



The Beacon

First United Methodist Church of Watauga
Worship God, Learn the Scripture, Live it in the World

August 2017

Hannah Cook Wins Best Ice Cream! Duane Buckley Wins Most Unique Ice Cream!

Sunday night, July 30th, is an evening to remember in the life of First United Methodist Church of Watauga. The first Annual Ice Cream Social and Homemade Ice Cream Contest was held on a most suitable sweltering summer evening. Sixteen contestants brought their best and most unique. We saw everything from Pig Candy to good old-fashioned Milk Chocolate. I think there was just about every flavor imaginable. More than 50 people, young and mature (we won't use that dirty three letter word) showed up to sample and enjoy. I believe all went home satisfactorily and uncomfortably full.

Darin Hoppe MC'd and lead us in a good old fashion hymn sing. People called out their favorite songs, all from the Cokesbury hymnal. Jeanene Craig was primed and ready for the task and kept us on beat and in the melody as she accompanied us. We sang for about – well exactly – 12 minutes. This was by design and purpose as Darin pointed out. Darin got to choose the last song. We sang Happy Birthday to Duane Buckley. You will have to ask Duane if there is a follow up from Joe's very own Brenda this week.

Then it was on to the tasting. The contestants dashed to the tables and readied their ice cream entry. Everyone got to go around and sample each entry. All of the ice creams had to be sampled before anyone could go back and get their fill. And judging by the number of times people went back, there was a lot of getting your fill of ice cream. And did I mention the cookies and brownies and bananas and hot fudge that was all available to add to your delight?! Oh yah –

and the games. We played games until the cows came home – *the FUMCOWs that is*. Thank you to all for the contributions.

Well after all of the contestants served ice cream for sampling, there was a vote. We voted for the Best Ice Cream, and we voted for the most Unique Ice Cream. Have you ever had bacon in your ice cream or eaten ice cream the looks like mud? Yah.....

Well.....Hannah Cook won the category of Best Ice Cream with her Extreme Cinnamon! Congratulations Hannah! Hannah and her family are moving to Huntsville, Texas and we will miss you. The challenge is on though – you have to come back next year to defend your title. And Duane Buckley, where in the world did you find a recipe for Pig Candy Ice Cream?! Congratulations Duane. How will you top this year's win and defend yourself next year!? We are glad you won on your birthday!

Well – if you missed out this summer, rumor has it that you have a chance for a Chili Cook-Off; come this fall! Be getting ready those recipes for the great Chili Cook-Off!



United Methodist Women

Doris Maxwell, Chairperson

United Methodist women are sponsoring a baked goods and frozen casserole sale August 27. The items will be for sale after church service. We appreciate your help with this.



United Methodist women will have it's next meeting on August 21. We plan to have an outside speaker there. Please join us at 7pm.

Church Offerings and Attendance Weekly Averages for the Last Three Months

Month	Donations	Attendance
July	\$3,138.51	98
June	\$2,568.50	103
May	\$3,064.85	98
Budget Need	\$3500	

59% of Apportionments Paid Thus Far in 2017

Thank you for giving to the ministry of FUMCOW



Justin Mitchell	08/02
Claire Hickey	08/03
Hannah Newcomer	08/03
Jaime Thatcher	08/03
Bill Clugsten	08/05
Rosemary Norris	08/05
Eric Sigl	08/05
Barb Buckley	08/08
Linda Eldredge	08/12
Mark McKone	08/15
Joyce Mbigi	08/17
Nancy Brooks	08/18
Tony Simmons	08/19
Judy Flynn	08/21
Diane Kissel	08/23
Celia Stibbens	08/23
Maddison Mazza	08/24
George Rose	08/24
Isabel Perricone	08/27
Cinderella Kata	08/28
Tammy Newcomer	08/30
Gene Fondren	08/31
Aaron Harrison	08/31

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

To all of the wonderful volunteers,
THANK YOU!

We could not have served the children who attended VBS this year without YOU.



Thank you to everyone who donated money for our new round tables. It was a joy to use these at our Ice Cream Social! To date, we have purchased seven tables.

If your birth date is incorrect or is not listed, please call the church office 817-485-012.

August, A Season of Prayer

Rev. Mike Love, Pastor

Luke 11:9-10

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and knocks, the door will be opened.”

I have a special request. Please pray with me this month of August, every day.

The power of prayer is a mystery to me. And yet, I witness it time and time again. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, so believed in prayer that he would begin his mornings with 2 hours of prayer. He was so dedicated to God seeking God’s grace for the world!

We have a gasoline voucher outreach at FUMCOW. In this ministry, we partner with the Conoco gas station down the street, otherwise known as Chef Point. We hand a voucher for \$10 of gas to people who come to us looking for assistance. They, in turn, redeem these at Chef Point. A couple times a year, we reimburse Chef Point.



As a part of this outreach, we often offer a prayer square. Rae Bridegam, our Administrative Assistant crochets these. They have a beautiful cross in the middle of the square. Rae will ask for prayer needs as

she is preparing the voucher. We in-turn gather in a circle, hold hands and pray.

A woman recently came to FUMCOW looking for help. Rae asked for her prayer needs. This woman shared her story. She keeps her granddaughter, who by the way came to our

Vacation Bible School this year. She shared how in a time of recent need, her granddaughter reminded her that Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given.” So they prayed. We heard about the miracle that happened. *And a child shall lead them!*

HERE IT IS! I am asking you to pray with me EVERYDAY in August. I really mean every day. Please pray for two things. *First, pray for our heavenly Father to give the Holy Spirit to every person in our congregation. Second, pray for the financial health of FUMCOW, so that God is glorified.*



Pick a calendar you look at frequently. In the month of August, put a reminder on each day. Then mark it when you have prayed. Be dedicated in this. Watauga is your church home. It is God’s church, and you have chosen to make Watauga and the people of Watauga part of your faith journey and faith family. *Every person at FUMCOW is depending on you.* Finally, ask everyone you know at FUMCOW to pray this month along with you.

I do not know how God will use our prayers or how God will answer these prayers. I do know that God will answer. God is always faithful. God is good all the time.

Peace,

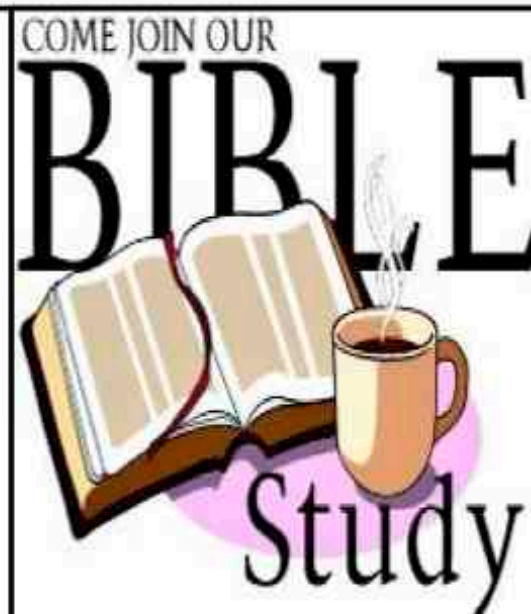
Pastor Mike

Led by Ron McLeroy Tuesday and Friday Evenings

We will continue our house church bible study at Nikki and Ron's house on Tuesdays. We are currently studying Romans. All are invited at 7:00 pm @ 5620 Tourist Dr. in Haltom City, TX.

Our young adult study will also continue at Starbucks on Denton hwy., at the southwest corner of Denton hwy. just south of Watauga Rd. We are doing a study on prayer.

As always, all are welcome to both of these studies. We are all growing in Christ Jesus our Lord.



In his service, Ron McLeroy

Rev. Ben Disney is Our New East District Superintendent



Reverend Disney comes to us having served churches large and small, new church starts, mergers and unifications. He has a wealth of experience following Jesus Christ, advancing the Kingdom of God.

In our recent East District Newsletter, Rev. Disney shared some thoughts of inspiration and guidance.

1) **“Everything makes a statement.** Everything we do makes a statement about who we are, what we believe and what we hold sacred.”

2) **“With God all things are possible.** We either believe it, or we don't. In a world where real change is rare and others are quick to tell us what is impossible and can't be done, the Gospel proclaims,

“all things are possible with God”. Resurrect a church? It's impossible. Break a decade long trend of decline? Impossible. Be a vibrant, mission-driven, life-changing church in a secular community? Can't be done. Unless, of course, you actually believe that with God all things are possible.”

3) **To whom much has been given much will be required.** So much is asked of you because so much has been given to you. You've been called by God, blessed and sent to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. A small group of people very much like us once heard the call of Jesus and decided to follow him...that movement is still changing the world.”

Snack Pack Ministry

Don Johnson

Wow it's that time of the year again to help provide food for our local elementary school kids. Our snack pack ministry is ready to gear up for another school year! We will start to deliver when we get the number of kids to provide for.

I would like to thank the VBS for getting us going! Our VBS started us off on the right foot by collecting change in "THE" contest. They raised around \$200 for the program to purchase food as needed. Each week, we provide weekend snacks to children that might not otherwise have food and go hungry. The approximate cost per child is \$4.45 and last year that was about \$258 per week. This is an ongoing need for the whole school year. Our country has an abundance, but we still have kids that do not have enough. Please help.

There are "approved food lists" on our website and in the narthex. If food is forgotten, a donation in the jar of any amount will help when we purchase needed food. Please check the expiration dates on food donated to give us as long as possible to use it all.

Thank you for your past and future support.



Just a reminder: if you are missing a dish, it might be in the kitchen. There are a few left from the last luncheon.

The Shepherd Shop

Thank you for the donations to the Shepherd Shop. As you give, think of yourself and whether you would purchase these for yourself, family, or a friend. If items are dirty, stained, torn, zipper broken, etc., our customers won't be able to use them either. Please donate because it's the wrong style, size, or color for you, a duplicate, a house ware or décor item you don't need anymore. Thank you!



Bible – ography / ology

Children's Word Search

Every child or youth who solves the Word Search gets a prize.

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 263

Matt 13:31-43

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Mustard Seed

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BIRDS	CAUSES
CROWD	CREATION
DOUGH	FATHER
ENEMY	FULFILLED
FIELD	FURNACE
FLOUR	GARDEN
HIDDEN	GROWS
JESUS	HEAVEN
PERCH	KINGDOM
PLANTS	MUSTARD
PULLED	PARABLES
SEEDS	PROPHET
SHINE	SOWED
TEETH	SPOKEN
WEEDS	STANDS
WOMAN	WEEPING
WORLD	HARVEST
	YEAST

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

MORE PUZZLES AT:

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Adults: What is your favorite hymn? Does anyone have a favorite hymn?

Please email me at pastorwatauga@att.net.

Complete the work and return it to Pastor Mike for your prize!

Anyone Up for a Concert and a Baseball Game

Family Activities - Contact Office or Shane Milner

We haven't heard from anyone. Maybe you missed this last month.

Saturday, August 25 at Rangers Ballpark we are planning a combined church family outing.

MercyMe Concert and Texas Rangers Baseball.

Concert begins at 5:30 pm

Ballgame begins at 7:35 pm.

We want to get a group discount (20 or more).

We want to buy these tickets ahead of time.

Make your plans now for this family fun.

Estimated ticket cost with reduced rate is

\$16.50 per person. And we plan to Carpool!

By August 10th

Contact the church office

fumcwatauga@att.com, (817) 485-0312,

Or

Contact Shane Milner at shanewm@sbcglobal.net.

MERCYME at Rangers Ballpark



Saturday, August 25
 MercyMe Concert - 5:30 p.m.
 Mariners vs. Rangers - 7:35 p.m.



A ticket to the game gets you into the concert!

MercyMe at Rangers Ballpark on Sat., Aug. 25.
 MercyMe Concert - 5:30 p.m.
 Mariners vs. Rangers - 7:35 p.m.

Concert sponsored in part by 103.7 Lite FM

Patio gates at home plate and third base open at 4:30 p.m. Festival seating. Blankets are allowed.
 A \$1 donation from every ticket sold will go to Imagine A Cure.

This event has passed.
 Thank you for your interest!



Level	Seat Price	Each Night Price
Lower Box	\$47	\$38
Clubhouse Club Box	\$49	\$38
Center Box	\$29	\$16.50
Lower Reserved	\$25	\$12.50
Clubhouse Club Terrace	\$23	\$12.50
Upper Box	\$19	\$12.50
Reserved	\$9	\$8
Upper Home Run Porch	\$10	\$8.50
Upper Reserved	\$10	\$8.50



Pastor Mike is looking for Who Would Like to Attend the 2017 Small Church Summit.

Nearly 70% of the churches in the Central Texas Conference (that's our Conference) average fewer than 100 in worship each week and face challenges not common in larger churches. Lay and clergy leaders conference-wide are requested to [register](#) and attend the [2017 Small Church Summit](#) on Saturday, *September 16 at Stephenville FUMC*. Visit ctcumc.org/scs for details, including links to lodging and child care information.



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- Rae Bridegam, Administrative Assistant
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- Darin Hoppe, Director of Music
- Jeanene Craig, Accompanist
- Lori Casbeer, Building Custodian
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Sunday Worship Celebration 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.
 Sunday School 9:15 A.M.

Illuminating the Path to Christ Together

Mission Statement

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
 for the transformation of the world*

Vision Statement

Worship God, Learn the Scripture, Live it in the World