



# First Edition

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## A Note from the Pastor

These past few weeks, our family has been wrapped up in soccer tryouts for the fall season. Soccer tryouts are an annual reminder of how much I dislike soccer tryouts and the subjectivity involved. Who makes what team depends on what positions are needed, what the coach happens to see or not see during the tryouts, and what kind of skills one coach may prefer more than another. It's not always the best player who makes the best team. But knowing all that doesn't make it any easier for players or parents.

Thankfully, there are no tryouts for the Kingdom of God. All are welcome in the church. There are no skills tests, no spirituality assessment, no Bible drills, no requirements beyond a desire to grow in love with God and one another. And yes, to grow more in love... an acknowledgement that no matter where we are in our journey of faith, no matter how spiritually skilled we are or not, everyone of us has more to learn about loving God and loving neighbor.

So every year, during soccer tryouts, I do what I can to survive the madness and give thanks for the grace of God, grace that reaches out to everyone, no matter what, and draws all who desire it, a chance to be a part of the Kingdom of God, the body of Christ, the church.

Grace and Peace  
Anne

## Church Events

- **May 7<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation**
- **May 7<sup>th</sup> – Superhero Sundaes**
- **May 7<sup>th</sup> – God Squad**
- **May 8<sup>th</sup> – Trustee Meeting**
- **May 9<sup>th</sup> – VBS Decorating Meeting**
- **May 11<sup>th</sup> – UMW Meeting**
- **May 15<sup>th</sup> – Church Council Meeting**
- **May 17<sup>th</sup> – Girls' Bible Study**
- **May 18<sup>th</sup> – Sister Acts**
- **May 21<sup>st</sup> – God Squad End of Year Celebration**
- **May 21<sup>st</sup> – CREW End of Year Celebration**

## Children's Events May 2017

### May 5th: "Game Night Fiesta" Family Night at 6:30pm

Wanna taco 'bout Jesus? Lettuce Pray! Join us for a fun night with your church family! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and have tacos for supper. We will be playing Bible Pictionary and one other brain teaser game.

### May 7th: Superhero Sundaes at 3:15pm

All Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> graders are invited! Join us in the basement from 3:15-4:15pm as we explore the Superheroes of the Bible. We will learn about Superhero Ruth and her family ballgame! Our meeting will include the lesson, activity and eating ice cream sundaes. Bring a friend!

### May 7th: God Squad meeting at 5pm

All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited! Join us in the basement from 5-6:45pm for supper, fellowship, games and devotion. Our Character Challenge is "Be Hopeful!" Bring a friend!

### May 10th: VBS Decorating meeting at 7pm

It's that fun time of year where we get to transform our church into a great theme for the kids of our church and community! Join us in the sanctuary building (upstairs) for our last decorating meeting where we will be making props to transform our church into Hero Central. Think big city skyscrapers!

### May 17th: Girls' Bible Study at 7pm

Join us for our last session of "Can You Relate?" We will discuss decision making, how God is not a vending machine and how to share our faith with others.

### May 21st: God Squad end of year celebration at 5pm

All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited! We will meet by the playground for a fun night of fellowship, games and food. We will also honor our 5<sup>th</sup> graders that are "graduating" from God Squad at 6:45pm. See you there!

### Mark your calendars!

"Hero Central" Vacation Bible School: 6/11-6/15

# MUSIC MINISTRY

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Helga Bogardus, Director of Music Ministry  
Ellen McCord, Organist



**Grace Notes Handbell Choir** to join Mass ringing of the National Anthem at the Durham Bulls game at 6:25pm on Saturday, June 3. Come on out to the ball game to support our ringers! Purchase tickets at MiLB.com

**Children's Choir** celebrated an exciting presentation of the musical "Unselfie" and the end of the 2016-17 program year with an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, April 30. Ms Karen and Ms Helga are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and new members join Children's Choir when the new program year begins on Sunday, September 10!

## Great BIG Thank You from Ms Karen and Ms Helga

Thank you to the parents of these very talented children for supporting their participation in Children's Choir at First UMC. We know that there are many opportunities out there and demanding schedules for children in today's world. Thank you for making the effort to bring them to rehearsals and the commitment to participate in Children's Choir.

As members in training, Children in choir experience the 5 ways of participating in the ministries of the church

- \*Prayers (developing friendships in Choir)
- \*Presence (participating in worship)
- \*Gifts (time in rehearsals and talent in singing)
- \*Service (being in Children's Choir)
  
- \*Witness (in the message of the music and the lessons they learn through the music)

**That God may be GLORIFIED!**

## Love Thy Neighbor:

Mark your calendar for our summer meals: June 7th, July 5th and August 2nd.

\*Contact Dana Vaughn at [djv\\_vaughn@yahoo.com](mailto:djv_vaughn@yahoo.com) with any questions on these events!\*

# BIRTHDAYS

5/2	Michael Hartley	5/17	Shirley Forsman
5/3	Emily Derringer	5/18	Rob Englander
5/3	Anna Garrett	5/18	Bob Hartig
5/3	Andrew Parigoris	5/20	Caroline Campbell
5/4	Fischer Welch	5/20	Miriam Parigoris
5/5	Zoe Ashworth	5/23	Harrison Ashworth
5/6	Ulee Parker	5/24	Mary Carol Day
5/6	Jane Ray	5/25	Barbara Ha
5/7	Betty Ashworth	5/25	Shireen Mehl
5/8	Steve Davis	5/26	Jim Fortunes
5/8	Deborah Stephenson	5/26	Evelyn Sturtevant
5/10	Caroline Enloe	5/27	Chris Ahl
5/12	Judy Lucas	5/27	Miriam McLaughlin
5/12	Joanie Woodruff	5/28	Chad Benditz
5/13	Betty Andrews	5/28	Karen Davis
5/13	Dick Owens	5/29	Sandra Williams
5/14	Dominick Cruze	5/30	Gabriella Cruze
5/15	Christopher Bogardus	5/30	Joseph Shewmon
5/15	Liz Heldreth		
5/16	Cameron Hair		

# ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Fran Baggs  
Patrick & Amy Bryant  
Robert & Jennifer Haire  
Bill & Margaret Kiser  
Karl & Shireen Mehl  
Bob & Jan Moray  
Andrew & Amanda Tattersall  
Chip & Debbie Webb