

## September Calendar of Events

September 4	Labor Day, office closed
September 6	10:30 am, Prayer Shawl Ministry
September 10	Grandparents Day
September 10	5 pm, UMYF & BYC
September 10	6 pm, choir practice
September 12	6:30 pm, UMW
September 14	10 am - 1 pm, District Clergy Gathering
September 17	5 pm, UMYF & BYC
September 17	6 pm, choir practice
September 20	11 am, JOY Club
September 21	6 pm, Widow/Widowers meeting
September 24	5 pm, UMYF & BYC
September 24	6 pm, choir practice
September 26	10:30 am, Davie Lee Circle
September 26	6:30 pm, Mildred Hall Lowder Circle
September 27	6:30 pm, Lucille Cranford Circle
September 28	6:30 pm, September birthday meal

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### Baby Clothes Needed

Our own Lilly-Ann Wilhelm is employed at Quality Child Care in Oakboro. She is requesting that if you have clean, gently used 0 - 12 months children's clothing that you would like to donate to help a child, please bring them to church and leave them in the Senior High Sunday School class (last door on left in educational building). Lilly-Ann will collect these clothes and get them to the day care. Thank you for your caring.



## September 2023 Newsletter

Dear Church family,

Have you ever been asked to do something and you thought to yourself, this came out of nowhere? Last Fall I was asked to consider serving on the Board of Directors for Stanly Community Christian Ministries. I asked about the commitment, I met the staff and the director, and I toured their temporary facility on South Second Street. I have had a few interactions with SCCM before being invited to help on their board. I found a ministry working hard to meet a variety of needs in the community, and as I learned more about the ministry, I realized that I and others had no idea what they do. When people need help, there are only a few places to turn. At SCCM they can apply to have their rent or utilities paid for the month. If they need food there is a food pantry. If they need clothing, there is the clothing closet in East Albemarle. They also provide the Community Table in Albemarle and Norwood, a free lunch for anyone who needs a warm meal.

How do they accomplish all of this you may be wondering? SCCM is supported financially in 3 main categories: (1) financial contributions from individuals, businesses, and churches, (2) grants from a variety of government and non-government entities, and (3) the clothing closet. If have clothes and household items that you need to donate on occasion, I hope you will consider the clothing closet. Not only do they provide free clothing to those who need that specific need, but they also sell their merchandise to the public. All of the proceeds go right back into helping pay utilities, rent, and sometimes medical expenses for those in need here in Stanly County. As I have gotten to know the volunteers, staff, and fellow board members, I have witnessed firsthand the amazing work being done through this ministry. Just a few weeks ago, a prayer was answered, and SCCM hired one of our own, Cristy Campbell to help with the work of assisting those in need. I hope you will have a chance to listen to the stories she can share. They will truly amaze you. May God bless you and your family in September!

In Christian Love,  
David

## Ministry Opportunities

- **Back Pack Buddies**—Bethany UMC and The Haven at Bethany will partner to provide food items for North Stanly Middle and Richfield Elementary Schools this school year. These items are for food-insecure students that can use the items over the weekends and holidays. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kellie Crump at 980.439.6363 or ext-kkcrump@ncdot.gov.
- **Community Table**—Please contact Kellie Crump at 980.439.6363 if you are willing to serve.
- **Soul Food**—If anyone is interested in helping with providing a meal, please contact Kellie Crump at 980.439.6363.
- **Food Pantry**—Bethany's outdoor pantry gets filled four times per week. If anyone would like to sponsor an item for our outdoor food pantry, please contact Kellie Crump at 980.439.6363 or ext-kkcrump@ncdot.gov.
- **Stanly County Community Inn**—A donation box is located in the Fellowship Hall for the Community Inn.
- **Drink/Can Food Tabs**—Central Elementary is continuing to collect tabs this year for the Ronald McDonald House. You may leave them in the Educational Building kitchen and Linda Rogers will get them.
- **Plastic Grocery Bags**—The Anson County Women's Prison Ministry has resumed its collection of plastic grocery bags. Please drop yours off in the barrel beside the practice piano in the fellowship hall. For those new to this program, the women's prison uses these bags to make sleeping mats and pillows for the homeless. It takes approximately 1,000 bags to make one set of bedding.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—will meet at 10:30 am on Wednesday, September 6, at the home of Pearl Barbee.

### UMYF and BYC

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship (grades 6th through 12th) and the Bethany Youth Club (kindergarten through 5th grades) meet at 5 pm each Sunday evening. We encourage our youth to bring a friend who might be interested in joining our UMYF or BYC.

### JOY Club

The JOY Club will leave the parking lot at 11 am on Wednesday, September 20, for a lunch with Pastor David at the Harrisburg Family Restaurant.

### Widows/Widowers

The widow and widowers meeting is at 6 pm on Thursday, September 21, in the fellowship hall. A light meal will be served.



United Women in Faith News



The United Women in Faith will meet in the Parish House on September 12 at 6:30 pm. All ladies of Bethany are invited to attend. The program will be presented by the Mary and Martha Center for Women and Community Care.

The Mary and Martha Center for Women and Community Care, Inc. is a house of friendship, compassion, and help for women and their family members who are experiencing a difficult life situation and distress. We offer counseling and empowerment services that will assist women to walk with courage and hope through various questions, challenges, and demanding tasks in their lives.

*"In my Father's house are many rooms" John 14:2*

**We believe that God has a place for everybody in His House, and we strive to embody God's hospitality and welcome through our practices of care.**

**Habitat for Humanity:** snacks may be dropped off at the Habitat office.

September 4: Debbie Bailey, Donna Talbert, Linda Rogers

December 2: Becky Axsom, Cathy Kolk, Debbie Bailey

### Circle meetings

- The Davie Lee Circle meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am.
- The Mildred Hall Lowder Circle meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- The Lucille Cranford Circle meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

**General Meeting program and hostess** (2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parish House)

- ★ September 12 - Mildred Hall Lowder Circle, Mary and Martha Center for Women & Community Care.
- ★ October 10 - Lucille Cranford Circle, Lori Thayer from Hospice.

**Reading Program:** For new and "seasoned" readers we have books available that can be read. Books are in UMW Library in the Parish House.

### Dates to Remember:

- ★ September 8-10 - Conference Annual Celebration, Lake Junaluska
- ★ United Women in Faith Sunday, October 15. Rev. Beth Crissman, district superintendent, will be our speaker.
- ★ Luminaries for Life, November 5.
- ★ Uwharrie local officer training Nov. 18. Registration is 9:30 am, training is 10:15-12:15

## United Women in Faith News (cont'd)

### FYI

Bethany's United Women in Faith are selling black embroidered aprons with the Bethany United Methodist Church's name and the cross and flame. Please let Sharon Mason or Debbie Hinson know if you would like to purchase an apron. Cost is \$13.

### Thought for the month

*The most important piece of clothing you must wear is LOVE.  
LOVE is what binds us all together in perfect harmony.*  
Colossians 3:14

In Faith, Action and Sisterhood

Debbie Hinson, Pres. (980-581-0167)

## Illumination of Life November 5, 2023

On Sunday, November 5 (time tbd), The United Women in Faith will place luminaries around the Ryan Wilhelm Memorial Shelter in honor or memory of those we love. A few words will be said and cookies and cider will be served as we enjoy strolling around the shelter. Afterwards you may take the luminaries with you. The light is a battery tea light, so you can use it again.

Luminary forms will be available in the bulletins on Sunday, October 15, 22, and 29. Complete the form and place in offering plate or drop by the church office. Make checks payable to Bethany UMC with "Illumination of Life" noted in the memo line. Each luminary is five dollars.

If you have any questions please call Debbie Hinson, 980-581-0167 or contact the church office.



## Match the Person to the Fun Fact

by Sharon Mason



"Can you just whip something up for the newsletter for my history column?" she asked. "It doesn't have to be history-related," she said. "Oh thank you, I owe you," she replied.... "Yes Cathy, you do."

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| 1. This couple met on a blind date by a self-proclaimed matchmaker              | Jackie Jernigan     |
| 2. In middle school, his hair was long enough for a pony tail                   | Sharon Mason        |
| 3. Cheerleader Captain in high school   | Nancy Duke          |
| 4. Was a for-hire party clown for 15 years                                      | Mike & Susan Crisco |
| 5. Served in the navy for twenty years  | Gordon Mason        |
| 6. Valedictorian of their 1977 high school class                                | Jo Burleson         |
| 7. Valedictorian of their 1978 high school class                                | David Cochran       |
| 8. Parasailed and loved it!   | Cathy Kolk          |
| 9. Earned his Eagle Scout award in record timing                                | Jamie Cochran       |
| 10. Father enrolled them into a career course for fear they'd be a couch potato | Richard Walker      |
| 11. Met at work in the healthcare industry; married just a few months later     | Larry Duke          |
| 12. To de-clutter their house, they may/may not gift their stuff to others      | Anita Walker        |
| 13. Loves to eat 2-3 jalapenos every day  | Todd & Debby Melton |
| 14. Has been married six times.   |                     |

1. Susan and Mike Crisco 2. David Cochran 3. Jamie Cochran 4. Sharon Mason 5. Larry Duke  
6. Anita Walker 7. Richard Walker 8. Jo Burleson 9. Gordon Mason 10. Nancy Duke.  
11. Todd & Debby Melton 12. Cathy Kolk 13. Jackie Jernigan  
14. No one (to our knowledge; just threw that in for fun)

# CARD MINISTRY

## Shut-Ins

Nancy Duke  
1023 Autumn Lane  
New London, NC 28127

Art Drye  
7900 Creedmoor Road  
Apartment 252  
Raleigh, NC 27613-4381

Mary Jane Furr  
Stanly Manor  
625 Bethany Road  
Room 205  
Albemarle, NC 28001

Nelda Haas  
c/o Matthews Place  
411 S. 4th Street  
Apt. 5B  
Albemarle, NC 28001

LaDonne Hearne  
113 Dogwood Circle  
Hampstead, NC 28443  
910.270.5455

David Horne  
(Susan Crisco's brother)  
P.O. Box 248  
Pelham, NC 27311-0248

Frances Horne  
(Susan Crisco's sister)  
c/o Taylor House  
319 Palmer Street  
Room 14  
Albemarle, NC 28001

Betty Huneycutt  
c/o Trinity Place  
24724 US-52  
Room C1  
Albemarle, NC 28001

Marlene Huneycutt  
128 Lowder Road  
Albemarle, NC 28001

Maxine Treece  
108 Potomac River Street  
Garner, NC 27529

Jane Van Sinderen  
Bethany Woods  
33426 Old Salisbury Road  
Room # 314-B  
Albemarle, NC 28001

Sandy Van Sinderen  
c/o Trinity Place  
24724 US-52  
Room G1  
Albemarle, NC 28001

## College Students

Peighton Boing  
ASU Box 11467  
Boone, NC. 28608

Mary Beth Bowers  
Pfeiffer University  
(living at home)  
2903 Greenwood Park Circle  
Albemarle, NC 28001

Jenna Freeman  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
135 Ballentrae Ct.  
Apt 210  
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Lexi Goode  
601 S. College Road  
UNCW Station CB# 22392  
Wilmington, NC 28407

Nic Melton  
UNC-Asheville  
341 Bulldog Drive  
Asheville, NC 28801

## Those in Service

Dane, Tegan, Reagan, and  
Jennings Hatley (Air Force)  
(Deedy Hatley's son)  
10863 E. Scenic Veranda Dr.  
Vail, AZ 85641  
hatleyaf@yahoo.com

Pvt2 S. C. Hurley  
(Canyon Hurley)  
5728 Unit F Harr Ave.,  
Fort Carson, CO 80902



# BIRTHDAYS

September 1

Susan Calloway

September 16

Greyson Boing

September 2

Barry Brummitt

September 16

Teresa Poplin

September 4

Jennings Hatley

September 16

Shelby Wilhelm

September 6

Sandy Almond

September 17

Floyd Greene

September 6

Edward Boyle

September 18

Paige Lamp

September 6

Nancy Lipe

September 19

Aidan Brown

September 7

Dave Cline

September 19

Jada Maxey

September 8

Marty Talbert

September 20

Annette Lowder

September 10

Meredith McCall

September 20

Cathy Lowder

September 12

Leslie Philips

September 20

Larry Watkins

September 12

Crystal Watkins

September 22

Ana Alejo

September 13

Ruth Lovgren

September 23

LaDonne Hearne

September 13

Gabe Lowder

September 23

Kathy Lentz

September 14

Shay Haas

September 26

Abby Amick

September 15

Lainey Bowers

September 26

Linda Johnson

September 15

Tyson Patrick

September 27

Mack Richards

# ANNIVERSARIES

September 2

Mike & Kellie Crump

September 19

Justin & Jennifer Hobbs

September 10

Greg & Leslie Eudy

## Gifts

A gift has been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Pat Clepper by Frank Fauble.

Contribution cards are available in the Narthex. To make a contribution, please complete the card, include your check or cash, place in the envelope, and then into the offering place. An acknowledgement will be sent to those individuals you have requested. In addition, you will receive a receipt from the church office for your tax deductible gift.