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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service

MINISTERS

The Congregation

STAFF

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Russ & Carol Carr

From Pastor Mike....

The old saying, "Time flies when you are having fun" is definitely true. I have been back as Pastor at AMC for a month, and I am having a blast and time is flying by. The Season of Lent and the celebration of Easter is just around the corner. Lent has always been a meaningful time in the Christian Church. This was the time used by the early church to prepare new believers for membership in the church. Early believers went through a time of catechism and study of the basic principles of Christianity during Lent and celebrated Easter Sunday as their first day of Church membership. I can only imagine how special that first time of worship and communion was for the early Christians.

Lent is also a time for us as modern-day believers to look afresh and anew at the foundations of our faith and beliefs. To help us accomplish this task, we have planned several special projects.

- On February 14, we gather as a church to celebrate "Ash Wednesday" in the church sanctuary starting at 6:30 PM. We will share in a time of reflection and worship prior to the Imposition of Ashes. All are invited to come and worship with us on that evening.
- Starting on Thursday morning, February 22, I will be leading a Bible Study on the "Letters to the Thessalonians." This eight-week study will meet on Thursday mornings beginning at 10:30 AM and continue until 12:00 PM. Individual study guides will be available for this study.
- During the Sundays of Lent, I will be preaching a New Series entitled "The Demands of Membership." I will be highlighting the vows of membership that one takes when joining the church – promises to be faithful in our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Services, and Witness.
- "Palm Sunday" will be celebrated on March 24 at 10:45 AM in the church sanctuary. Come out and not only raise your voice in praise but also raise a palm branch in joy.
- The church will gather on "Maundy Thursday", March 28 at 6:30 PM for Holy Communion and reflection. This is always a poignant time of worship.
- Easter Sunday worship, March 31 will be a great time of celebration and worship as we highlight the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. What could be more thrilling than to join together as a church family on this wondrous occasion.

I hope you will mark these dates on your calendars and participate in as many as possible. These are opportunities for our church to come together as a family and celebrate the gift of salvation and life given to us by Jesus the Christ. Plus, these special worship times are a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to worship with us.

THE LOSS OF A CHURCH MEMBER

The church received a letter dated December 30, 2023 and postmarked January 2, 2024 from Mark Evans. Mark is the son of Amelia Evans. Mark addressed the letter to Dear Church Staff and Members:

Thank you for all your kind cards and letters sent to my mom. She moved to Charlotte last year and has recently passed away from a short, hard fought battle with bladder cancer. I know you will keep her in your thoughts and memories.

With Regards,
Mark Evans

A search on the internet revealed that Amelia Spalding Evans passed away August 2, 2023. The information obtained listed her burial at Guilford Park Presbyterian Columbarium, Greensboro, NC.

Amelia started attending church during the time Rev. Dr. Jeff Patterson was the Pastor (around 1999). She joined as an Affiliate Member October 29, 2000 as she retained her membership at Guilford Park Presbyterian Church. Amelia was contacted in 2021 regarding her Affiliate Membership. She thought she was a full member. Guilford Park Presbyterian Church was contacted and she was removed from their roles December 17, 2006 for inactivity. She joined as a full member with Rev. Allen Van Meter May 15, 2021.

Amelia loved her church family. She attended the Friendship SS Class a few months before joining the George Elder Sunday School Class November 4, 2012. She formed many friendships in this class and enjoyed the camaraderie of being involved with class members.

Submitted by Shirley Cecil

Please pray for those serving our country:

Matt Cain - US Army (family friend of the McGavics)
Spencer Dyson - US Marines (grandson of Don Miller)
Bryan Hayworth - US Coast Guard (brother of Jami Coggins)
Ginniffer Hobbs - US Navy Sailor (niece of David McKinney)
Richard Ivy - US Military, Louisiana (Lewis Stroud's grandson)
Jake Lawrence - US Army (friend of Rebecca Kidd)
Daulton Rogers - US Marines (family friend of the McGavics)
Eric Schneider - Afghanistan (Donn & Rachel Jackson's son-in-law)
Hailey Tompkins - (friend of Sandy Foster)
Zack Willey - US Army (Chuck & Jane Liebscher's son-in-law)



**"Save us, LORD our God,
and bring us back from among the
nations, that we may give thanks to your**

Memorials

In Memory of Linda Anderson

Given by:

Barbara Blalock

Margaret Miller

Louis & Dixie Lamphear

The George Elder Sunday School Class

In Memory of Amelia Evans

Given by:

The George Elder Sunday School Class

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

In Memory of Leon Reddeck

Given by Hershel Reddeck and

Teena Reddeck

Happy Birthday

02/01 Gene Hiatt
02/01 Kathryn O'Connor
02/02 Christy Allen
02/02 Nita Coltrane
02/02 Sandy Foster
02/02 Linda Haithcock
02/02 Melinda Peele
02/02 Stephanie Tickle
02/03 Bo Paschal
02/04 Donna Mollenkopf
02/04 Amy Sellers
02/04 John Stewart
02/06 Dorothy Creech
02/07 Liz Dorman
02/07 Zach Krpejs
02/07 Trey Moser
02/08 Carole Boyd
02/08 Connor Gardner
02/08 Tina McKinney
02/09 Greg Allen
02/09 Devin Du
02/09 Latisha Kish
02/09 Tammy Pittman
02/09 Madeline Work
02/10 Ed Lawrence
02/10 Gail Lawson
02/11 Rachel Jackson
02/11 Beth Todd
02/12 Hugh Presswood
02/13 Leah Du
02/13 Kameryn Walden
02/15 Michael Fedler
02/15 Alex Sheeley

02/16 Mia Fulcher
02/16 Spencer Mann
02/16 Nicholas Owens
02/16 Kathryn Romano
02/17 Chuck Liebscher
02/17 Melissa Smith
02/17 Shirley Snow
02/17 Spencer White
02/18 Shiloh Hollifield
02/18 Sherry Sechrest
02/18 Jennipher Swanner
02/19 Sharon Carpenter
02/20 Kenzie Mann
02/20 David Warren
02/21 Tim Kennedy
02/21 Jessica Stevens
02/25 Angelica Conroy
02/25 Tammy Hollingsworth
02/26 Michelle Felder
02/27 Justin Rose



Mark Your Calendar for the Lunch & Learn in March!

Stephen Ministry will have its first Lunch and Learn meeting on Wednesday, March 20th, beginning with a light lunch at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

The program for this first meeting will be Gary Guffey from COAT talking about COAT's history and all the wonderful things that are happening with COAT.

If you can attend, please let the church office know so we will know for how many to prepare lunch.

YOU ARE INVITED!!

If you enjoy working with others in the community doing local mission work, or are you searching for more fellowship with others, the Archdale Methodist Women may be your answer. You are invited to attend the Archdale Methodist Women's first "Spring Fling Membership Lunch" on Saturday, March 16, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Gaye Willard from Trinity. In order to have a head count for the lunch, you must RSVP to the church office by Sunday, March 10.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Roy Catlett, Debbie Dean, Charles Dobbins,
Mandy Forrester, Jack Hensley,
Wayne McGavic, Jo Parker,
Betty Roach, Mary Jean Smith, Jackie Stroud

Our Homebound Members are very important members of our congregation. We would like to remind them they are remembered and thought of. If you would like to send them a birthday card, thinking of you card, or give them a call, this would mean so much to each of our Homebound Members.

Where We Were Last Month

| Date | Offering Received | Budget Amount Received to Date | Budget Amount Needed to Date | Week # | Sunday School | Worship Attendance |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------------|--------------------|
| 01/07/2024 | \$5,487.45 | \$5,487.45 | \$5,681.39 | 1 | 80 | 124 |
| 01/14/2024 | \$2,696.10 | \$8,183.55 | \$11,362.78 | 2 | 80 | 100 |
| 01/21/2024 | \$3,656.05 | \$11,839.60 | \$17,044.17 | 3 | 74 | 87 |
| 01/28/2024 | \$3,193.00 | \$15,032.60 | \$22,725.56 | 4 | 77 | 88 |

Building Fund

Given in January: \$545.00

Received to date: \$545.00

CONDOLENCES

- **Terri Boles** lost her father-in-law, William Robert Boles, December 27, 2023. His survivors include 3 sons and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. His service was held January 3, 2024 at 11am at Sechrest Davis Funeral Service in Thomasville with Pastor Terry Boles officiating. Burial followed at Floral Garden Park Cemetery.

- **Lori Finch** lost her sister, Terri Lynn Draughn Cockerham, January 4, 2024. She was the sister-in-law of **Charles Finch**. She is survived by her husband, 2 daughters and their spouses, 2 grandchildren and 2 bonus grandchildren, 3 sisters and spouses and 1 brother and his wife. Terri's service was held at Fairview Baptist church in Dobson, NC at 2pm on January 10, 2024 with Dr. Billy Nale and Dr. Dan Merritt officiating.

- **Jill Connor** lost her mother-in-law, Sue Lanier Connor, on January 17, 2024. She was the grandmother of **Matthew and Marcus Connor**. Her survivors include 1 son and wife, 1 daughter-in-law, 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 1 brother. Her service was held January 23, 2024 at 1pm at Pugh Funeral Home Chapel, Randleman, NC with Rev. Gerald Hussey and Scott Lanier officiating. Burial followed at Randolph Memorial Park in Asheboro, NC.

Our deepest sympathies go to these families who have lost a beloved family member.

2023 MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION REPORT

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| • Professing members <u>01-01-2023</u> | 567 |
| • Added: | |
| By profession of faith | 2 |
| Transferred from another UMC | 8 |
| Transferred from a non Methodist Church | 2 |
| Withdrawn from membership | 2 |
| Transferred to another UMC | 3 |
| Transferred to Online UM Collective | 7 |
| Transferred to a non Methodist Church | 1 |
| Deceased | 9 |
| • Total membership <u>12-31-2023</u> | 557 |
| Average worship attendance | 98 |
| Average who worship online | 17 |
| Average Sunday School attendance | 78 |
| Membership in Methodist Men | 20 |
| Membership in Methodist Women | 32 |
| Total baptized members not yet professing members | 70 |
| Total of constituent members | 40 |
| - Submitted by Shirley Cecil | |