June 9 has been designated as First Methodist Day because it's the day in 1966 when FUMC was recognized as the oldest Methodist congregation in Rowan County! This is our third year marking the occasion with a day of giving. Our building and grounds require extensive maintenance. Thank you for helping make it possible!

To give, visit fumcsalisbury.org/donate



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Hank Webb
Courtney Williams
Alex Wimmer

2 Cathy Carter
Joyce Goodwin
Carol Hylton
Joanne Johnson

3 Jean Rentz

4 Joan Nash

5 Joy Kelly
Addison Park
Sandra Roakes
Brad West

6 Linda Bready
Heidi Cross
Jackalyn Phillips
Mary Seifert
Diane Snipes
John Zerger

7 Nicholas Foote

8

9

10 Staton Carter
Joe Fowler
Parker Johnson
Patty Paffrath
Amy Wimmer

11 Evan Barber

12 Pierce Durham
Shannon McCoy

13 Maggie Cross
John Webb

14 Ken Cease

15

16 Brian Fazia
Andrew Langford
Jimmy Robinson

17

18 Ann Coggin
Micah Cross

19 Jan Brooks
Rob Roakes

20 Jo Cease
Sarah Roakes

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22 Olivia Burke
Elle Wimmer

23 Summie Carter

24

25 Kristen Barber
Patrick Daye
Bob Poole

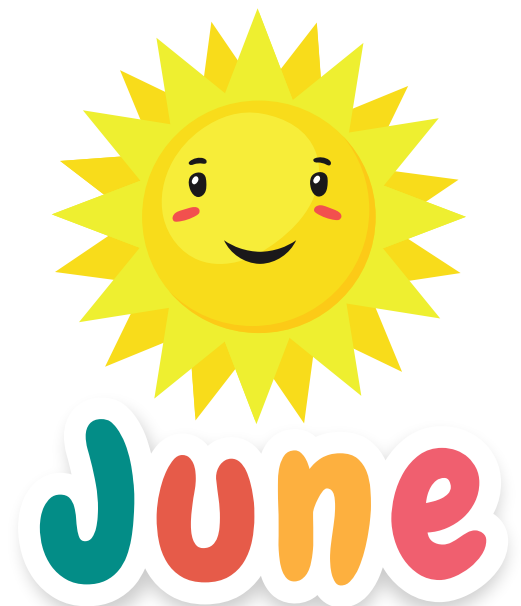
26 Michael Hedrick
Alice Stanback
Marna Steinman

27 Erica Branson
Carl Brown
Kathryn Busby
Bill Clark

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29 Corrie Fogt
Beverly Poole
Donna Smith
Sandy Yon

30



TO YOU!

- 1** Susan Cooley
Kathi Welborn
- 2** KC Culler
Grace Douglas
Bess Johnson
- 3** Ralph Baker
Bob Slife
Jason Walser
- 4** Lisa Clark
Lindsey Conrad
- 5**
- 6** Tim Nussman
- 7** Lori Burke
Joel Goodwin
Kathryn Johnson
Peggy Lutz
- 8** Luke Grenoble
- 9** Linda Adams
Benton Kribbs
Peggy McDaniel
- 10** Wayne Koontz
Will Webb
- 11** Charlotte Cherry
- 12** John McCoy
Beth Stout
- 13**
- 14** Robert Anderson
Bill Shaffer
Betty-Bonner Steele
- 15** Alan Burke
Jacob Grenoble
- 16** Andrea Cordts-Bassinger
Giles Goodman
Larry Gouge
Cindy Noell
- 17** Carol Bachl
Parker Cox
- 18** Aaron Cameron
- 19** Sarah Seifert
- 20** Declan Fisher
Anne Goodman
- 21** Niven Bayer
Richard Hodgkin
- 22** Nancy Holshouser
Larry Yon
- 23**
- 24** John Hudson
- 25** Lauren Cook
- 26** Chelsea Franzese
Andrew Howe
Melanie Miller
- 27** Susan Eldridge
Tonya Huffman
Joyce Miner
Carmen Shepler
- 28** Caroline Johnsen
Brenda Loflin
- 29** Elizabeth Dole
Laura Johnson
Pam Leonard
Connor Price
Darry Rimmer
- 30**
- 31** Amy Foote
Kim Howard
Jeanne Maynard



General Conference In Review

The postponed 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, held from April 23-May 3, 2024, marked a significant moment in our history. This gathering saw the approval of Worldwide Regionalization, the removal of restrictive language regarding LGBTQIA+ individuals, the adoption of the Revised Social Principles, and the conclusion of disaffiliation policies, among other substantial changes. To fully understand the impact and details of these decisions, download our concise guide covering all the legislative outcomes. We encourage you to share this valuable resource with your congregation, small groups, Sunday school classes, and others interested in the developments of our Church. Learn more about General Conference: <https://www.UMCGC.org>.

View a 10-minute General Conference Wrap Up video produced by UMC Communications via this QR Code



Looking ahead to Annual Conference

Annual Conference -

The annual meeting of United Methodists from our conference gather to worship, fellowship, and vote on petitions. New clergy are ordained, retiring clergy are celebrated, and those who have passed are remembered.

The Western North Carolina Annual Conference delegates will gather at Lake Junaluska June 20-23, 2024



Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

The ordination of Tangelia Cameron,
Deacon in full connection

Stuart Auditorium

Lake Junaluska, NC

Saturday, June 22, 2024

7:30 PM

services will be livestreamed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/umcwncc>



Stay Connected

Do you have an article for the Ecclesia?

Send them to Jenni@fumcsalisbury.org with "(Month to be printed) Ecclesia" in the subject line.

Articles should be submitted by the 10th day of each month for the month following -

(Example: March articles should be submitted by February 10).

Access the Church Calendar Any Time

Access the church calendar any time! Just go to fumcsalisbury.org and look under the "Connect" tab. There you can also find a digital version of the *Ecclesia*.



Directory Updates



Access the online directory anytime by going to fumcsalisbury.ctrn.co, following the link on our website (under 'Connect'), or downloading the Online Member Directory app on your smartphone or tablet. Enter the access code **fumcsalisbury** and your unique username and password.

ACCESS TO CTRN Online Directory WILL END IN AUGUST. Please see page 15 to learn about moving to Breeze, our new Church Management Software.

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NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*making and nurturing
Christian disciples
through the presence
and power of God*

