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## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday School

Sundays at 9:00 AM

### Methodism 101

On hold until July. We have finished History. United Methodist Polity will begin on July 5th lasting only a couple of weeks. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't taken the History portion yet. We will conclude with United Methodist Doctrine beginning in mid to late July.

### Men's & Women's Small Groups

*Women's Leader: Tammy Thore Men's Leader: Greg Johnson*

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Wednesday at 6:30 PM

*Leader: Beverly Clayton*

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the parlor.

### Wednesday Prayer & Devotion

12:00-12:30 PM in the sanctuary every Wednesday.

### Free Wednesday Community Meal

Weekly from 5:30 until 6:30 PM.

April 29 Menu - BBQ chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, dessert & drink

## Upcoming Events

MONDAY, MAY 4- THURSDAY, MAY 7

Leadership Retreat - Pastor Kristy is out of town but available by text or email

THURSDAY, MAY 7

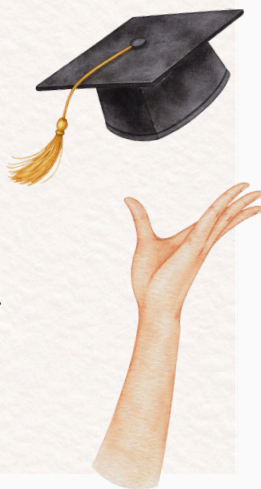
National Day of Prayer - 11:00 at Ashe County Courthouse ([Agenda](#))

Active Adults- 11:30 am at Oldhouse Goods in Jefferson

### VACATION

Pastor Kristy and Dewayne will be on vacation beginning the afternoon of May 10th and will return on the afternoon of May 24th. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please contact Mike Collier 919-330-2226.

# Graduation Sunday



Join us during worship on Sunday, May 31, as we recognize and celebrate the achievements of our graduating students.

If you are graduating or have a child who is graduating, please send the following to Ashley, [umcjefferson@gmail.com](mailto:umcjefferson@gmail.com) by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Photo of the graduate,
- Name of degree and school name
- Future plans

## Welcome, August Emory Knox Rogers!

August Emory Knox Rogers was born at 2:14 AM on April 19, weighing 7 lbs 7.9 oz and measuring 19 inches long. Congratulations to proud parents Patrick and Toria on their beautiful baby girl!



Explore the United Methodist Church Handbook—a clear, print-ready guide to who we are, how we're connected, and how we live out our shared mission. Updated for the current quadrennium, it's a trusted resource for learning, teaching, and leading.



## In Preparation for Sunday...

*"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"  
(John 14:2)*

John 14 offers familiar words even for those who spend little time reading the scriptures. Verse 1-4 are words that we often hear spoken at funerals. In *The United Methodist Book of Worship* it is a suggested scripture text for funerals. For those in the midst of grief, Jesus' promise of "preparing a place," offers hope that this present life is not all that there is.

Jesus also makes another promise in chapter 14.

*"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father."  
(John 14:12)*

Prior to this promise Jesus made a bold statement:

*"I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him"  
(John 14:6-7)*

This week we will look at John 14:1-14. This is the lectionary text for Sunday; but, what I realize is that this passage alone could inspire several sermons. There is the doctrine of eternal life available in Jesus. There is the doctrine of the incarnation - "If you know me, you will know my Father also." There is the doctrine of the ministry of all believers. So I must choose one.

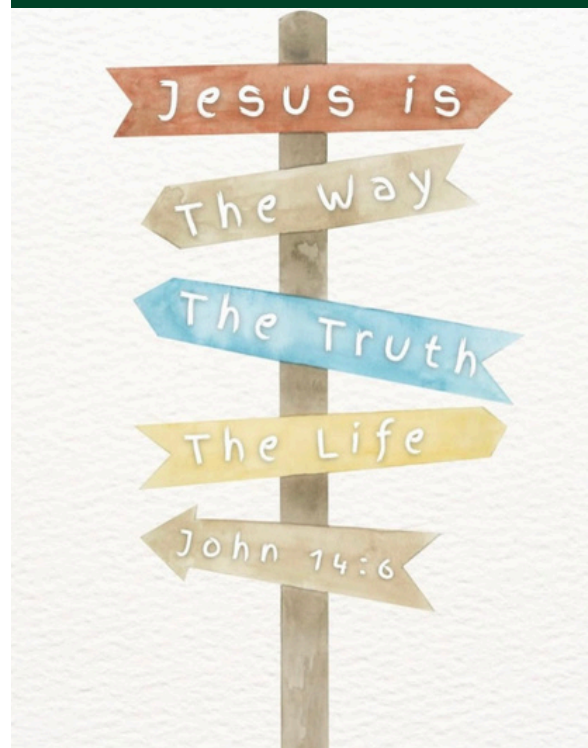
On Sunday we will focus on Jesus' promise that, "the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do." This promise does not come to us in a vacuum though. It is connected to the verses before it, specifically Jesus' proclamation that he is the way, the truth and the life. There is a connection between our belief and how we live. To quote Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts Ministries at UMC Discipleship Ministries "I think it is interesting that Jesus doesn't just answer that he is the way—he adds truth and life. It is as if to say, 'I am the way, and to follow the way, you have to both believe the truth of who I am and live the way I show you to live.'" The one who believes will also do the works that Jesus does.

I look forward to worshipping with you.  
See you Sunday!  
Kristy

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## Who Are These People??

We have heard a lot of Mike's stories but let's meet Mike and Kathy!

Kathy is from Laurinburg, NC, and Mike is originally from the Knoxville, TN area and moved to Laurinburg around age 9-10. They met in Band at Scotland High School, Kathy played alto clarinet and Mike played base clarinet. Yes they were high school sweethearts. Mike then went to Wake Forest University and Kathy to UNC-Greensboro, but when they were married she transferred to Wake.



Mike got the call to ministry at a Billy Graham youth crusade in Dallas, TX, but spent years running from his calling until he could not anymore. He attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX, and later got his Doctorate from Campbell University.

Kathy majored in Math and later got her Master's Degree in Math Education from ASU. Kathy worked in bookkeeping and then went into teaching and has for the most part always taught math.



They moved with Mike's jobs as a Baptist Minister with time in Dublin, NC, North Wilkesboro, Lexington, and Goldsboro, and bought a home in Ashe, finally retiring here. Kathy still works part time as a math tutor with WCC.

They have a daughter Erin who teaches math at ASU and a grand-daughter Rhianna who is in grad school in Colorado. Their son Jared is a guidance counselor who is married to Allison, a Baptist pastor in Richmond, VA. Their grandsons are Josiah and Liam.

Mike is our Discipleship Leader and currently serves on the Leadership Board. He is on the Worship Design Team and teaches Sunday School and helps teach the Men's Group Bible Study. Kathy is active in the Women's Small Group and is on the Finance team and serves as church Treasurer, and plays bells. We are so glad to have these Baptist turned Methodists in our church!



Want to know what's going on at JUMC? Click here to view our online [calendar](#). Email [umcjefferson@gmail.com](mailto:umcjefferson@gmail.com) to have an event added.





## Building Beloved Community: Courage for the Times We're Living In

We are living in a time when fear often speaks louder than love, and power is often confused with faithfulness. What does the Church have to say—and how are we called to respond?

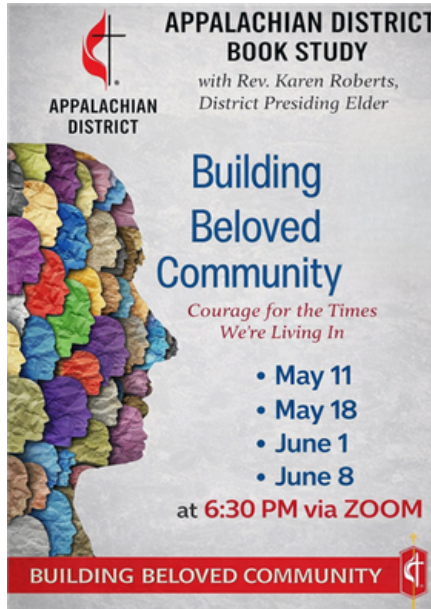
Join us for a district-wide study of Building Beloved Community, a resource from our Council of Bishops. Together, we will wrestle with Scripture, theology, and our shared calling to lead with courage, resist fear, and embody the love of Christ in our communities.

This is an invitation to move beyond easy answers and toward deeper discipleship—together.

If you are interested in participating in this book study, please click here to register. Space is limited, with 20 books reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Books will be available for pick-up at our May 3rd District Leadership Training at First UMC in North Wilkesboro.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of learning and reflection.

Blessings to you,  
Lory Beth Huffman  
Appalachian District Superintendent



## Memorials

Contributions have been made in memory of Mary Gordon Tugman by the following:

Legacy Fund  
Jimmy & Alice Thompson  
Lynn Saunders

Contributions have been made in memory of Sarah Johnson by the following:

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Contributions have been made in memory of John Brown by the following:

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[Click here for an update on NRC's rebuilding project](#)



SHINING GOD'S LIGHT IN ASHE COUNTY



*Just Married*

Congratulations to Anna Wooten and Ben Akman on their April 11 marriage in San Antonio, Texas. Anna is an Air Force pediatrician and Ben is a genetic counselor. Both will be moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in June. Anna is the daughter of Jim & Marilyn Wooten.



## NOTES OF APPRECIATION FROM POWELL UMC

*Jefferson UMC,*

*Thank you for hosting us this past week. We have called the Fellowship Hall, the classrooms and kitchen "home." We have left o serve and returned to share - growing together in faith and service. As we go, we will continue to hold the people and beauty of NC's High Country in our prayers as recovery continues.*

*- Sandy Huber*

Your hospitality is so appreciated. Thank you so much for hosting us this week - we had a wonderful experience with all the folks in Ashe County.

*- Kelly Brown*

Thank you to the Jefferson UM church for hosting us this week! Your hospitality allowed us to partner with God to offer hope and serve the community. We pray God's grace surrounds you and your neighbors as the community continues to recover. - Pastor Carrie

Wow! Thanks for your generous hosting of our group. It has worked wonderfully well for us. We hope we have been good service to your community.

*- Brook Huber*

*Staying at your church has been one of the many blessings we have had on our mission trip. Thank you for your hospitality.*

*- Julie Lothes*

Thank you for hosting PUMC and providing a hospitable place for us to rest, regroup, nourish and have fellowship. - Kathy Nissenbaum

Thank you for all your kindness in hosting us this week. The hospitality of this area was amazing. - Janet McGranch

*Thank you for allowing us to stay during our time in Ashe. - Sarah Bednar*

*Thanks so much for hosting us this week. Greatly appreciated! - Bob Deal*

*Thank you so much for hosting us at your beautiful church! We appreciate it!  
- Karen Curren*

*Thank you so much for your warm hospitality.. - Ed Rainaldi*

*Thank you so much for your wonderful hospitality!  
- Mary S.*





## Birthdays

April 4	John Francioni
April 6	Martha Scott
April 7	Carol Seaman
April 13	Jim Hallsey
April 14	Leigh Bradley
April 19	Dalene Hardison
April 25	Kendra Perkins
April 26	Arlene Letourneau
April 30	Donna Allen Phillips
	Ruth Ashe
	JJ Johnston

## Anniversaries

April 4	Michael & Joan Bell
April 29	Bradley & Aletha Eller

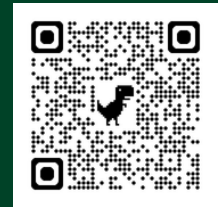
## Card Ministry Leader

Marsha Goforth

## Prayer Team Leaders

April 5	Carol Seaman
April 12	Ruth Ashe
April 19	Jennie Hallsey
April 26	Jim & Marilyn Wooten

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## Birthdays

- May 5 Sharon Duvall
- May 9 Marsha Goforth
- May 10 Bobbie Barden
- May 15 Kevin Wonsick
- May 22 Gay Freeman  
Mary Anne Moore
- May 25 Olivia Brown
- May 28 Chloe Henson
- May 29 Donna Northrop
- May 31 Swift Black  
Linda Segraves

## Anniversaries

- May 6 Kevin & Mindy Wonsick
- May 14 Ben & Grier Hurley
- May 19 Travis & Kendra Perkins
- May 23 Greg & Jenny Johnson  
Brent & Angela Livingood
- May 24 Paul & Loyce Horan
- May 25 Joe & Beverly Clayton

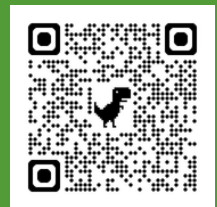
## Card Ministry Leader

Katie Thore

## Prayer Team Leaders

- May 3 Carol Seaman
- May 10 Ruth Ashe
- May 17 Jennie Hallsey
- May 24 Jim & Marilyn Wooten
- May 31 Anne Shumate

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# Gifts, Presence & Service

WEEK OF APRIL 20-26

## Gifts

Weekly Giving	\$5,320.26	Weekly Budget	\$5,740
March Giving	\$44,634.23	Monthly Budget	\$24,871

## Presence

Worship	72	Online Worship	107
Sunday School	23		

## Service

Food Pantry Households	26	Individuals	77
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Your gifts matter! Thank you for your generosity.

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## Remember in Prayer

Please let Pastor Kristy or Ashley know if there is a name that should be added or removed from the prayer list.

### MEMBERS:

Liz Poulos, Glenn & JoAnn Crawley, Alice Graves, Gay Freeman, Carol Seaman, Martha Scott, Alice Thompson, Paul & Loyce Horan (traveling), Anthony Benson (school)

### MILITARY:

Anatoly Ray, Riley Watson, John Wooten, Nicole Seaman, Anna Wooten, Jake Duvernois, Delsin Baker, Ben Trivette, Sydney Rose Cook

### FRIENDS:

Jim Gambill, Walter Pugh, Buddy Mash, Stuart Tugman, Stuart Tugman Jr., Gail Rothstein, Emma Griffis, John Camp, Gail Mossholder, Madison Mielke, Michael Badger, Mack Little, Doug Brown, Steve Wall, Roy Richardson, Carl Willis, Brenda Boyd, Johnny, - cancer, Steve Lecount, Gerald & Angela Long, Richard Livingood, Candy Lawrence, Conflict in Iran & Ukraine, Nova Pulley (Beverly Clayton's new grandson), August Emory Knox Rogers, The McCoy Family, Chelsea Taylor Reece, Delsin Baker (unspoken), Bob Cooper, Craige Wilkes (Margo Levi's dad), Riley (car accident), Christine (Paul & Loyce Horan's daughter).

### OUR STAFF:

Kristy Burnette, Ashley Church, Michael Bell, Anthony Benson, Clay Camp, Angie Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Lynette Driver Jude



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