



CHURCH NEWSLETTER

• May/June 2026 •



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

As I have been taking care of my garden this spring and summer I discovered something unexpected and, eventually, exciting. I began to notice that some of my tomatoes were being eaten in half, and that many of the leaves on the plants had numerous holes in them. I was wondering what might have been causing the damage to my plants, and then one day I found a fat and fuzzy caterpillar climbing around on top of one of my green bean plants. At first, I was a bit annoyed at the damage the little critter was doing to my garden, but then I realized something important. What the caterpillar was taking I was never really going to miss. I have so many cherry tomatoes and green beans that a few going missing was going to affect me at all. And if a few of the leaves looked a little worse for the wear, what did that really matter to me either? Sometimes we can get so caught up in the notion of claiming what's mine or what's someone else's that we lose track of the fact that God has provided us with everything we need.

Deuteronomy 24:19 says: *"When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands."* This is very practical advice for people in an agrarian society to support those who otherwise can't provide for themselves, but I think its larger implications are also meaningful to us in 2026. All the things we have in this world, even the things we put a lot of effort and energy into making possible, are still ultimately a gift from God. And when we hoard those gifts for ourselves, not only do we harm those around us in need, but we also harm ourselves for something that largely won't make our lives any better. More stuff has never brought a person's life meaning, but many relationships, both with God and the people around us, have been fractured over the coveting and hoarding of material things. When I see the beautiful butterflies flying around my garden over the next few weeks, I won't be worrying about the few missing crops that were required for them to survive. I will be appreciating their beauty and the ways they are helping pollinate my plants. Be a blessing to those around you big and small, and may the Lord your God bless you in all the works of your hands.



MESSAGE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR

Worship is often thought of as a noun—a service we attend, a place we go, or an event on the church calendar. Yet Scripture presents worship primarily as a verb: something we actively do in response to who God is and what He has done. Worship is an expression of love, reverence, obedience, and devotion to God that involves our whole lives, not just an hour on Sunday morning. Within the gathered church, music plays a vital role in worship by helping believers proclaim God's truth, express praise, and unite their voices in a shared act of devotion. Congregational singing, choirs, instrumental music, and hymns are not performances or entertainment; they are tools that help lead God's people into active participation in worship. Music has the unique ability to engage both the mind and the heart, allowing Scripture and theological truths to be remembered, celebrated, and proclaimed. While music is an important and meaningful element of corporate worship, it is ultimately a means to an end—the glorification of God. True worship extends beyond the songs we sing and the services we attend, becoming a daily practice of honoring God through our words, actions, and faithful obedience.

Important Dates in Music:

Aug 29, 2026: Christmas Musical Reveal Dinner 6:00 PM- If you would like to participate in this years Christmas Cantata, come join us for dinner and a preview of the canata. Registration coming soon.

Sept 2, 2026: Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM, Cantata Rehearsal 7:15 PM

Sept 9, 2026: Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM



YOUTH GROUP

Exciting changes for Youth Group coming up, with the biggest change being the day of the week! This year our youth group will start meeting on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM. We are hoping that this change helps our parents as we know that getting to church during the weekdays can be difficult. More news to come as we approach the school year.



FOOD PANTRY

The Outreach Committee greatly appreciates the generosity of our congregation in supporting the Food Pantry ministry.

There is a collection basket in the narthex to receive any food donations, such as "dry" goods (i.e., canned foods, cereals, pasta).

Food bags are distributed the **3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM** in the fellowship hall.

Come early and help with distribution!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION

Meeting June 18, 2026

May Treasurer Report

• **May Income:** \$12,999.00

YTD Income \$83,957.00

• **May Expense** \$14,541.50

YTD Expenses: \$69,087.39

• **May Net Income** \$-1,542.50

YTD Net: \$14,869.61

Approved: Fellowship Hall request for August 15 Bella Cameron; Tuition for Camp Monroe participants, Roger and Lianna Cameron; Cemetery Committee request to increase donation request from nonmembers; Jessica Rivas to order flowers temporarily; Canceling July Session Meeting.

Presbytery: Sue Holland as Commissioner attended and reported on the Presbytery West Gathering at Brownson Memorial in Southern Pines June 13, 2026. She attended and reported on the Workshop Congressional Vitality by Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson.



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Congregational Family - Connie Ahlvers, Brian Cameron Family, Glenda Cameron, John Cameron, Kayla Fortin, Paisley Fortin-Sammons, Sheila Funderburk, Peggy Howard, Larry Howard, Anna Howsden Family, Richard Roller, Donna Tarrants Family, Gayle Weaver, John Wells, Don Warcup, Deborah Womble

Family and Friends of the Congregation- Erin Jane Allen, Abena Ampofo, Kaison Ampofo, Jodee Beck Family, Jarrett Blockwell, Don Cseh, Nathan Clifton, Marlys Daugherty, Will Dixon, Dave Dryden, Faye Ellis, Valarie Fields, Jackie Gore, Eli Griffin, Tom Hightower, Fran & Roger Ivy, Denise Johnson, Peggy King, Caid Long, David Lucas, Ray May, Randall McCormick, Anne McDonald, Rob McDonald, Annie McDonald, Belinda McGugan, Tim McNeill, Judy McNeill, Ted McNeill, Jane Morrison, Kara Pataki, Helen Poole, Pedro Rodriguez, Becky Rosser, Pat Ruis, Christian Seeley, Barbara Severin, Marianna Shaw, Dwight Shaw, Brandon Spivey, Yvonne Star, Vivian Street, Robbin Taylor, Robin Thompson, Paul Tysinger, Marlene Watson, Betty Lou White, DeEtta Wood, Cristian Wood, Jon Woods, Teresa Wood

Missionaries- Titus and Kathy Gall

Armed Service Members-Matthew Armstrong, Felix Contreras, Ryan Rivas-Carroll, Justin Sammons, Lucas Yacco



UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 15 Pickleball 6 PM
- July 19-22 VBS 6-8 PM
- July 21 Maker's Group and Food Pantry 10 AM
- July 22 No Pickleball due to Vacation Bible School
- August 3 Worship Committee 5:30 PM
- August 4 Maker's Group 10 AM
- August 5 Pickleball 6 PM
- August 10 Christian Education 6:30 PM
- August 11 Diaconate 6:30 PM
- August 12 Pickleball 6 PM
- August 17 Fun & Fellowship 6 PM
- August 18 Maker's Group and Food Pantry 10 AM
- August 19 Pickleball 6 PM
- August 20 Session 6:30 PM
- August 23 Youth Group Kickoff 5 PM

If you are unable to attend services you may:

- Mail your donation
- See Jessica in the office
- Scan the QR Code below



CONGREGATIONAL BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Noah Woodbury
 July 2 Greg Lloyd
 July 4 Janet Robarge
 July 6 Deborah King
 July 13 Dee Fishwick
 July 14 Trey Ridenhour
 July 18 Kyleigh Ridenhour
 July 19 Jim King, Peggy Thomas
 July 23 Cynthia Holland
 July 24 Rita Donner
 July 25 Kendell Hinkle
 July 26 Betty Pace
 July 27 Pat Cameron
 July 31 Teresa Sheets

Aug1 Paul Moses
 Aug 3 Bella Cameron, Chris Howsden
 Aug 4 Jane Sullivan
 Aug 8 Pam Ridenhour
 Aug 9 Cameron Yarborough
 Aug 12 Sammy Brafford
 Aug 17 Cameron Thomas
 Aug 18 Justin Pace, Linda Stratton
 Aug 19 Missy Cameron
 Aug 22 Betty R Thomas, Drew Rimbach
 Aug 25 Denise Johnson, Gayle Weaver
 Aug 28 Tiffany Burnette



VISITATION & COMMUNION

If you would like to request a visitation from Rev. Chance Snell or for communion to be brought to you, please contact his cell phone at (540) 245-0261.

He would love to get to know all the congregation members, so don't hesitate to call.

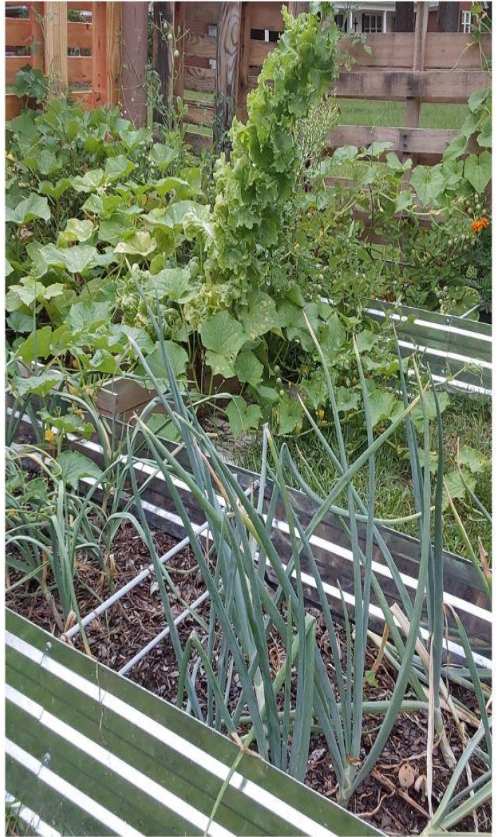
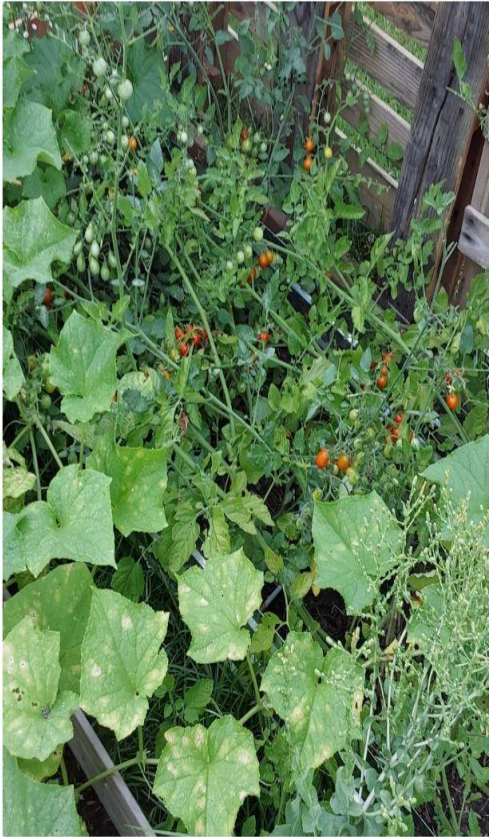


INVITATION FROM THE DEACONS

Members of the Diaconate invite you to inform them of people who because of physical and/or financial limitations...cannot do their own yard or housework; need transportation to and from the doctor's office and/or the grocery store; need food and/or clothing.

The deacon who is the head usher in each month will act as the contact person for the Board of Deacons.

During the month of August and September, if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, Ellen Phillips 614-444-7000 or Gwen McCormick 919-708-3169.





Sign Fundraiser

Our Steak Dinner Fundraiser made a grand total of \$5,900.00 for our new electronic sign!! Thank you all for purchasing meals and making donations because we absolutely could not do this without your help! We are currently half way to our goal for the new sign. Anyone who would like to make a donation please contact Troy Morris. Once again, thank you all!



CHURCH INFORMATION



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