



May

Events

- 2nd 6-9PM Date Night
- 4th 8:00AM UMW Breakfast
- 6th 1:00PM No Idle Hands
- 5:30PM Trustees Meeting
- 8th 5:30PM Finance Committee
- 10th 9:00AM Firewood Ministry
Workday
- 11th Mother's Day
12:15PM Family Fun Day
- 18th 12:00PM Church Council
- 20th 1:00PM No Idle Hands
- 25th 8:00AM UMM Breakfast
8:30AM River of Life
(The Season Begins!)

Weekly Events

Sundays:

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service	11:00 AM
Stone Soup	6:00 PM

Mondays:

Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
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Wednesdays:

WoW!	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Birthdays

- 9th Shirley Waters
- 14th Sue Cooper
- 15th Larry Callicutt
- 19th Carolyn Blanton
- 23rd Ron Smith Jr.
- 25th Carole Maennle
- 26th David Pedersen
- 27th Glenda Callicutt
- 28th Kathy Collins
- 29th Pat Game
- 31st Jonathan Woodard

Anniversaries

- 3rd Roland & Jan McGregor
- 10th Tim & Sue Cooper
- 16th Kevin & Mikki Phillips
- 22nd Peter & Carol Shell
- 23th Paul & Jeanette Beaudry



Coming Soon

United Methodist Men

The next UMM Breakfast will be at 8am on Sunday, May 25 in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will have their next meeting on Sunday, May 4 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to attend.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11! Don't forget to purchase your Mother's Day Rose Card by Tuesday, May 6. Look for the form in your bulletin or contact Nancy Jones.

Firewood Ministry

There will be a workday for our new firewood ministry on Saturday, May 10. We will meet in the back parking lot at 9am. If you have firewood or trees to donate, please contact Rick Colcord.

River of Life

Our first service for 2014 will be on Sunday, May 25th starting at 8:30 am on the porch of the Big Wesser BBQ & Brew at NOC beside the river. Plenty of parking is available in the rafting parking lot behind "Big Wesser." For more info, go to <http://www.nantahalariveroflife.org/>

Giving Faithfully

It has been said that "God loves a cheerful giver." (2Co 9:7) One of the things our leadership and finance committees have been talking about is how we can make giving more convenient and work better for how many of us spend money today. The Finance Committee will be sharing more information about each of the following areas over the next month:

Direct Deposit – the bank automatically drafts the amount you set to be deposited. (We started this last year but plan to tell you more about it.)

Giving Center – there will be a new "Giving Center" set up in the back of the sanctuary to allow you to give with a credit or debit card.

Online Giving – anyone from anywhere will be able to give to the church's general fund.

We will also be holding ourselves accountable in providing you with better information about how we are faithfully using the money given to the general fund and special accounts.



Ministry Transition Time

Both the Sunday evening Stone Soup and Wednesday evening Worship on Wednesday ministries have just concluded their study and message series. We will be determining what's next at our next gathering. Call the church office or check the website for the latest information.

Ann Steele – Organ Concert

If you missed the wonderful concert on the church organ by Ann Steele, CD's are available in the church office for \$1.



Thank You Mikki

We won't really be saying goodbye and will see Mikki most every Sunday but starting on May 12, Mikki will no longer be serving as the Church Secretary and Media Specialist. We congratulate Mikki on her new full-time job at the casino which will be a financial blessing to her and Kevin. Many folks have enjoyed her warm and welcoming presence these many years when they enter our doors. We are glad that Mikki will continue to help out in the future with various projects and ministries.

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He is Risen!

Bryson Buzz

He is Risen Indeed!

As Christians, we recognize that the resurrection was not only a one-time historical event, but something that is relevant to each of us every day. “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (2Co 5:17 NLT) How do you need to be made new today?

Next Steps

You may have heard about a group of our church leaders, called the Next Steps Team, who have been selected by the Smoky Mountain District to be guided through the process of assessing the special gifts of our church and see where they fit within our community.

Our Next Steps Team is made up of Rick & Christine Colcord (lay leader and trustees), Sam & Penny Brandt (UM men and nurture), Catherine Cuthbertson (church council), Terry Cotton (SPRC), and Carole Maennle (missions). The group has prayerfully and faithfully met several times over the winter, including several meetings with Smoky Mountain District “mentors” to see what the next steps might be for our church to be vital and vibrant in our community.

Through this process we have established four specific ministries: Hallowed Hospitality – Christine Colcord is coordinating an effort to invite new Swain County residents to our worship services and other ministries within the community.

Firewood Ministry – Rick Colcord is coordinating this missional ministry that was birthed out of WoW and complements our Good Samaritan efforts for the needy in our community.

Date Night & Senior Respite – Terry Cotton is coordinating these congregational and community ministries designed to offer radical hospitality to young couples and older adults in need of support.

Dinner Together – Penny Brandt is coordinating an effort to “communicate through fellowship.” Gather together for a meal, we'll share with each other about our congregations next steps.

Demonstrating God's Love!

You may have seen our new catch phrase “Demonstrating God's Love” on the website or in some of our publications. Many of us can't (don't) remember our mission statement but we can remember that we are called to be Demonstrating God's Love every day as a church and individual Christians.

We are the Friendliest Church in the Universe!

Some say we are. What do you think? Let us know if we are or not!