



Newbegun United Methodist Church
Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People
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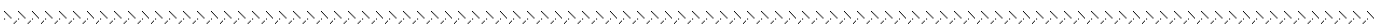


The Church Community

As we approach the end of summer, I find myself looking at the various stories of people that have served this community and have dedicated their lives to supporting their neighbors and families. It brings to mind just how amazing it is to be part of communities like this and how much support there is and how close everyone is to one another. Thinking about how that works outside the church community, it is interesting just how much distance there is between people even when they are neighbors. And as Roy and others tell the stories of people that have been so involved and instrumental in the community, it feels a bit sad that that kind of closeness is seemingly lost in the country at large.

The idea of community and unity is something that seem self-evident to those of us that have grown up in a church. We see each other at least once a week, we take part in the same events and celebrations and when one of us has not been seen a few Sundays, we start asking what happened to that person. For us, we are blessed with a tradition that not only goes back to Jesus, but before him to even the time of Abraham. However, as American culture has become more insular and isolated, the difference between “secular” society and church communities are more and more noticeable. Loneliness in America is at an all-time high, however for people in religious communities that feelings in noticeably lower. Depression in America is also high, but those that are part of communities like churches are less likely become depressed.

God has instituted the church not just as a place to worship God or hear a sermon about Him. It is also a place we get to come together and support each other. When you have something to celebrate, the community celebrates with you. If you need help, that community prays for you and offers you help. We who have experienced this for most of our lives, probably do not quite understand just how amazing a church community can be. There are people that have joined churches not because they have fully accepted God yet, but because they have seen such kindness and support in that one community than they have in their who lives. When I think about that, I cannot help but thank God for the gift and being part of a church community. For God’s love is more than what he did in the past, but also what He has set up for all of us in our daily lives.



August Birthdays ...

2 Susan Meckert	8 Casey Estler	18 Delia Houtz
4 Grey Cornwell	11 Mike Donohue	24 William Wayne Wilson
Merrick Cornwell	14 Louise Wilson	25 Linda Bateman
5 Glen White	17 Ann Halbert	Carol Donohue
7 Patricia Marham	18 Brenda Markam	
8 John R. Wilson III	24 Misty Williams	

And Anniversaries...

August 1st – David & Kathi Parks
 August 8th – Clinton & Janet Saunders
 August 11th – Lina & Duane Bateman
 August 18th – Mark & Stacey Small



Stewardship
Report



Financial Update – August 2022

2022 Budget	\$113,381	100%
Needed Weekly	\$2,180	1.9%
7/31/22 needed (31 Weeks)	\$65,400	57%
7/31/22 Collected	\$46,834	41%
Behind Budget	\$18,566	16%

Serving Sundays in August 2022:

Readers

August 7 – Elizabeth Cornwell
 August 14 – Elenore Forsblom
 August 21 – Katherine Evans
 August 28 – Connie St. Aubin

Flowers

August 7 – Cornwell Family
 August 14 – Kruse Family
 August 21 –
 August 28 – Louise Smith

Sound System Ministry: Eric Slutz
Trustee for August: Lee Forsblom

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Members at home:

Beverly Trotman
Lynn Hagijs
Phillis Harris
Lisa Yaffey

Family and friends at home:

John Spencer



- Newbegan church ministries & members
- Our school partner – Weeksville Elementary School
- Our leaders in church and government
- Our mission outreach and missionary
- Our spiritual growth
- Our financial stewardship



<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4956493.52093>

As of November 20 ,2020 we have an online account with RADA Cutlery for ordering. Did you know that RADA sells more than cutlery? They also have gift sets, recipe books, baking pans and other assorted kitchen items. Just click on the website above to see the full line of products and to order.

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AND THE SIGN SAID:
May your life be a
fragrant small before the Lord

YEARLY BIBLE READINGS

You can read your Bible through in one year! Below is a format that lets you track how you are doing. Just check off each section as you go along. There are three readings for each day.

Have you read through the entire Bible yet? Make this the year.

Three verses a day keeps the blues away.

August 2022

DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	Mark 11:1-14	1 Kings 1	Hosea 4:1-5:4
2	Mark 11:15-33	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5-15
3	Mark 12:1-27	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2
4	Mark 12:28-44	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16
5	Mark 13:1-13	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8
6	Mark 13:14-37	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16
7	Mark 14:1-31	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15
8	Mark 14:32-72	1 Kings 9	Hosea 11:1-11
9	Mark 15:1-20	1 Kings 10	Hosea 11:12-12:14
10	Mark 15:21-47	1 Kings 11	Hosea 13
11	Mark 16	1 Kings 12:1-31	Hosea 14
12	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	1 Kings 12:32-13:34	Joel 1
13	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Kings 14	Joel 2:1-11
14	1 Corinthians 2	1 Kings 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32
15	1 Corinthians 3	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Joel 3
16	1 Corinthians 4	1 Kings 17	Amos 1
17	1 Corinthians 5	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1-3:2
18	1 Corinthians 6	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3-4:3
19	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13
20	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	1 Kings 21	Amos 5
21	1 Corinthians 8	1 Kings 22	Amos 6
22	1 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7
23	1 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 3	Amos 8
24	1 Corinthians 11:1-16	2 Kings 4	Amos 9
25	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	2 Kings 5	Obadiah 1
26	1 Corinthians 12	2 Kings 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1
27	1 Corinthians 13	2 Kings 7:3-20	Jonah 2
28	1 Corinthians 14:1-25	2 Kings 8	Jonah 3
29	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	2 Kings 9	Jonah 4
30	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	2 Kings 10	Micha 1
31	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	2 Kings 11	Micha 2

THE COLLECTION BOX in the foyer will be for TOILETRIES for the food pantry clients. We will collect soaps, shampoos, conditioners, paper products and any other related products. The Mission Committee thanks you.

August CALENDAR

August 7 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

August 9 – 7:00 pm – Meeting to Plan for our Homecoming Fish Fry

August 11 – 9:00 am – Food Bank Ministry

August 14 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

August 21 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

August 28 – 11:00 am – Sunday Service

“Community Watch”

Last month the community of Wanchese in Dare County lost a local legend with the passing of Mrs. Joyce Meekins at the age of 97. Mrs. Joyce lived next to my grandparents' home and I played with some of her 9 children as a small child. She was a lifelong member of Bethany United Methodist Church which also remains home to our annual Daniels family reunion. Mrs. Joyce was very devoted to her family, her church, and her community.

Mrs. Joyce Meekins was community watch in Wanchese before the term was used or placed on signs. If something was out of place, she would put it into place. Whenever a lightbulb was out (for security) at my grandparents' old home, my phone would ring with an alert from Mrs. Joyce. If someone would trespass on our property, she would chase them away. She would warn them that if they returned then she would call the sheriff. She was the care taker and carried the keys to the community building across the street.

Her history to Bethany UMC runs very deep. Her grandfather, William Lawrence Meekins, was one of the finest carpenters on Roanoke Island. He, with 3 helpers, started building the church in 1905 and it was completed in 1906. During construction of the church a young 3-year-old boy died and Mr. Meekins built his casket on site. Bethany UMC remains as beautiful today as I remember it as a child. Mrs. Joyce even planned several aspects of her own funeral. A few years ago, she and her daughter, Minta, picked out her coffin. She even planned to have the hearse drive her body around the waterfront line of fishing boats and docks before taking her to the cemetery.

The day before the funeral she had the idea to have her body lie in the sanctuary as her large family received relatives and friends. That night two of her daughters, Minta and Affie, stayed all night with Mrs. Joyce's body so that “she would not be alone.” That night she was able to lie in the sanctuary that her grandfather imagined and built by hand. Just as she watched over the Wanchese community for many years, in her final days that grateful community watched over her. God speed Mrs. Joyce.

Yours in faith, fellowship, and love,
Roy Daniels

Inspirational Quotes

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

—Mother Teresa



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