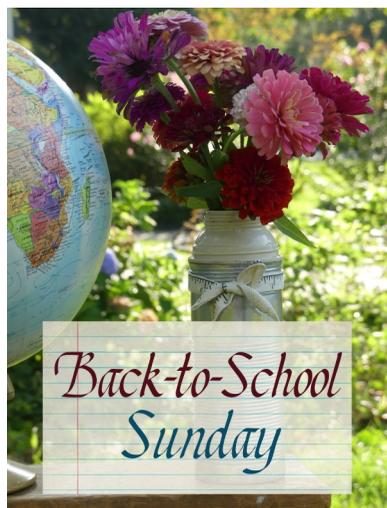


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BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY is **AUGUST 22nd**



During 10am morning worship, we will invite Teachers, Staff & Students forward for a **Back to School Blessing**.

(Please add Student & Teacher names to our B2S Prayer List in the Narthex by Aug. 15. Copies will be distributed on B2S Sunday. Together as a congregation, we will each pray for Back to School names over the first week of school.)

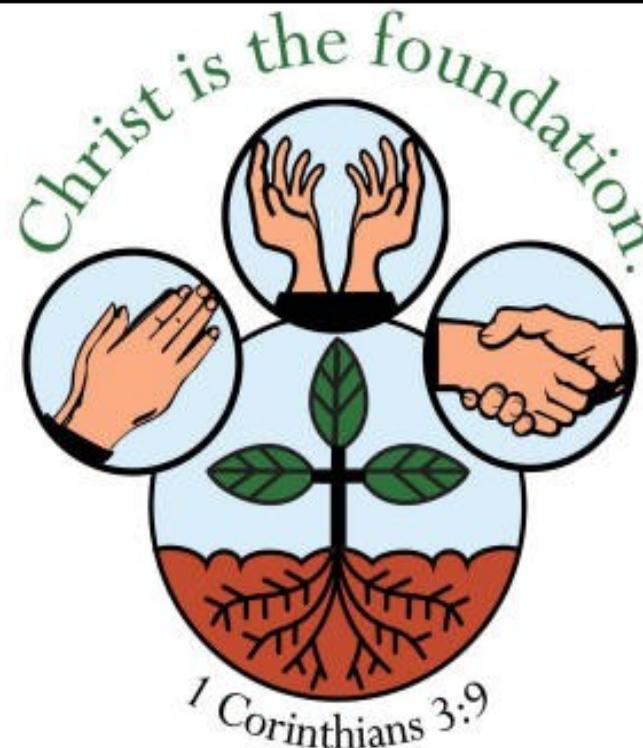
Students are urged to **bring their backpacks** to be blessed.



Following Worship,
Nacho Bar Lunch (Freewill donation)
Slip & Slide: Bring a change of clothes, towel & chair!
Spectators Welcome!
ALL are Welcome for an
Awesome Day with Church Family!



THE COMMUNICATOR



Francis Asbury United Methodist Church

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*Praising God,
 Growing Spiritually,
 and Reaching Neighbors.
 Rooted in Christ the Foundation!*

Morning Worship at 10 am through August 22.
Morning Worship resumes at 11 am on August 29.

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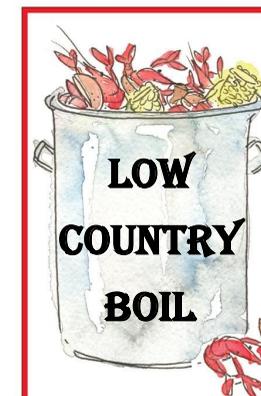
Ministers & Missionaries-
 ALL MEMBERS

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| Pastor | Michael Kurtz |
| Lay Leader | Charlie Kooles |
| Music Director | Jess Mills |
| Administrator | Danya Sellers |
| Custodian | Glenda Shook |
| C&FM Director | Megan Serzan |
| Nursery | Amy Dayton |
| Faith C. Nurse | Dora Brown, RN |

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S FUNDRAISER FOR HVABCCM.

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 7
 4-7 PM.

FRANCIS ASBURY PARKING LOT
\$15 GRAB & GO



INCLUDES:
1/2 LB. SHRIMP,

FRESH CORN, FRESH POTATOES,
SAUSAGE & SEASONING

FIRST COME. FIRST SERVED.

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!



A Message to FAUMC Family and Friends,

During the **first two Sundays in August**, we wrap up our worship service and sermon series on **Making a Difference for Jesus**. May we all keep striving to make this world a more just and merciful place, because of occupying our space on this planet!

The **last three Sundays in August**; and, the **first three Sundays in September** will find us diving into the topic of **happiness, true joy**. What is the pathway to authentic, lasting **joy**?

Author and pastor Max Lucado has written a book entitled **How to Find Happiness: Finding Lasting Joy**. We are invited and encouraged to spend **six weeks** concentrating on the topic of lasting **joy**.

Max writes: "Worldwide, people profess that **happiness** is their most cherished goal. Marketers get this. Want to be **happy**? they ask. Eat at this restaurant, drive this car, wear this dress. **Happiness** depends on what you mount on your trophy wall, deposit in your bank account, experience in your bedroom, or serve at your dining room table. **Happiness** happens when you lose the weight, get the date, find the mate, or discover your fate. It's wide, this way to **happiness**. Yet, for all its promise, it delivers a fragile **joy**, here one day, tomorrow scattered by the winds of comparison, disappointment, or unmet expectations.

But what if there is a different, unexpected path to **happiness**? One that requires no credit card, monthly mortgage or stroke of fortune. One in which age, looks and ethnicity aren't factors. What if the road to **joy** is less about getting and more about giving?"

Let's explore more deeply the God-offered gift of **joy**, that we may show and share the **joy** of Jesus with others. I look forward to our **joy** journey together!

A fellow servant in Christ, *Pastor Michael*



Double Your Impact

Church family - Double Your Impact - and help us close our budget shortfall!

An anonymous donor has agreed to match **dollar for dollar** your special one-time donation (*above your regular monthly giving*) to FAUMC, **up to \$5000!!** That means if we can raise \$5k over the month of August, we will have a **total of \$10,000** to add to our **2021 budget**. Our annual budget allows us to continue *Praising God, Growing Spiritually & Reaching Neighbors in MANY ways!*

Please include the word **"MATCH"** in the subject line of your check or in the notes section of any donation made online. **A heartfelt thanks to all of you for your ongoing support of FAUMC. We are so blessed to have such an awesome congregation!**

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47



Dear FAUMC Family and Friends,

As we navigate our way through an aggravating and even, at times, deadly COVID-19 pandemic, first of all I wish to express to you, **FAUMC Family, thanks for your patience and your willingness, for a long time now, to practice safe and healthy protocols!**

We surmise that we at FAUMC have been intentional and careful as we gather for worship and fellowship. At least this is our hope and prayer.

Now, as you probably know, there is a talk of a possible resurgence of COVID in a variant identified as DELTA VIRUS. Again, we are asking all of us as Jesus followers, to "Do no harm," and to practice helpful and healthy, common-sense habits when we gather.

These decisions for us are not political (sadly, some have politicized this issue); rather, it is solely about the health and safety of our church family and friends. We take our guidance from CDC (not perfect; but following science and best medical practices); State of N C; and our Western N C Conference. As we are further informed and guided, we will share with our congregation, as concerns guidance for gathering, etc.

AS OF NOW (July 29th, 2021) this is our plan and practices:

- ◆ If you are not vaccinated, please consider receiving the vaccine. (Confer with your primary care personnel for individual guidance)
- ◆ If you are not vaccinated, please consider wearing a mask during worship and fellowship times.
- ◆ Those vaccinated may also wish to wear a mask during worship for the sake of self and for others around you.
- ◆ We will continue opening doors and windows for cross-ventilation during our times in-doors.
- ◆ We continue asking us to practice social-distancing in the sanctuary. We ask us to use **ONLY** every-other pew and sit with same household members. The Penley Room also has additional socially-distanced seating.
- ◆ Thank you for exiting the Sanctuary by way of the hallway leading to the rest room doors (the way we have been exiting).
- ◆ Above all, let us pray that this pandemic will finally be defeated and eradicated through good sound health and safety practices that each of us can practice

***I know we are tired of these pandemic practices! I, for one, am frustrated with it all! Yet, as followers of Jesus, I hope we will all persevere for the cause of protecting others and protecting our own health.**

A fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Michael

BACK-TO-SCHOOL Supplies

Through August 22, we are collecting any & all "School Supplies" to share with our Enka-Candler Schools.



Please leave items in the designated boxes in the Narthex. Monetary donations also accepted.



Do you or a loved one have an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD)?

Would you be a great buddy to someone with I/DD?



Best Buddies WNC Citizens Program

CITIZENS is a friendship program serving adults in western North Carolina. We have a multi-step application process that includes an online application, background check and phone call/video interview.

Check out Best Buddies International at WWW.BESTBUDDIES.ORG

ALL BUDDIES COMMIT TO:

- * At least 1 year of friendship
- * Talk at least 1x/week
- * See each other at least 2x/month
- * Complete a monthly friendship update
- * Be an advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

FAB Sunday School meets on Sundays at 9am



FAB Women Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 10 @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Beth Moore's "Wising Up"

FAB Bible Study Meets on Tuesday, August 24 at 6 pm in FH No Homework involved! :)

All Ladies Welcome!



Meeting on Sunday, August 15 at 8

ALL MEN WELCOME!

FAUMC NURSE Ministry

A Little Advice from Nurse Dora

10 EARLY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ALZHEIMER'S

Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of **Alzheimer's** or other dementia. **Alzheimer's** is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills.

HERE ARE 10 WARNING SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life

One of the most common signs of **Alzheimer's** disease, especially in the early stage, is forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events, asking the same questions over and over, and increasingly needing to rely on memory aids, such as notes, or family members for things they used to handle on their own.

2. Challenges in planning or solving problems

Some people living with dementia may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.

3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks

People with **Alzheimer's** often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes they have trouble driving to a familiar location, organizing a grocery list or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

4. Confusion with time and place

People living with **Alzheimer's** can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there.

5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships

For some people, having vision problems is a sign of **Alzheimer's**. This may lead to difficulty with balance or trouble reading. They may also have problems judging distance and determining color or contrast, causing issues with driving.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing

People living with **Alzheimer's** may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have trouble naming a familiar object or use the wrong name or word.

7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps

A person living with **Alzheimer's** disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. He or she may accuse others of stealing, especially as the disease progresses.

8. Decreased or poor judgment

Individuals may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money or pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

9. Withdrawal from work or social activities

A person living with **Alzheimer's** disease may experience changes in the ability to hold or follow a conversation. As a result, he or she may withdraw from hobbies, social activities or other engagements. They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite team or activity.

10. Changes in mood and personality

Individuals living with **Alzheimer's** may experience mood and personality changes. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, with friends or when out of their comfort zone.

*This information was taken from the web site www.alz.org which contains a wealth of information and many resources pertaining to **Alzheimer's**, and also a 24/7 Helpline 800-272-3900. **Dora Brown, RN, FAUMC Faith Community Nurse**



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- 8/10 Kelley King
- 8/15 Mike Louie
- 8/15 Patrick Moser
- 8/22 Terrie Miller
- 8/23 Betsy Cooper
- 8/24 Peyton Diffenbaugh
- 8/24 Mollie Scott
- 8/25 Tommy Cooper
- 8/29 Dick Greene
- 8/30 Julia Sharpe



- 8/5 Todd & Angela Cathcart
- 8/14 Rick & Patti Minzer
- 8/15 Charlie & Peggy Milroy
- 8/15 Jack & Judy Surfus
- 8/22 Michael & Karen Kurtz