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Welcome

Archdale Methodist Church Welcomes Our New Pastor Van Spencer on Sunday, October 4th!

Van Spencer has been a Pastor and Youth Pastor for 17 years. He grew up in a home of Pastors including his father, brother, great grandfather and 3 great uncles.

Van graduated from Hannibal LaGrange University in Missouri with a BA in Bible in 1989. In June 2023, he graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte with a Masters of Divinity with Hebrew and Greek.

He is currently writing his dissertation for the Doctor of Ministry Program at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and is scheduled to graduate in May 2027.

Van has gone on 60+ mission trips to Africa (Ethiopia, Malawi & Mazambique), India and Central America (including Jamacia).

He has participated in several Ministerial Associations and in Community outreach. He has been married to Rosemary for 23 years and has 2 sons and 3 stepsons.

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

Gladys Suggs, AMC member, has been our congregational and online listener's organ and piano accompanist since December, 2025. She has generously given of her time and talent for which we are so grateful. She has provided beautiful preludes and postludes during the time she has served in this role. The playing of our hymns and the choir's anthems has added much to the worship service each Sunday. Music is such a special and important part of worshipping each Sunday at Archdale Methodist Church.

Gladys has been a blessing as an AMC member for 9 years to fulfill this very important role in the ministry of our church. Thank you Gladys.

She will be having hip surgery in October.



GOOD NEWS AND WELCOME BACK

Amy Frazier has been recovering from thumb/hand surgery and also hip surgery in December 2025. Amy joined the AMC staff March 2025 and has been an asset to the music that inspires all who worship at Archdale Methodist Church in person and online.

We welcome Amy back to the piano on September 30, 2026 for choir practice and then for worship on Sunday, October 4th. We are so glad she will be sharing her musical talent with us once again. We look forward to her continued service as our accompanist. She has previous commitments that will keep her away on occasions and she will be missed when she is not with us.

We are so grateful for your recovery and return to Archdale Methodist Church. Your music will continue to bless us each and every Sunday.

We also welcome David Frazier, Amy's husband, back to worship with us. He has been a blessing by providing support during the time Amy has been with us.

We are excited to welcome David & Amy back. You both have been missed.

Storing Up Treasures...

My precious Lamb's ear! I've written about this plant before- the light silvery-green plant with leaves that are soft to the touch, and have the look of fur like a real lamb's ear! I received this flower nearly thirty years ago when Brian and I were first married. It was given to me by a very special patient.

I still remember sitting at the woman's kitchen table after administering her MS treatment. Even though I was there as her nurse, I thoroughly enjoyed those visits in her sunny, cheerful kitchen. The woman reminded me of my mom and her similar struggle with Multiple Sclerosis.

This sweet patient always insisted on walking me out when the visit was complete, and one fall afternoon she picked for me a cutting of Lamb's ear from her flower garden. I came home excited and planted it exactly as she had instructed. The plant I found so fascinating thrived for many years, despite being transplanted twice, and eventually finding a home in a small natural area at the edge of our property. I tended to it each year with love and care. Sadly, however, this year's brutal heatwave and particularly dry spell took its toll, and my Lamb's ear didn't survive. I was devastated one hot summer day as the dry leaves crumbled against my fingertips. But as sad as I was to no longer have the plant, I will always have the memory of the special woman who gave it to me. The realization hit me that so many times others give us things, say kind words, or just offer a smile, not knowing the full impact their actions have on our lives. My patient never knew I had adored that plant for thirty years and thought of her whenever I saw it!

More recently, my mother-in-law offered words of comfort during a most difficult time when my dad had to go into a nursing facility. I find myself replaying those words of wisdom again and again when I need them, and perhaps, because of them have shed a few less tears. When I'm reminded of the kindness I've received from others, a certain Bible verse comes to mind:

*That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;
Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come,
That they may lay hold on eternal life.
(1 Timothy 6: 18-19 KJV)*

I am so thankful to be the recipient, here on earth, of those who are storing up their treasures in heaven. And I sure hope I've stored up some treasures along the way as well; maybe given grace or kindness when it was needed most. It's the smallest acts of kindness that make the largest impacts, lasting a lifetime... and according to His word, even an eternity.

- Submitted by Michelle Lowe
September 7, 2026



AMC PROFESSING MEMBER & AUTHOR

Michelle Lowe has written books that have been published and enjoyed by many. She began her writing during the pandemic when she was home with son, Jake, who attended online school. This allowed Michelle time to write and fulfill her desire to become a writer. Her books are Christian fiction. A list of Michelle's books is below.

The Maritime Curve (Available on Amazon which shows a 5 star rating.)

The Autumn Keepsake

Chasing Charlotte

Christmas Timing

Favored Circumstances

Carolina Christmas

An Antique Proposal

Tides of Love

Michelle's books may be available on Amazon and on a Kindle. Beth Todd, AMC member has said she has thoroughly enjoyed reading some of Michelle's books. The late Maxine Sechrest often spoke of reading on her Kindle, Michelle's books, and what a blessing it was to know the author personally. Maxine also loved reading Michelle's books.

Michelle had an article published previously in The Upper Room, the devotional booklet available to all who attend Archdale Methodist Church. She wrote a heart warming article for the AMC October newsletter.

We are so blessed that Michelle is sharing her God given talent with her church family and for all who are passionate readers of good books. Thank you Michelle and we hope you continue to be inspired writing.

Michelle's career is in the nursing field. She is a Registered Nurse and is currently working part-time at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing in Asheboro where she teaches CNA's. This facility is a state approved Nurse Aide (CNA) training provider.

NEWLYWEDS



Congratulations to AMC member, Madelyn "Maddie" Dabbs who married Caleb Weaver on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Sunset Ridge Estate in Monroe NC. Maddie is the daughter of AMC members, Rodney & Amy Dabbs and the granddaughter of AMC member, Gayle Dowdy.

Congratulations to Caleb & Maddie. We are so happy for both of you.

Maddie is employed with Grant Thornton, a global accounting firm in Charlotte. Caleb is associated with Arthur J. Gallagher as an insurance broker in Charlotte. They will reside in Charlotte.



LOSS OF AMC PROFESSING MEMBER

Betty Wilson Roach passed away September 9, 2026 at Piedmont Crossing in Thomasville. She had been in care at Piedmont for 10 years.

Betty joined AMC March 17, 1974 transferring her membership from Christ United Methodist Church in High Point. She was a long time member of the Friendship Sunday School Class where she had enjoyed being friends with her SS class members. She helped with the class project of making chicken pies and the annual Brunswick Stew enjoyed by the class members. She was a happy person and could have been called the “class clown”. She went on bus trips with the SS class and enjoyed many other trips with her friends in the Sunday School Class. The class remembered Betty each month with a card.

In the early 1990’s Betty along with 2 or 3 other ladies from AMC went to RCC to take a course in making Chrismon’s. These ladies went for a few years as they learned so they could replace the Styrofoam Chrismon’s as they were no longer usable. Betty was devoted to her church and this group of ladies to make sure our Chrismon tree was beautiful.

Betty had been a children’s or youth prayer partner. She also served on the Love Feast Committee as a volunteer and committee member. She loved her church and church family and attended as long as her health permitted.

Betty is survived by her three devoted children, Beth Thomas (William), Angie Grimmett (Craig) and Steve Roach (Lori). She has four grandchildren, Laura Beth Brown (Nate), Christopher Grimmett (Kate), Sam Thomas (Megan) and Lindsay Moss (Landon) and four great grandchildren, Graham Brown, Lainey Brown, Sadie Thomas and Brooks Thomas.

Her funeral service was held September 19, 2026 at Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale at 2pm with Rev. Dr. Jeff Patterson, officiating. Burial followed at Floral Garden Park Cemetery in High Point.

“Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5: 4

Our condolences are with Betty’s family and all who knew and loved her.



CARING FOR YOU THROUGH CHRIST

Ministry here at Archdale Church brings care to all in need. In addition, Christian caregiving is a vital part of the total healing ministry of the Church. Stephen Ministers are trained to aid the care receivers effectively deal with their own situations and to grow.

As a care receiver you may:

- develop stronger ties with a community of Christians
- grasp the role of suffering in life
- accept forgiveness and grace from God and others
- give forgiveness and love
- increase your level of trust
- start a relationship with God
- renew your relationship with God
- learn positive attitudes and expectations
- develop a foundation for holistic stability in your life
- nurture a healthier ego and a realistic self-image
- build whole and complete relationships

God alone is the one who takes broken individuals and makes them whole.

If you or someone you know, could benefit from talking with a Stephen Minister, please call the church office or Peggy Johnson (336-259-9841).

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Carolyn Moore was elected Bishop of Episcopal Area 8 of the Global Methodist Church at the annual conference held in Johannesburg, Africa.

Bishop Moore will serve the North Carolina Conference, Uganda Annual Conference, Kenya Annual Conference, Allegheny West Annual Conference, Heartland Annual Conference, Malawi Annual Conference and Zimbabwe Annual Conference.

The NC Conference is happy to receive her.

Everyone is encouraged to stay connected to the NC Conference by signing up for the NC GMC Connection (newsletter).

To sign up for the newsletter go to this website: <https://ncglobalmethodist.org> and scroll down the homepage to where the information is provided for everyone to sign up.

Memorials

In Memory of Betty Roach

Given by:

Hoyt & Kay Nichols

Charles & Marsha Gentry

AMC Friendship Class

Gary & Susan Jarrett



10/02 Madelyn Dabbs Weaver

10/03 Cole Tickle

10/04 Jeff Hicks

10/05 Donna Ballas

10/09 Blakelynn Harmon

10/10 Donna Eason

10/13 Carole Webb

10/15 Shelby Buchanan

10/16 Wendy Harmon

10/17 Donna Reid

10/20 Carol Wallace

10/21 Dorothy Brown

10/23 Andy Boyd Jr.

10/24 Oaklynn Harmon

10/26 Paul Game III

10/28 Joanna Hollifield

10/28 Marie Lawrence

10/28 Carson Work

10/29 Maggie Hunt

Change of Address for Lunda Stanley:

Mrs. Lunda Stanley - Room #204

The Greens at Hendersonville

1870 Pisgah Drive

Hendersonville, NC 28791



October 4th Victor & Kathryn Romano

October 5th Fred & Judy Watson

October 12th Kyle & Jessica Barefoot

October 23rd Chris & Ashley Boyle



*Have a Birthday or Anniversary this month and don't see your name/names...Please contact the church office so we can update our records.

BARBECUE
SAT. OCTOBER 21
\$10 PLATE or POUND
DINE IN / TAKE OUT
11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

11:30am - 2:00pm

COAT needs canned or instant potatoes and small bags of rice

Where We Were Last Month						
Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
09/06/2026	\$2,907.00	\$139,328.51	\$205,418.16	36	61	67
09/13/2026	\$1,735.00	\$141,063.51	\$211,124.22	37	67	71
09/20/2026	\$5,495.00	\$146,558.51	\$216,830.28	38	64	87
09/27/2026	\$3,852.00	\$150,410.51	\$222,536.34	39	59	73

Given in Sept: \$900.00	Received to date: \$4,075.00
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