



Disciple Moments

The Newsletter of St. Paul United Methodist Church & Center Grove United Methodist Church
"Small Church...Big hearts for serving the Lord & our neighbor in Love...transforming the world"
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Why I am United Methodist?

Growing up in the Methodist church at times really felt like just going through the motions to check the box of attending church. I had wonderful Sunday school teachers and some great church experiences early on; however, I really had no clue what it meant to be a United Methodist Christian until I accepted the call to teach a Sunday school class and then answered the call as a United Methodist pastor. My intentional study and the way God moved through the word and through my calling opened the eyes of my heart, mind, and soul. The realization of scripture being twice inspired helped me to better understand the practical application of God's word in a contemporary world. Gaining an understanding of God's free grace being offered to all (not just a select few) helped me better understand radical love offered by our creator. I also came to understand my faith as a journey in grace. Looking back over my life I see the places I simply existed while experiencing God's prevenient grace. I look to the period in my life when I truly realized I needed God and that he had been with me all along...pouring out his grace and mercy while carefully shaping me. I look to the continued journey of seeking to be made more perfect in love as I desire to model a Christ-like love and to be the disciple I am called to be. It is a journey, a process, and a lifetime. I am no longer who I once was but rather I am what I have become because of God's grace and mercy freely extended to me. I have received the bumps and scars along the way as a result of a broken world yet I continue to journey to the end as I realize God's grace, not my works, is responsible for my salvation. I simply had to say "yes" and be intentional in my spiritual growth. Why are you a United Methodist Christian? Rev. Alan Thompson

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Homebound

Elizabeth Widenhouse
(Five Oaks Nursing)
Laura Leigh
(Morningside Nursing)
Helen Shinn
(Universal Healthcare)
Sarah Dry (home)



Birthdays & Anniversaries (February & March)

Elizabeth Belch	3/20	Alan Thompson	3/21
Chris Belch	2/6	Cullen Belch	3/25
Lane Brown	2/16	Don Cassese	2/18
Andrea Cline	2/16	Betty McClain	2/5
Sarah Milke	3/6	Jenna Mills	2/12
Becky Morgan	3/28	Mason Saunders	2/11
Michael Whitmire	2/8	Todd Wilcox	3/21
Kelsie Blovsky	2/7	Phyllis Hartsell	3/5
Jordan Maske	3/25	Caitlyn Carpenter	2/4
Mavis Stanley	3/14	Juliana Shaver	3/23
William & Tammy Beaver	3/23		
Mark & Andrea Cline	2/6		
Melissa & Jim Blovsky	3/14		

Upcoming events

- Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
- SPUMC Council (1st Sunday)
- CGUMC Council (3rd Sunday)
- Church Legacy Meeting TBD CGUMC
- Christmas movie & cookies SPUMC – 12/16/18
- Safe Sanctuary Training (TBD)
- CPR Training (TBD)
- Easter 4/21/19

2019 Important Contacts

Position	SPUMC	CGUMC
Pastor	Alan Thompson	Alan Thompson
Lay Leader	William Beaver	
Council Chair	Amanda Milke	Bob Krimminger
Finance Sec	Andrea Cline	Kathy Hartsell
Trustee Chair	TBD	TBD
SPRC Chair	William Beaver	N/a
A/C delegate	Penny McCulloh(res)	
Lay Speakers	William Beaver Dusty Morgan	

Upcoming 5th Sundays

3/31/19
6/30/19
9/29/19
12/29/19

Always stay current with news and happenings in the Western NC Conference
And the Metro District...<https://www.wnccumc.org/>

Safe Sanctuaries

God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong.

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Commission on a Way Forward

Human Sexuality in the Methodist Church

<https://www.wnccumc.org/commissiononawayforwardresources>

See the entire report at

<https://wnc-www.brtsite.com/newsdetail/way-forward-report-released-in-all-four-official-languages-of-general-conference-11609061>

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ERT Class 3/9/19 Mt Pisgah UMC

Required for those interested in disaster response

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/ert-class-3-9-19-12748593>

Metro District Vitality Resources

<https://www.metrodistrictumc.org/post/metro-district-vitality-11362421>

Metro District Updates

<https://www.metrodistrictumc.org/post/district-e-news-and-updates-11362448>

Values

- MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Our priority is the mission of the Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The local church is the primary arena for disciple making, and every local church can and should be missional and invitational. Therefore, the WNC Conference is committed to strengthening the capacity of the local church to fulfill the mission.

- WESLEYAN TRADITION

All persons are loved by God and of sacred worth. In acceptance of God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ, we commit to a life of personal piety and social holiness in the Wesleyan tradition.

- COVENANT CONNECTION

We are a covenantal people connected to God and one another through our baptism. Therefore, laity and clergy are both called to work together to fulfill the mission and ministry of the Church.

- FRUITFULNESS IN MINISTRY

In our connectional ministry, we are called and sent to bear fruit in making disciples who transform the world. Innovation, creativity and risk-taking are valued and encouraged. Failure is not to be feared but acknowledged as part of the process of fulfilling the mission and ministry of the Church.

Source <https://www.metrodistrictumc.org/post/mission-vision-and-values-11363463>

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Mission and Service Opportunities



<https://www.opphouse.net/>

704/786-4020



<http://cooperativeministry.com/>

704/786-4709



<https://www.facebook.com/Jamis-Halo-714036168633296/>



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<https://stjudesranch.org/recycled-card-program/>

Wings of Eagles Ranch
therapeutic horseback riding & outdoor adventure center

<http://wingsofeaglesranch.org/you-can-help.html>



Relief Supply Kits

<https://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>

Disaster Response Team Opportunities and Training

<https://www.umcmmission.org/Get-Involved/Volunteer-Opportunities/Types-of-Volunteers/Disaster-Response/Disaster-Response>

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A Look Back

Year	Avg Attend	Pastor
SPUMC		
1974	35	Black
1975	45	Black
1976	40	Black
1977	25	McCants
1978	37	Baldwin
1979	35	Baldwin
1980	35	Baldwin
1981	30	Joyner
1982	35	Joyner
1983	25	Snider
1984	25	Bennett
1985	30	Storey
1986	29	Storey
1987	25	Storey
1988	25	Storey
1989	23	Ruckart
1990	26	Ruckart
1991	34	Ruckart
1992	21	Ruckart
1993	25	Ruckart
1994	30	Helms
1995	30	Helms
1996	38	Helms
1997	37	Helms
1998	33	Helms
1999	30	Clubb
2000	40	Clubb
2001	35	Clubb
2002	38	Luther
2003	27	Luther
2004	27	Davis
2005	27	Davis
2006	27	Davis
2007	25	Davis
2008	20	Thompson
2009	33	Thompson
2010	32	Thompson
2011	39	Thompson
2012	35	Thompson
2013	33	Thompson
2014	32	Thompson
2015	33	Thompson
2016	29	Thompson
2017	31	Thompson
2018	29	Thompson

CGUMC				
1974	50	Black		
1975	50	Black		
1976	50	Black		
1977	35	McCants		
1978	47	Baldwin		
1979	40	Baldwin		
1980	35	Baldwin		
1981	35	Joyner		
1982	38	Joyner		
1983	25	Snider		
1984	20	Bennett		
1985	18	Storey		
1986	25	Storey		
1987	25	Storey		
1988	25	Storey		
1989	22	Ruckart		
1990	24	Ruckart		
1991	20	Ruckart		
1992	19	Ruckart		
1993	22	Ruckart		
1994	20	Helms		
1995	11	Helms		
1996	10	Helms		
1997	11	Helms		
1998	9	Helms		
1999	7	Clubb		
2000	20	Clubb		
2001	35	Clubb		
2002	12	Luther		
2003	10	Luther		
2004	10	Davis		
2005	10	Davis		
2006	10	Davis		
2007	10	Davis		
2008	6	Thompson		
2009	18	Thompson		
2010	15	Thompson		
2011	18	Thompson		
2012	4	Thompson		
2013	9	Thompson		
2014	24	Thompson		
2015	25	Thompson		
2016	21	Thompson		
2017	22	Thompson		
2018	13	Thompson	2018Q1-2	18
			2018Q2-3	7

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