



First United Methodist Church

September

A Note and A Prayer

Blessed to Be a Blessing

"I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing."
Genesis 12:2 (CEB)

"Blessed to be a blessing" defines generosity for me. Those who God blesses with gifts and resources, use them as a blessing. The giving of blessings make a positive difference for the purpose of Christ. The one who is blessed is unselfish and willingly gives or shares what they have received from God.

The Scripture quoted above reflects God's message to Abram. God has called Abram to abandon everything and begin a new life. He will leave family and homeland to travel to a new land given to him by God. Through his obedience, Abram will learn dependence on the Lord. God's plan is to extend blessings to all the people of earth through Abram's obedience. Because of Abram's obedience, he blesses others.

The book, *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier has a minor character named Strobud who plays the fiddle. He knows six tunes that he has learned from bar songs. When a young girl approaches death, Strobud is asked to play her into heaven. He plays one tune after another as the young girl listens. When he plays his sixth and final tune, she asks him to play more. When he says that he has played all the songs he knows, she tells him to make up a tune. And he does, playing until she dies, lifting her to heaven with his music.

The character, Strobud, had musical talent. Even though he had some limitations, he gladly played for the young girl at her death. He was blessed with a gift of music, and he blessed her and her family with his gift. He was blessed to be a blessing.

We are all blessed with gifts from the Holy Spirit, and we can choose to use them as blessings for someone else. We show generosity when we unselfishly share our blessing with others. All gifts, no matter the size, are blessings.

Discover the blessings you have been given through the Holy Spirit. Then look for ways for using your gifts to be a blessing for others. May Christ be praised in all situations.

Let us Pray: *God of all the blessings of life, make us joyful in receiving the gifts you give us. Then give us eyes to see where we can offer our blessing from you to be a blessing for others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

In Christ's Service,

Lori Anne

NATALIE'S NEWS

Thank you to all who agreed to continue teaching our children in our all-in-one SS class and to the new teachers that have come forward to help teach our children's Sunday School. All your supplies and the handouts will be ready and on the counter each week for you. A pre-packaged snack and juice box will be served. We will still keep track of attendance with the stickers each week. Each week we start with children putting a sticker beside their name, and a kid-friendly snack. If for any reason you cannot teach on your designated day please feel free to switch with someone or let Natalie know. If you would like to teach the youth on a rotating basis please let Natalie know.

September 5- Natalie & Youth- Lesson: *Joseph and his brothers*

September 12-Stephanie McDaniel & Debra Stanley

Lesson: *Joseph in Egypt*

September 19-Landon & Sarah Carter Lesson: *Joseph saves the day*

September 26- Tiffany Evans & Sherri Robinson

Lesson: *Joseph and his brothers reunited.*



Our Summer Family Fun Challenge is about to wrap up. ***Families its time for the final push and get your points totaled up, and turn them into Natalie by September 12.*** Our winner of the weekend getaway to Great Wolf Lodge, Concord will be announced during

worship services on September 19. All families that participated names will go in a drawing for a family prize pack that will be given away during worship the 10:55AM worship service.



IMPACT Youth Blacklight dodgeball kick-off is Sunday September 12, 4PM-5:30PM. Bring a friend!

IMPACT Youth "Bible on a Bus" Sunday September 19, it's a mystery mission on the small bus. Bring a friend or two.

Trunk or Treat and Ice Cream Truck at FUMC Mocksville FLC parking lot hosted by Family Ministries **Saturday October 30, 4PM-6PM.** We need volunteers to provide trunks, and candy for children. If you can help by decorating your car, and providing candy, or donating candy for this event please let Natalie know by October 24. Cars should be parked in FLC parking lot and decorated by 3:45PM

Blessing of the Animals Sunday October 3, 4:00 PM

Behind the fellowship hall. Bring your pet to be blessed. IMPACT Youth will be assisting Rev. Lori Ann & Rev. Natalie.

Kingdom Kids kicks off Sunday October 10, 4:30 PM-5:30 PM in the FLC. This is for ages 4yrs-5th graders. This is a kid-friendly worship experience, craft, mission outreach, and games led by IMPACT youth group.



The United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, September 12 at 7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



Stephen Ministry meets on each FOURTH Monday of the month in the Conference Room from 10 AM to noon.

CHILDCARE MINISTRIES

As our summer campers transition back into their new school year, please keep them in your prayers. We had an absolutely amazing summer! Our campers were full of joy and eager to learn throughout these past few months. We are now in full swing with preschool preparation. We are so excited for a new year with new opportunities! This school year will again be quite different than what most are used to, but we are making the best of it and so ready for our children to be back in the building. Please also keep our staff in your prayers as they are also transitioning back into this year. We have an amazing group of ladies who are eager to be back in the swing of things. *Katie Allen*

Backpack Buddies

You are an amazing church family and friends, and I appreciate all that you do. As you know, without Backpack Buddies, many children at Mocksville Elementary School would go hungry. So I thank you for your efforts. Please mark your calendars and if there is a conflict with your schedule, please switch with another on the list. I will be closely pitching in with the persons picking up food at Costco and Food Lion, delivering meals and the bin pickup. Thank you. *Amy Wood* 336.414.2970 Volunteers for this month:

8/29 Pacesetters Class

9/12 Youth/Natalie Gray

9/19 Mustard Seed Class

Join IMPACT Youth for Sunday School each Sunday morning in the FLC high school youth room. We will be beginning "Three Simple Rules" study on Sunday September 19. The three rules to which the book refers are the General Rules that John Wesley wrote as part of his instructions to early Methodist societies in England: Do no harm, do good, and attend to the ordinances of God.

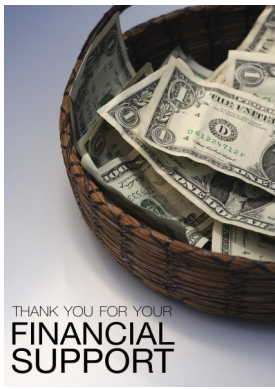


I want to thank everyone for all their prayers during my son-in-law's illness. Please continue to pray for Angy and her family .

Mike & Kathy Curry

Thank you so much for awarding me the Blanche Eaton Scholarship. I'm so thankful to have grown up with a supportive church family that I know I can always rely on. The money will surely help me at Chapel Hill to pursue my goals in the field of computer science.

Sincerely, *Cren Rosenbaum*



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

Thank you for your generous financial support. Your ongoing gifts are vital to the ministries of FUMC! Please continue to mail your offerings to the church or drop them off in the mailbox beside the front doors of the Family Life Center. The mailbox is locked, and it is checked regularly.

Give not from the bottom of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart.

	JUL '21	YTD
Tithes/Offerings \$	37,957	\$288,664
Memorials		1,275
W/SFoundation		5,226
Other Income	1,404	5,033
PPP Loan		60,000
Total Income	\$ 39,361	\$360,199
Expenses	- 63,069	-403,111
Total	<\$23,708>	< \$42,912>

To contact the Prayer Chain with a prayer request or to become a part of the Prayer Chain, please contact:

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IN MEMORY

LETTIE PENNINGTON
By Billie Bean

HELEN CRENSHAW
By Lynne Hicks

BILL & RUBY MOORE
By Lynne Hicks

WENDY SHAW
By Mike & Jean Hinshaw

ANNE JONES
Mike & Jean Hinshaw
Wayne & Anita Long
Faithful Workers Class
Debbie Broadway
Melza Craven
Carolyn Cartner
Charles & Patsy Crenshaw
Henry Howell
Donnie & Teresa Lakey

DALE CARTER
Charles & Patsy Crenshaw

MARTHA PROCTOR
Charles & Patsy Crenshaw

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Sept. 02	Suzanne Wilson	Sept. 17	Joeff Williams
Sept. 05	David Harmon	Sept. 18	Paula Harrison
Sept. 07	Betty Blakley	Sept. 19	Bill Overcash
Sept. 09	Don Bowles	Sept. 21	Tommy Graham
	Madelyn Evans	Sept. 23	Don Wood
Sept. 10	Gracie Clark	Sept. 26	John Koontz
	Peggy Shelton	Sept. 27	Ron Cotterman
Sept. 12	Lisa Prillaman	Sept. 29	Patrick Foil
Sept. 15	Stuart Robinson		C Crenshaw
Sept. 16	Suzanne Barnhardt	Sept. 30	Debbie Broadway
	Jerry Hendricks		Butch Rooney

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Lou's Lines

Bring your gifts and talents and enjoy making music to worship our Lord!

And if you don't see a place for your talents, call or email Lou.

There is always room for new and exciting musical adventures.

Lou Ann Wilson, Director of Music lou@firststumocksville.org 336-692-8531

Children's Activities

MUSIC MAKERS, 5 yrs-5TH: SUNDAYS 4:00-4:45 PM beginning September 26

Children ages 5 through 5th grade will join together in the Choir Room to enjoy Rhythm activities, Listening games, and Instrument exploration as we learn about Music! (And when it becomes a little safer, we'll do some singing, too).

CHIME TIME, 2ND-5TH: SUNDAYS 4:45-5:30 PM beginning September 26

Children in 2nd through 5th grades will move down to the Bell Room to begin music reading activities using Choir Chimes.

Adult Activities

BELLS OF PRAISE: SUNDAYS 12:30-2:00 PM, beginning September 12

Our Handbells return to continue ringing praise to our Lord. We have room for more hands! If you know just a little something about music, give Lou a call or send an email. We'd love to have you.

BEGINNING BELLS: WEDNESDAYS 1:30-2:30 PM, beginning September 15

There are always those that say they wish they knew something about music. Now is your chance. Join a few brave souls and learn something new that will challenge your brain, give praise to our Lord, and offer a lot of fun in the process! If you have questions, just give Lou a call or send an email.



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**The mission of First United Methodist Church is to *believe* in Jesus Christ as Lord,
to *receive* the power of the Holy Spirit,
and to *respond* to the needs of others with the love of God the Father.**