



Dear Friends and Members of Union Presbyterian Church,

This June marks the end of a 3 year commitment Union Church made to Lingerfeldt Elementary School. During these 3 years the church has been involved in a ton of ministry at Lingerfeldt! Here's just a sampling: we've had our annual Service Sunday at Lingerfeldt for a number of years, our Women of the Church have given goodies to teachers and helped make Teacher Appreciation week a reality, the Men of the Church's BBQ helped start a fund that got the playground equipment updated and a basketball court resurfaced and hoops erected (pictured below), our SOC Committee has led an Angel Tree program for the school, our W&C Committee has provided materials for the school's Bible Club, and church members have done yard work, brought in clothing, mentored students, volunteered in classrooms, and even been lunch room monitors.

It's been an exciting 3 years. Truly a lot of time, energy, and sweat have been put in at Lingerfeldt. And while I hope that many who are mentoring or volunteering at Lingerfeldt will continue to do so and the church may still feel periodically called to help with needs that may arise at the school, our 3 year commitment has reached it's end. As we ease into our Pneumatrix vision and as we see our commitment to Forestview HS increase, our work with Lingerfeldt will need to lesson.

And that's okay. It's how following God's leading works. In the book *Reset: Living a Grace-Paced Life in a Burnout Culture*, David Murray writes about what following God's call and living a grace-filled life looks like for an individual. He explains that 5 men could do the same thing at the same time (like printing Bibles on an assembly line), while only one is living into God's grace-filled call. He writes,

Mr. Dollar is asking, "How can I make more money?" Mr. Ambitious is asking, "How can I get a promotion?" Mr. Pleaser is asking, "How can I make my boss happy?" Mr. Selfish is asking, "How can I get more personal satisfaction in my job?" They all look and feel miserable. Then we bump into Mr. Grace, who's asking, "In view of God's amazing grace to me in Christ, how can I serve God and other's here?"

It might look like all five are doing the same job, but only one is not stressed, anxious, fearful, or exhausted. Only one is energized from the inside out by God.

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**Elders for June**

Tammy Biddix  
Kim Lee  
Frank Suggs

**Youth Sunday**

June 2

**VBS**

June 10—14

**Church Workday**

June 15

**Stated Session**

June 23

**Faith & Healing Service**

June 30

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In the same way we are called to individually follow God in a grace-filled way, the living out of our vision as a church should similarly be grace-filled. Among others, Murray argues that this kind of living requires 3 things: **Refueling, Rethinking, and Reducing.**

**REFUELING**— Murray writes that individually we should take 1 Corinthians 10:31 seriously. Everything we consume, food or activities, should be done to the glory of God. It is the same in the church. There are certain activities, ministries, and ways we serve in the community that we do as a body that are very important to who we are. They are the ministries that are truly important to our DNA. And with these activities we need to ask ourselves two important questions every time we do them together. (1) If this activity is so important, am I glorifying God as a participate in this activity? Am I being grateful and allowing God to use me fully? And (2) am I allowing this important activity to refuel my relationship with God and church family? If we answer no to either question, we clearly aren't doing it right!

**RETHINKING**—Murray also claims that when it comes to our identity in Christ, that there should always be parts that need some growing. We are all “works in progress” and as we look at our lives there are always parts of how we do certain things and react in situations that could be more Christ-like. In a similar way, as we continue to follow God's calling as a church living into the vision God has for us, there are certain ministries that we do that might need to change a little too. It isn't that we were doing those ministries “wrong” before or that it didn't work “fine” the way it was, but maybe by tweaking the activity a little it might line up a little more to where God is calling us.

**REDUCING**— Finally, Murray makes a strong case that when it comes to our individual walk with Christ in a world that is all go until you are used up and burned-out, pruning is essential. We need to be able to prioritize our God-given responsibilities and desires from the things that should be added to our delay or never do lists. The same is true for our church's vision. As we try new ventures while trying to follow God's leading as church, some of the things (that people aren't as passionate about or no one wants to lead) need to be pruned. It doesn't mean that those events weren't important, special, or at one time vital to the congregation. It just means they have run their course and it's time to celebrate the impact they have had and give them a rest!

Our all-church focused effort at Lingerfelt may have ended, but that's not something to be sad about! We can celebrate what has been accomplished there! And we can look forward with excitement to where God is leading us next. We can already see glimpses of this call! On July 2, Forestview HS will be having their Graduation Vesper Service right here at the church and all of us have the opportunity to be part of the water giveaway that we will be doing in our parking lot on June 8 in connection with the Forestview Graduation Ceremony. God is clearly doing a good thing!!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor James

## **WORSHIP FOR JUNE**

June 2- Youth Sunday

Ascension Sunday; Graduation Sunday

June 9- Romans 8:12-27, “The Great Commission: Facing Fears”

Pentecost; Celebration of Lord's Supper [note the different date]

June 16– Romans 5:1-5, “The Great Commission: Following a well tread path”

Trinity Sunday; Father's Day

June 23– Galatians 3:23-29, “Wise Lessons from Galatians: Keep You Passport up to Date”

June 30– Galatians 5:1, 13-18, “Wise Lessons from Galatians: Don't eat like a Horse.”

July 7– Galatians 6:1-10, “Wise Lessons from Galatians: Use the Whole 9 Yards.”

Celebration of Lord's Supper

# Following the Spirit Activities in June



This month there are 3 ways we are visibly moving forward with our new vision.

**#1 The Forestview Graduation Vesper Service** will be held at Union Presbyterian Church June 2 in the evening. The service is mostly student led and Pastor James will give a closing prayer.

**#2** On June 8, join members of Union in our parking lot at 7:45 am as we **hand out water bottles** to those attending Forestview Graduation. If enough are here to help, we will have a second station at Stephen’s Stump.

**#3** Mid-month keep a look out in the Rotunda for another set of 20 **Welcome to the Neighborhood Bags** that you are invited to help deliver to the doorstep of new homeowner’s in our community!

## UNION’S MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

Union Presbyterian Church is **Seeking to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known** by:

- Actively sharing the Good News of Christ to the students of Forestview High school
- Becoming a church of outward focused Missional Groups
- Communicating the Gospel in worship and in the community through a variety of media platforms
- Enthusiastically welcoming new additions to the community & being a place of Christian hospitality to our region

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL– MERE CHRISTIANITY

Like last year, starting June 16 there will be one Adult Sunday School Class for the summer. This year, the older youth (in their own class) and the adult’s will be studying the same book, *Mere Christianity*, by CS Lewis. In April of 2000, *Mere Christianity* was named the most important book of the last century by Christianity Today. The book is actually based on a series of Radio Talks Lewis gave during WWII to explain how he came to faith and it serves as a wonderful look at the fundamentals of what it means to follow Christ. This class would be helpful for anyone who wished to really get a refresher on the foundational elements of faith or be able to better and being able to explain those elements to others. The material that will be shared each Sunday is fairly stand alone (but put together will make a much more powerful whole) and you will not need to read the book to be part of class (although books and reading schedules will be available for those who want to read along). We hope you join us for this exciting Summer series!



DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN’S CHURCH
June 2	Sue Lewis Martha Simmons	Eddie Moton Pam Moton
June 9	Vicky Holeman Jan Painter	Jenny Cabe Mickie Nelson
June 16	Melody Caldwell Twilah Jordan	Eric Nelson Jennifer Nelson
June 23	Shelly Grigg Allison Jones	Faye Harrell Kimberly Morrison
June 30	Tammy Biddix Mickie Nelson	Leslie Harris Sally McGinnis

# MEN'S MINISTRY & BBQ UPDATE

## Backpack Food Ministry

The Men of the Church sponsor a food program that helps school children from families, identified by the teachers, who need assistance. Meals are placed in the backpacks of the student recipients each Friday so they have something to eat over the weekend. See below for some comments that teachers have heard from the kids at WA Bess about this vital program. These comments make all the challenges of the BBQ worth it!

*"One student thanks me (almost) each week because his parents are from job to job, and there is not enough money for sufficient food and rent money too."*

*"My student looks forward to her Friday bag so I know it's being used and is needed. She has commented on occasion when absent on a Friday that she missed her "bag."*

*"It has been a great program for my student. His family struggles with finances and this really makes an impact."*

*"My student anxiously awaits his bag on Friday and talks about enjoying the food over the weekend."*

*"This student is taking care of herself and younger siblings most mornings/days (2<sup>nd</sup> grader). I'm sure this food is helpful and convenient to her."*

**A heart felt "thank you"** to all who helped make the Men's BBQ such a success again, both to those who helped out and those who bought plates. We raised over \$2,500, half of which will go to the weekend Backpack program.

*Thank You*

**Thank you,** Melody Caldwell, Mickie Nelson, Marvin Hagan, Charlie Nelson, Ron Laird, Lewis Brooks, Sally McGinnis, Jason Cabe, Emma Kate Nelson, Wyatt Nelson, for helping clean up the church while Jason was away on vacation. Special Thanks from the Building & Grounds Committee.

**Thank you** for allowing us to use your facility for our Girl Scout Troop and all that you do for us! God Bless, Troop 13227

**A great big THANK YOU** from Nancy Newman to Shelly Grigg and Melody Caldwell who are so faithful to help get our newsletter out monthly!

### PASTOR'S SUMMER DAY OFF

Starting June 16 and continuing until the end of August, Pastor James' day off will be Thursdays (during the school year it is Fridays). He will still be available for emergencies every day and church office hours will continue to be Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am– 1:00 pm. Thank you!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



## Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Please note, due to Youth Sunday, there is a date change for Communion from the first Sunday of June to **June 9**.

## Attention Shoppers!

Sunday, June 2 is your last chance to shop at the Loaves & Fishes Store. The bargains are flowing with a buy-one-get-one-free day! Our personal shoppers will be delighted to help you pack a great big bag for the Crisis Assistance Ministry.

## Youth Sunday & Celebrating Grads

Sunday, June 2, we will be celebrating those who are graduating from High School and college. It is also Youth Sunday and our youth will be leading the service. They have chosen the worship music, prayers, responsive reading and Scriptures. There will also be skits! Miss Jordan Jones will be presenting the message that day. Please come and let's support Union's Youth!



## Vacation Bible School

**Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, 6 PM—8:30 PM**

Grab your cowboy hat and saddle-up your horse for *Giddyup Junction*, the 2019 VBS. This is a great time for boys and girls to learn about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Check out the included flyer in this newsletter for more details!

## Church Work Day

On Saturday, June 15 from 8 AM—12 PM, Building & Grounds is hosting a workday at the church. We will be trimming bushes and general maintenance of the grounds. Please come out and help us beautify our church grounds. Bring typical yard tools and strong backs.



## Happy Years

Wednesday, June 19 at 12 PM, Happy Years will meet for lunch (lunch provided, donations accepted). Please come join us for good food and some wonderful fellowship, no matter what age you are.

## Faith & Healing Service

Join us following worship on June 30 for our next Faith and Healing Prayer Service. This is an opportunity for you to receive prayers of healing or strength for difficult decisions that you or someone you care about may be facing. Oil will be available for anointing if you so desire.

## Kids Spreading "Son" Shine

The Children's Sunday School rotation beginning in June will be collecting items for a "SONSHINE" basket for Jaclyn Simmons, the 3 year old sister of Remington (Martha's grandchild). Please note the insert in the newsletter and help us bless this little girl and the Simmons family. Thank you.

## Red Month

Because Pentecost falls in the month of June, we invite you to wear red or accessorize with red through-



**Financial Report  
April 30, 2019**

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenue	19,708	\$64,828
Expenses	<u>17,858</u>	<u>65,202</u>
	1,850	- 374

**Monthly Budget Requirements 18,601**

If you have any questions regarding the financial information of the Church, please feel free to contact Martha Simmons, Disbursing Treasurer, or any member of the Finance Committee. Martha is responsible for disbursements only. Questions regarding your financial giving to the Church should be directed to Billy Wilson, Treasurer.

Presbytery  
Prayer  
Calendar

Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer

- June 2 Bridgewater  
3327 US Highway 70 West  
Morganton, NC 28655
- June 9 Brittain  
3456 Us Highway 64  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
- June 16 Brittain's Cove  
P. O. Box 1590  
Weaverville, NC 28787
- June 23 Bryson City  
P.O. Box 549  
Bryson City, NC 28713  
bcpc@pcpcusa.org
- June 30 Buladean  
217 Blevins Branch Road  
Bakersville, NC 28705



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Each Sunday</b>  <b>9:45 AM</b>                      Sunday School  <b>11 AM</b>                      Worship</p>						<b>1</b>
<p><b>2</b>    <b>9 AM</b>                      WOC</p> <p><b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b>                      SOC</p>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b>    <b>10 AM</b>                      Bible Study</p> <p><b>6 PM</b>                      C &amp; T  <b>7 PM</b>                      B &amp; G</p>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>8</b>    <b>Forestview</b>  <b>Graduation</b>  <b>7:45 AM</b> water                      distribution</p>
<p><b>9</b>    <b>9 AM</b>                      W&amp;C</p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b>                      (note date change)</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b>                      W &amp; S</p>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b>    <b>10 AM</b>                      Bible Study</p>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b>                      8 AM—12 PM</p> <p><b>WORK DAY</b></p>
		<p><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b></p>			<p><b>GiddyUp JUNCTION</b>                      6 PM - 8:30 PM</p>	
<p><b>16</b>    </p>	<b>17</b>	<p><b>18</b>    <b>10 AM</b>                      Bible Study</p>	<p><b>19</b>    <b>12 PM</b>                      Happy Years  <b>5:30 PM</b>                      Finance  <b>7 PM</b>                      Choir                      Rehearsal</p>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<p><b>23</b>    <b>8:30 AM</b>                      MOC</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b>                      Stated Session</p>	<b>24</b>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>10 AM</b>                      Bible Study</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>7 PM</b>                      Choir                      Rehearsal</p>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
				<p><b>Pastor James on Vacation</b></p>		
<p><b>30</b>                      Faith &amp; Healing                      Service</p>						

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
Tuesday—Friday  
Office Closed Monday and Saturday



## SAVE THE DATES

June 10-14	Vacation Bible School
June 16	Father's Day
July 28	Faithful Fellowship with Food
August 11	Service Sunday