

the *Beacon*

*First United Methodist Church
Marion, NC*

SEPTEMBER



2018

***Keep Moving, Keep Making
Keep Ministering***



Dear Friends of Marion FUMC,

When Hudson Taylor was sailing to China to begin his missionary work, his ship was in great danger. The wind had died, and the current was carrying them toward sunken reefs which were close to islands inhabited by cannibals—so close they could see them building fires on the shore. Everything they tried was to no avail. In his journal Taylor recorded what happened next: *The Captain said to me, “Well, we have done everything that can be done.” A thought occurred to me, and I replied, “No, there is one thing we have not done yet.” “What is that?” he queried. “Four of us on board are Christians. Let us each retire to his own cabin, and in agreed prayer ask the Lord to give us immediately a breeze.”*

Taylor prayed briefly and then, certain that the answer was coming, went up on the deck and asked the first officer to let down the sails. *“What would be the good of that?” he answered roughly. I told him we had been asking a wind from God; that it was coming immediately.* Within minutes the wind did began to blow, and it carried them safely past the reefs.

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Taylor wrote: *Thus God encouraged me ere landing on China’s shores to bring every variety of need to Him in prayer, and to expect that He would honor the name of the Lord Jesus and give the help each emergency required.*

Knowing that our prayers touch the heart of our loving Father in Heaven and that He can meet any need, we should be confident that He will hear and answer when we cry out to Him.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Warren

Members in Action

Acolytes

Sept. 2	McKinna Young, Tessa Ross
Sept. 9	Hannah Settlemyre, Anna Miller
Sept. 16	Zeb and LuLu Kincaid
Sept. 23	Cassandra Kagan, Clara McCartha

Children's Church

Sept. 2	Jerri Young
Sept. 9	Ashley McCartha
Sept. 16	Angela Bryan
Sept. 23	Ginny Rhodes
Sept. 30	Jessica Ross

Sunday School

Pre-School	Amy Moomaw
Elementary	Jane Kelly
Pre-teen	Dina Stainbrook
Youth	Jerri Young

Coffee Cleanup

Emmaus Forum Class

Sound

Chris Wilson

Lector

Sept. 2	Tracey Owens
Sept. 9	Hayden Vaughn
Sept. 16	Leslie Smith
Sept. 23	Chris Goudreau
Sept. 30	Chris Goudreau

Monday Counting Teams

Sept. 3	Norman Guthrie, Kathy Atkinson
Sept. 10	Linda Davidson, Ann Arney
Sept. 17	Danny Cook, Jimmy Blanton
Sept. 24	Cathy Cook, Ruth Sander
Sept. 31	Norman Guthrie, Kathy Atkinson

Ushers

Sept. 2	Wayne and Linda Davidson Edwin and Julia Quinn
Sept. 9	Adam Miller, Maggie Vaughn
Sept. 16	Ben Kagan, Eavan Miller
Sept. 23	Angie Hines, Patti Holda
Sept. 30	

September Calendar

Mon., Sept. 3	<i>Labor Day</i> (church office closed)
Wed., Sept. 5	8:00 am-Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm-Hand Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Psalter Choir
Thurs., Sept. 6	10:00 am-Ladies Bible Study Begins
Fri., Sept. 7	10:00 am-Quilted Hugs
Mon., Sept. 10	6:00 pm-ECEC Board Meeting 7:00 pm-Mayme Tainter Circle
Wed., Sept. 12	8:00 am-Men's Bible Study 9:00 am-Coffee Club 10:00 am-Morning Circle 5:30 pm-Wonderful Wed. Meal 6:00 pm-New Adult Study Friends in Faith 6:00 pm-Hand Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Psalter Choir
Mon., Sept. 17	6:00 pm-Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm-Finance Meeting
Wed., Sept. 19	8:00 am-Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm-Wonderful Wednesday Activities (see box below)
Thurs., Sept. 20	7:00 pm-SPRC Meeting
Fri., Sept. 21	6:45 pm-Movie Night
Sun., Sept. 23	6:00 pm-McDowell Methodist Community Service (with special Youth praises) Here at FUMC
Wed., Sept. 26	8:00 am-Men's Bible Study 9:00 am-Coffee Club

Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm	Wed. Night Meal
6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	Friends in Faith
	Hand Bell Choir
7:00 pm	Psalter Choir Practice



United Methodist Women



The Mayme Tainter Circle will meet on
Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm
in the Parlor

*Hostesses are Patricia Weathers and
Elaine Settlemyre.*

Tracey Owens will present the program.

The Morning Circle will meet on
Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 am
in the Parlor.

Daisy Robinette is the hostess.



Youth and Children's News



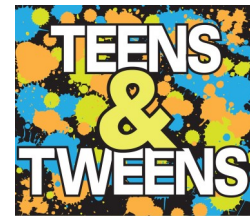
Wednesdays
 6:00pm-7:00
 Kids JAM (Jesus & Music)
 Ages 3-12
 Pre-Teen Puppets (Seasonal)
 Grades 4th-6th
 Handbells (Seasonal)
 Ages 7-12

**Wonderful Wednesday
 Meals:**

5:30pm.
 The cost is \$5.00 for ages 5 & up.
 Please sign up by Tuesday each week on the communication board outside the Sanctuary. Meals are catered from various restaurants.



Sundays
 9:45 - 10:45
 Sunday School
 Ages 7 - 18
"KIDS IN ACTION"
 For ages 3 - 6
 Adult classes are available for parents during these times.



Announcements!

- 2nd- Youth Council Meeting after church in the library.
- 9th- Children's Council Meeting after church in the library. *Community Unity is at 3:00 at East Middle school in the auditorium. Youth, children & parents are encouraged to come.
- 16th- Kids to Buck Creek Trout Farm after church. Bring a change of clothes. Hotdogs will be served. Email Jerri if you would like to donate a food item.
- ** Spirit Fest starts at 6:00pm at the church. All children and parents are encouraged to come!
- 23rd- Youth are hosting our Community Worship Service! Youth are performing from our church and other Methodist churches. Invite friends to worship with us!
- 29th- Fall Festival 5:30pm-8:00pm Join us for fun and games. Costumes welcomed!

Memorials

In Memory of

Jennie Miller

Lunch Bunch Girls
Mike and Kathy Rabb
Ann and Mitch Arney
Tom and Kathy Atkinson
Frank and Debra Boldon
Phillip and Kay Tate
Phillip and Kay Tate

Jerry Sisk

Members of First United Methodist,
We want to thank you for your prayers during our recent “medical journey.” Ansel received a liver transplant on June 6th at MUSC Hospital in Charleston, SC. After two months, recovery and healing continue day by day as our lives transition back to more normalcy. Similarly, we ask that prayer be devoted to the donor’s surviving family during their continued bereavement and emotional recovery. Their loss has provided life for our family.

Again, as your back-door neighbor on Richard Drive, we just can’t THANK YOU enough for your prayers and support during this trying time.

Amy and Ansel Clark.

A special thank you is extended to the ***Elementary Sunday School Class for painting prayer rocks for Ansel. These continue to bless our flower box beside our driveway. They have meant SO much to us!

Dear First United Methodist Church,
Thank you for the beautiful reception for us on Sunday. The food was wonderful and so beautifully presented
It was wonderful to have a chance to see everyone before our great new adventure.
Blessings on you all,
Love,
Fred and Mary



Don't Forget...



UMW Rummage Sale!
Saturday, Oct. 6

You can start bringing items to the stage area of the Fellowship Hall September 22!

September Birthdays

Sept. 1 Charles Brown
Bunnie Burgin
Sept. 2 Will Moomaw
Hannah Ross
Sept. 3 C.J. Dellinger
Sept. 7 Robin Dunnebacke
Michele Settlemyre
Sept. 8 Cathy Cook
Tawnya Kagan
Sept. 10 Kathy McCoy
Sept. 16 Janet Morgan

Sept. 19 Aroura Tippey
Sept. 20 Hannah Settlemyre
Hayden Vaughn
Sept. 21 Avangeline Pool
Sept. 22 Derek Ishikura
Eavan Smith
Sept. 23 Olivia Brown
Joan Hensley
Sept. 24 Helen Goudreau
Sept. 25 Chris Rhodes



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