



A note from



Rev. Michael

Greetings! I have enjoyed meeting you all, and look forward to our time of ministry together. The way you have already been so welcoming of us into the church family has been wonderful, and Laura and I are so thankful!

As a pastor, I believe one of the most important parts of my job is to equip you, the members, for ministry. As United Methodists, we believe that all Christians are called to be ministers, not just the paid employees. Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV) upholds this belief, saying, "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." As your pastor and spiritual leader, I am called to equip you to do the work of the church together as the Body of Christ.

A big part of this equipping process, I believe, is to work together and identify what our individual gifts, passions, and talents are. Think about what we could do if everyone was serving in an area they were both gifted in and passionate about! That is my vision for ministry, and that is my goal moving forward: to get to know you, and learn what you are passionate about. Doing that will determine how we go about the Church's mission, given to us by Jesus himself, of making disciples.  
God bless!





**BackPack  
BEGINNINGS**

**SAT, AUGUST 12TH  
10-11:30 AM**

*Sponsor a Backpack for \$25  
and come help sort supplies*

*Call/text Lynn Alexander  
@ (336)456-6686  
with questions or to volunteer.*



*Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks*



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH  
9:15 AM & 11:00 AM  
SERVICES**

*All school aged children are  
encouraged to bring their  
backpacks for a special  
blessing during the service.*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF THE CHILDREN WHO ARE RISING K-6 TO ATTEND FUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES! WE WILL PRAY, FELLOWSHIP, AND HAVE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FUN! EITHER PLACE THIS REGISTRATION IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR GIVE IT TO COURTNEY OR KIM. PRE-REGISTRATION HELPS US PLAN! PLEASE CHECK THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. PLAN TO SEND MONEY THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

- JUNE 11-14TH VBS-DINNER PROVIDED 5:30-8 PM
- JUNE 22ND LAKE BRANDT-PACK LUNCH \$10 9-1
- JUNE 26TH SPARE TIME/PIZZA \$15 1-4
- JULY 5TH KEELY SPRAYGROUND-PACK LUNCH 9-1
- JULY 14TH SKYZONE \$20 1:30-4:30
- JULY 19TH SPARE TIME/PIZZA \$15 1-4
- JULY 28TH ALAMANCE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM+LUN \$5 9-1
- AUG 1ST ELKS POOL/LUNCH 10:30-2:30
- AUG 9TH MOVIE AND PIZZA \$10 9-1
- AUG 16TH ELKS POOL/LUNCH 10:30-2:30

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Cell \_\_\_\_\_/Person Picking Up \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies \_\_\_\_\_/Behavioral Issues \_\_\_\_\_



## SPARK NEWSLETTER



Who is excited for Michael to be here? I know I am. We have a cookout Sunday to welcome him and his family. The Son Fun Gang and summer camps are off to a great start! We have a few dinners left to fill for the rest of the year if anyone can help.

- SIGN UP TO HELP!**
- Oct 22nd Dinner for Spark
  - Nov 5th Dinner for Spark
  - Nov 19th Dinner for Spark
  - Dec 3rd Dinner for Spark
  - Dec 10th Dinner for Spark

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 1st Elks Pool 10:30-2:30
- August 6th 5-7 Spark After Dark
- August 9th 9-1 Movie and Pizza
- August 13th 5-7 Spark After Dark
- August 16th Elks Pool 10:30-2:30
- August 20th 5-7 Spark After Dark
- August 27th 5-7 Back to School Bash

## Sign up for Dinner!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH DINNER FOR  
SPARK AND YOUTH! ONLY A FEW LEFT FOR  
THE ENTIRE YEAR!**

- OCT 22
- NOV 5TH
- NOV 19TH
- DEC 3RD
- DEC 10TH





## What's Coming Up At Muir's Chapel



*Homecoming  
201 Years*

**September 10, 2023**  
Service @ 10:30 am in the Sanctuary  
Followed by a Potluck Lunch in the KCC  
Sign up for a Side or Dessert when you RSVP

**RSVP FOR LUNCH**  
by phone (336-299-1913) or  
email [mcoffice@muirschapelumc.com](mailto:mcoffice@muirschapelumc.com)

### MEETING:

The Administrative Council and a Called Charge Conference will be held on August 27th at 12:30 pm.

## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In memory of Rudy

Hinshaw:

-For the Good Samaritan Fund from Earl and Zona Ridout.

-For Youth Missions from Susan Bray.

-For the Good Samaritan Fund from the Annie Kincaid Circle.

-For the Budget from Karen Holmes.

-For Congregational Care from the Fellowship Class.

-For the Budget from Bob & Hallie Williams.

-For the Good Samaritan Fund from Phil & Sandra Herndon

In honor of our Circle Friends for Urban Ministries from the Annie Kincaid Circle.

### Alter Flowers

The following dates are available for flowers if you would like to honor or remember a loved one. Just call or email the front office.

Aug 20 & 27 - Sept 10 - Oct 8, 15 & 29

Nov 5, 12 & 19 - Dec 24 & 31

### MUIR'S CHAPEL JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of a part time Music Director. If you know of anyone who may be interested please pass this information along. They can call or email the Church office to be put in contact with the appropriate individuals.

Rev. Michael Flack, *Senior Pastor*  
meflack@muirschapelumc.com

Keith Benfield, *Interim Youth Director*

Kim Hastings, *Director of Muir's Chapel Christian Playschool*  
khastings@muirschapelumc.com

Rev. Courtney Sanford, *Director of Children's Ministries*  
csanford@muirschapelumc.com

Martha W. Hill, *Administrative Assistant*  
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Leonard Forde, *Church Handyman*

Kenny Phillips, *Worship Music Leader*

Jailen Stanley, *Worship Media Coordinator*

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**BIRTHDAYS**

		Henry Reiland	08/11	Thomas Oakes	08/29
Mary Kerr Cooke	08/01	Harper Masters	08/11	Annie Conrad	08/29
Campbell Lambeth	08/01	Jessica Tapp	08/12	Dru Sessoms IV	08/30
Hoyt Stephens	08/03	Rebecca Oakes	08/12	Trai Britt III	08/30
Vivian Rongitsch	08/03	Parker Hutton	08/17	Lizzie Lindblad	08/31
Jonathon Payne	08/03	Gene Moore	08/18	Allison Seigler	08/31
Tim Oakes	08/04	Gail Welborn	08/18		
Ashley Rand	08/04	Robyn Parsons	08/18		
Bernard Coble	08/06	Wanda Blackwelder	08/20		
Peggy Keeling	08/06	Pat Smoak	08/20		
Dawnene Bucher	08/06	Cheryl Menzies	08/20		
Robert Willis	08/07	Parker Cabiness	08/20		
Otis Rongitsch	08/07	Campbell Kinley	08/20		
Landon Browning	08/08	Genevieve Harrison	08/23		
Susan Cord	08/09	Amber Hicks	08/24		
Julian Williams	08/09	Margaret Holmes	08/24		
Marie Shelton	08/09	Jeffrey Kellum	08/24		
Clayton Butler	08/09	Chad Hinton	08/24		
Ellen Hopkins	08/10	Andy Peascoe	08/25		
Monica Zigbuo	08/10	Wendy Nelson	08/25		
Scott Sullivan	08/10	Sherry Bancroft	08/26		
Mamie Faucette	08/10	Rylee Price	08/26		
Donna Gorham	08/11	Tiffany Love	08/27		



**OFFERING**

**July 2**

Budget Giving	\$4253.00
Designated Funds	\$200.00
Total Giving	\$4453.00

**July 9**

Budget Giving	\$8850.00
Designated Funds	\$75.00
Total Giving	\$8925.00

**July 16**

Budget Giving	\$20,726.00
Designated Funds	\$1077.00
Total Giving	\$21,803.00

**SYMPATHY**

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Maxie Hinshaw and family on the passing of Rudy Hinshaw on July 2, 2023.