

Long Memorial UMC

September 2024

Worship With Us On Sunday

8:45 AM – Early Service - Chapel

11:00 AM – Worship Service – Sanctuary
and
Live Stream on Youtube
Anytime – Youtube (Long Memorial UMC)



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We are on the web at: longmemorialumc.org
Like us on Facebook: Long Memorial United Methodist Church

PRAYER TEAM

Members of the Prayer Team are offering daily prayers for those on our congregational prayer list and for other loved ones. If you would like to request prayers for someone -- whether they are part of our congregation or not -- please call Martha Butler (336-597-3946). If you would like to be on the Prayer Team, please let Martha know.

**NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH &
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR**

We are working to update all of the contact information for all the youth and children in our church to make sure everyone is getting all information related to this ministry. Please fill out the google form using the link below for each child in your household. Thank You!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSaUL3c9NwkdMU7D2UNZ8AGxaCzHxMx9KWt8iM2qIpDDqnVg/viewform?usp=sf_link

*****We have started back up with youth on Sunday afternoons from 5-7PM in the Harris Hall. If you have a child or family member ages 6th grade to 12th grade please let us know as we would love to have them here with us.**

*****Children Sunday School has started back and will begin with music with Chuck on September 8th followed by a fun craft activity.**

*****If you are interested in volunteering with our youth group or with the children's church portion of our ministry please reach out to Autumn Gentry at 336-501-1953. We are always looking for people to help with the many moving parts that make our youth and children ministry possible.**

FLOWER CALENDAR

September 1 – Claudia Berryhill
September 8 – Mark Galloway
September 15 – Susan Wilkerson
September 22 – Autumn Gentry
September 29 – Danny Talbert

October 6 – Lou Lockhart
October 13 – Carol & Milton Hadley
October 20 – Ben & Harriett Tillett
October 27 – Tommy & Sally Humphries

November 3 - **OPEN** _____
November 10 – Bob & Patti Morgan
November 17 - **OPEN** _____
November 24 – Harvest Table

Please call the church (336-599-1193) if you are willing to place flowers in the sanctuary on either of the above open dates in November. THANK YOU!

LAY READER'S CALENDAR 8:45 & 11 A.M. SEPTEMBER

September 1 – Teresa Fitzgerald
Jona Fitzgerald

September 8 – Joe Weinberger
Doug Mabe

September 15 – Teresa Fitzgerald
Robert Allen

September 22 – Todd Rhodes
Tommy Humphries

September 29 – Teresa Fitzgerald
Jona Fitzgerald

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

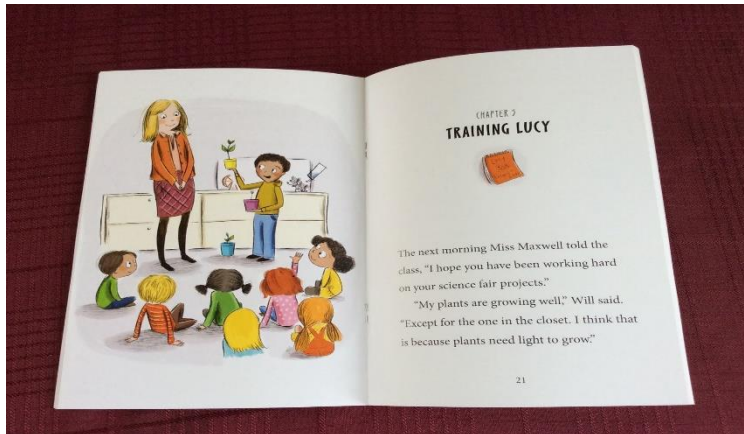
Pastor Ed will begin on September 12th teaching a Bible Study at 10 A.M. each Thursday morning in the church library. Bible newcomers welcome! No RSVP necessary.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? **Become a Reading Buddy!**

Research shows that reading with a caring, reliable adult can boost students' reading levels and academic achievement.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COMMIT ONE HOUR WEEKLY TO TUTOR AND MENTOR A STUDENT: IN 1ST – 3RD GRADE.

CONTACT INFO: COURTNEY JACKSON AT (336) 514-6524
CJACKSON@ROOTSNWINGSOFPC.ORG



**BE A BUDDY
AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

THE CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER NEEDS:

Tooth Paste
Tooth Brushes
Shampoo
Body Wash
Deodorant

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Friends,

One of the things that makes our Methodist way of organizing together as Christians unique is what we call our “Connectional” system. We are an entire denomination and we share missions across our churches.

No one church can do it all. Long Memorial has traditionally been involved in a number of local and regional missions and ministries:

We support public school children and their families through the Summer Literacy Program (a fun and intensive intervention to help struggling readers catch up, ed.priestaf@gmail.com), Backpack Pals (food ministry for weekends during school year - donate, fill backpacks, or deliver backpacks to schools – cwallennc@gmail.com), and Reading Buddies (read with one or two elementary schoolers weekly during the school year – operated by Roots and Wings in partnership with elementary schools (ed.priestaf@gmail.com)). We operate our own half-day preschool that enrolls about 90 children (daybunch4@esinc.net). We support the Christian Help Center with supply and fundraisers and meal preparation. The Center provides emergency financial assistance, rapid rehousing assistance, and distributes food and clothing to upwards of 600 people monthly. You can volunteer, donate, or contribute. <https://www.christianhelpcenter.net/>

We hold a fundraiser for Life Choices Pregnancy Support Center of Roxboro www.lifechoicesofroxboro.org

The women’s circles of our United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) meet monthly, grow in discipleship, and engage in mission projects. The United Methodist Men help with projects around the church, and support other ministries and missions. Contact Chris Atkins chrisatkinsdds@gmail.com

In addition, our doors are often open to (and we have members that participate in) the good work of organizations like the

- Jaycees: sponsoring Red Cross Blood Drives and recognizing Outstanding Citizens of Person County at an annual banquet. (Facebook: Roxboro Jaycees)

- Distinguished Young Women of Roxboro (Facebook: Distinguished Young Women of Roxboro, NC)
- Person County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (Contact ed.priestaf@gmail.com)
- BASIC interracial and anti-racism discussion group (contact jannakisner@yahoo.com)
- PUMP – Person United Methodist Parishes – a fifty year mission alliance of Person County Methodist churches. Mark Ramey – ramey3164@gmail.com or Bo Freeman lrfreem3@ncsu.edu)

I wanted to take up some space to share some of broader Methodist opportunities, programs, and initiatives, in the hope that you may find a group with which you interested in serving:

Corridor District Creation Care Team - Our district has a very active Creation Care Committee led by Rev. Jane Almon. This committee welcomes people interested in Creation Care. They meet online monthly as well as helping with other things. For more information reach out to Rev. Jane Almon at jalmon@nccumc.org

Corridor District Anti-Racism Team – clergy and laity doing the important work of combating racism through education and advocacy – meets monthly - chairperson Reverend Steve Murphy – smurphy@nccumc.org

Conference Disaster Response Teams and Donations – An extensive network of persons and resources that prepare for and mobilize during times of natural disasters. Volunteer opportunities exist to serve on phonebanks, to work in the warehouse, to join Early Response Teams to clean up after flooding, talk with neighbors, remove debris, etc. Frequent training for Early Response Team members. <https://nccumc.org/disaster/>

Center for Leadership Excellence – Workshops, webinars, speakers, cohorts on many facets of church leadership. <https://nccumc.org/leadership/> Upcoming topics include:

- “Community Safety Through Safe Storage” - a webinar on safe firearm storage and violence prevention.
- Understanding Trauma and Cultivating Compassion in Faith Communities.

- Christian Unity in a World of Disunity” - a webinar discussing why and how we are called to Christian unity and to interreligious hospitality

Pray as you Go – daily prayer and reflection resources

- <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
- Intro from Bishop Shelton: <https://nccumc.org/bishop/2023/01/graceful-hospitality/#pray>

There are many, many more opportunities to get involved. Two good places to browse the Methodist world of missions include <https://www.umc.org/> or <https://nccumc.org/>.

Other Upcoming Resources and Opportunities:

Dementia Series offered through the Academy for Leadership Excellence

Register at <https://nccumc.org/leadership/event/dementia-resourcing-series/#register>

- ***Dementia through the Lens of Grace***, with Bishop Kenneth Carder, **webinar**, October 1, 2-4pm
- **Article**, “Letter to My Pastor,” by Duke Divinity worship professor Lester Ruth, **October 8**
- ***Respite Care for All: Care Ministries for Your Community***, with Daphne Johnston, **Webinar**, October 15, 2024, 1-2 pm
- ***Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens***. Lay Servant Ministries is offering a **10-hour Zoom class** based on Bishop Carder’s book. This course will be facilitated by the Rev. Joey Shelton and will meet five Monday evenings in October and November. Register for the zoom class at <https://nccumc.org/laity/event/ministry-with-the-forgotten/>

Connecting Neighbors

Connecting Neighbors is an UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief – disaster response) designed course for local churches to help prepare both the church and local community to plan and prepare for disaster response.

If you would like to schedule a Connecting Neighbors course for your church, please contact the NC Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, Ann Huffman, at 888-440-9167 or ahuffman@nccumc.org. Visit <https://nccumc.org/disaster/training/connecting-neighbors/> for more information.

Eldering: The Art of Graceful Aging

Tuesday, November 5. A retreat accompanied by group spiritual direction for individuals interested in exploring and experiencing aging as a process toward

becoming the fullest expression of themselves as elders with wisdom, purpose and value for the community and the wider world. Hosted by the Church at Spring Forest, north of Hillsborough, NC. <https://www.springforest.org/event-details/eldering-the-art-of-graceful-aging>

When Grief is Transformative

Register for this workshop with Khris Ford that will present a framework for understanding the process of grief, as well as the basics of trauma and how to recognize it. Hosted by the NC Institute for Spiritual Direction and Formation. In person - September 20, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh. Register at <https://ncspiritualdirection.org/events-and-studies/>

Practicing Resurrection Book Club

Zoom. Four (4) online meetings via Zoom. Tuesdays: September 3, September 10, September 24, and October 1. 6-8 p.m. Eastern Time

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship, by Janet Wolf.

Description: Janet Wolf presents this well-known Gospel through voices and experiences that are often relegated to the margins: where we stand, what we see, to whom we listen, whose stories and voices we value or dismiss that shape the way we understand the world and the Bible.

This book incorporates the stories of those on the margins to uncover how the Gospel is alive and well today, and how God is, and always has been, calling us to live out the Word in a radical way.

Register:

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/804369?&t=92cfa06ed79408db9a9f65ddaaef6ae3>

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Ed

THANK YOU EVERYONE

The Life Choices (baby bottle drive) coin collection this year came in at \$128.00

BIRTHDAYS:



(Please call Church
Office at 599-1193
for your birthday or someone in your home.)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 01 – Emily Humphries
September 02 – Kerry MacIntosh
September 03 – Lilly Atkins, Sarah Illsley
September 04 – Cornelia Loftis
September 05 – Woody Garrett, Grier Briggs
September 06 – Robert Allen, Connee White, Linda Bridges, Corey Harding
September 08 – Jim Owen
September 17 – Keith Burnette, Mark Galloway
September 18 – Elizabeth Sabiston
September 19 – Briggs Atkins
September 21 - Debbie Pergerson
September 25 – Oliver Bolen
September 26 – Bill Westenberger, Luna Castelo, Karen Kerrick
September 28 – Caroline Strickland

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

October 01 – Glenn Stovall
October 03 – Aurora Castelo
October 04 – Janet Lewis
October 06 – Martha Butler
October 08 – Kathleen Hall
October 09 - Ashley Knott
October 10 – Jeanne Gentry Webster
October 12 - Bob Wilkerson
October 13 – Julia Alliger
October 16 - Molly Pierce
October 17 – Kylie Gilbert
October 19 – Pam Day
October 20 – Chase Craig
October 21 – Helen Starr, Rick Blanks
October 23 – Jackie Priestaf
October 24 – Stacey Paith
October 25 – Maxine Galloway
October 26 – Loudell Medford
October 29 – Margaret Bailey
October 30 – Piper Webster
October 31 – Lily Weinberger