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Church Lunch & Basket Auction on Sunday, May 4 following worship in the Fellowship Hall.



On the Menu: *Beef tips with beef gravy (and/or peppers, onions and mushrooms), mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert.*

Lots of great baskets to bid on: Home Basket; "The Garden is Calling & I Must Go" Wagon; Home canned goods basket; Dates for a Year Basket; Blind Date with a Book Basket; Deluxe Potted Flower Baskets, and many more.

Liz Henley Hipps will be our auctioneer.

There will also be a table with silent auction items: homemade dishcloths, cards, baked goods, shawls, etc.

Hope you can join us! Invite a friend!

Welcome
to Our Church

Sunday
Worship
at
11 am

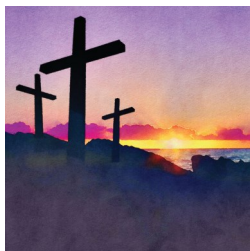
IN MINISTRY

Ministers & Missionaries-
ALL MEMBERS

Pastor	Avery White
Lay Leader	Val Grush
Music Director	Jess Mills
Administrator	Danya Sellers
Custodian	Glenda Shook
C&FM Director	Megan Serzan
Nursery	Amy Dayton
Faith C. Nurse	Dora Brown, RN



On Sunday, April 27th, our confirmands became full members of FAUMC! We are so proud of you Emma Maye, Jet & Lillian!



“The Rest of the Story”

Paul Harvey hosted a popular news program on the radio beginning during World War II, and continuing into the 1970's. As he reported on facts, people, and stories, his tagline became, “And now you know...the rest of the story.” This month, as we continue in the season of Easter, the lectionary takes us through the book of Acts. We will hear stories of conversion, redemption, and resurrection as we hear again “the rest of the story.” After the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, his followers act as his continuing presence in the world, and travel far and wide to share the Good News.

At Francis Asbury UMC, we continue as Easter people. This month, we will worship together, share meals around the table, celebrate, serve, and grow together. We will host a blood drive, a market, a food truck, a fundraiser for VBS, a yard sale, and an ABCCM general assembly meeting. I thank God for the ways we are connected in the Body of Christ! May God's love continue to reflect in and through Francis Asbury UMC as we: Praise God, Grow Spiritually, and Reach Neighbors.

In Christ's Love, *Pastor Avery*



Mother's Day is May 11.

In honor of Mother's Day, we will create a **slideshow** to be shown during morning worship. If you would like to include a photo of your mother, or a woman who has been an inspiration to you, email them to the church office at faumc.nc@gmail.com **by Tuesday, May 6.**

Last year's photos will be used for this year's presentation unless Danya hears otherwise. If you are unable to send your photo by email, you can bring it to the church office.



Saturday, May 17
from **8am-2pm**
in the Gym

Now accepting Table Reservations (1 for \$15;

2 for \$25) & gently used yard sale items. Please see Danya Sellers with donations, reservations, or to volunteer to set-up or attend the church yard sale tables.

Yard Sale Set-up on Friday, May 16 from 3-6pm.

The United Methodist Men will serve BREAKFAST from 8-10am in the Fellowship Hall.

FAB Women Missions Fundraiser



Our next FREE Food Pantry & Market is Thursday, May 15 from 3-5pm in the Gym.

Pantry & Market items available to support ANYONE in the community who is experiencing food insecurity.

Volunteers needed!
Thank you to our Pantry Volunteers who make this outreach possible!



FAUMC NURSE
MINISTRY

A Little Advice from Nurse Dora

GO WITH THE FLOW AND ADAPT

You have probably heard someone say, “We just need to go with the flow and adapt.” But, what exactly does this mean? Going with the flow and adapting to changes in life means accepting what is happening, being flexible, and adjusting your plans when necessary. It is about embracing uncertainty and trusting that things will work out. It's about accepting the current reality and not getting stuck on how things "should" be. It is being able to adjust your plans, goals and expectations when things don't go as planned and having faith that things will be okay, even when you are uncertain.

Going with the flow and adapting are about finding a balance between having a plan and being open to change. It's about recognizing that life rarely goes exactly as planned, and that embracing uncertainty can lead to growth and fulfillment.

Going with the flow may be difficult as it may require you to completely change your course. There is no one way to let go and go with the flow. What works for someone else may not work for you.

Change is a constant certainty in life and we need to be prepared to deal with it and adapt the best we can. Accepting how things are doesn't mean that you like them. It simply means that you choose to stop fighting against things that are out of your control, or in other words, don't stress over what you cannot control.

Take it easy,
Dora Brown, RN, Faith Community Nurse



Safe Sanctuaries Meeting for Volunteers of Youth & Children on Sunday, May 4th at 9:30am in the Penley Room. This meeting is for all Children and Youth volunteers (VBS, Children's Church, etc) and is also required for all staff members. Updated background checks are required for all volunteers and staff every 5 years.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, here's the link to register for the free online training on Tuesday, May 13th at 7pm.

<https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/SafeSanctuaries05132025>

Please let the church know once you have completed this training.

Thank you for caring for our Young Disciples!



Join the Hive
(a buzzing, creative,
connected community).

Wednesdays
from 10.30-11.30am
in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome!
See you there, Honey!



The Food Connection Food Truck
"Fran" passes out free, delicious
meals in the FAUMC parking lot on
Thursdays from **3-5pm**. Take as many
meals as you need! **All are welcome!**
Our May Communion Offering will go to
Food Connection. food-connection.org



**Church
Council
Meeting on
Sunday,
May 18**
**following
worship** in the
Fellowship Hall.

All members should plan to attend.



**Francis
Asbury
UMC
Gym**

Thursday, May 22
from 1:30 - 6 pm
For an appointment,
Call (800) 733-2767, (828) 667-3950
or go to redcrossblood.org



**FAB Women
Meeting on
Tuesday, May 13th**
@ 6pm at the home
of Glenda Shook
(365 Asbury Rd)
Salty-Glenda Shook
Sweet-Pam Hall
Devo-Danya Sellers
ALL LADIES WELCOME!



Attention FAB Gals...
Please provide a
basket description for
our auctioneer and
bring your basket to
the fellowship hall for
the auction **by**
10:30am on Sunday,
May 4th. Invite a
friend and let's have
a great auction in
support of "VBS."

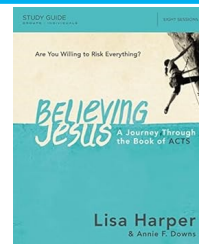


SAVE THE DATE!!
**Summer Gift
Exchange**
on Friday, June 6
at 6:30pm at the
Home of Pam Moser
ALL LADIES INVITED!
Bring a wrapped,
summer gift (\$15-\$20)
and a covered dish
and join the fun!

**May is Melanoma
Awareness Month.**



May 5th is
Melanoma
Monday.
In loving
memory
of her son,
Levi Lutz,
Sharon Lutz
would like to
invite everyone
to **dress in black** to
raise awareness
of the symptoms,
causes, & prevention
of melanoma.



Spring Ladies
Bible Study
Remaining Dates:
Tuesdays-May 6 & 20



**MEETING &
BREAKFAST**
Sunday, May 18
at 7:30am

All Men are invited
for good food &
fellowship.



**Do you have a
High School or
College Graduate
this year?**

If so, please let
the church office
know by
Monday, May 26.
Call (828) 667-3950
or email us at
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IN HONOR OF
GLEN CHAMPLIN
**FREE PANTRY/
MARKET FUND**
by Jet Mills
**"Thank you
for being my mentor!"**

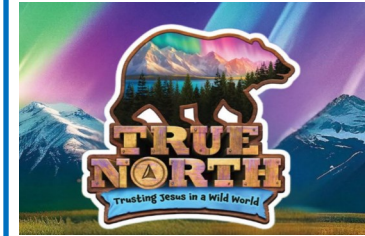


**Do you know of someone
who needs some comfort?**

Prayer Shawls, Pocket
Prayer Shawls & Francis
Bears available in the
Penley Room. Please

record your gift so we can keep track
of the outreach of these ministries.

Thank you
to Cindy
McD. for
making
new
clothes for
Francis
Bear!



**Join us for "True
North" Vacation
Bible School**
June 9-12
from 6-8:30pm.

This VBS guides kids
on an Alaskan adventure, teaching them to
trust Jesus as their "true north" in a wild world
through music, games, crafts, and Bible stories.
Free Supper served 5:15-6pm.

Volunteers needed!
Please sign-up in the Penley Room.

**Here's the QR code for
participant registration
for ages 4 – 8th Grade.**



**Did you know that each week,
we send out a mid-week devotional
and a weekly email about Sunday
worship, upcoming events and
prayer requests?** If you'd like to be
added to our list, please send your
email request to faumc.nc@gmail.com.

get  **CONNECTED**



**HOMINY
VALLEY
ABCCM**
⌘

*Every 4th Sunday
is Hominy Valley
ABCCM Sunday
at FAUMC.*

**Children & Family
Ministry Team**
Meeting on
Sunday, June 1st
following worship



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PEW PRAYERS 4-FAB Women 11-Ladies Class 18-Men's Class 25-Young Disciples	LAY READERS 4-Pam Hall 11-Jane Minzer 18-Eden Mills 25-C. Rice	YOUNG DISCIPLES 4-Veronica Crook 11-Megan Serzan 18-Glen Champlin 25-Avery White	June 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		1 3-5pm Free Meals Food Connection Food Truck "Fran" in FAUMC Parking Lot	2 Office Closed	3
4 9:30am Safe Sanctuaries Meeting in Penley Room 10 Sunday School 11 Worship & Holy Communion 12 Church Lunch & Basket Auction	5 Melanoma Monday  Please dress in black to raise awareness of the symptoms, causes, & prevention of melanoma.	6 6pm Believing Jesus Study in the Fellowship Hall 6:30-7:30 pm Gym: Cub Scouts	7 10:30-11:30 The Hive in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Choir Practice		8 3-5pm Free Meals Food Connection Food Truck "Fran" in FAUMC Parking Lot	9 Office Closed	10 5-9:30pm Gym: Smoky Mountain Dance Club
11 MOTHER'S DAY 10 Sunday School 11 Worship  Happy Mother's Day!	12	13 11:15am Parkinsons CarePartner Group 6pm FAB Meeting at the home of Glenda Shook 6:30pm Cub Scouts	14 10:30-11:30 The Hive in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Choir Practice		15 3-5 pm in Gym  FREE FOOD PANTRY & MARKET 3-5pm Food Truck	16 Office Closed 3-6pm Yard Sale Set-up in the Gym	17 8-10 Breakfast 8am-2pm  SPRING YARD SALE
18 10 Sunday School 11 Worship 12 Church Council Meeting	19  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 6pm Believing Jesus Study Concludes in the Fellowship Hall 6:30-7:30 pm Gym: Cub Scouts	21 10:30-11:30 The Hive in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Choir Practice 4-8 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved: White		22 11:15am PCP 1:30-6pm in the Gym  AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 3-5pm Food Truck	23 Office Closed	24 5-9:30pm Gym: Smoky Mountain Dance Club
25 10 Sunday School 11 Worship Hominy Valley ABCCM Sunday	26 Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY 	27 4-8pm ABCCM General Assembly Meeting  6:30-7:30 pm Gym: Cub Scouts	28 10:30-11:30 The Hive in the Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Choir Practice		29 3-5pm Free Meals Food Connection Food Truck "Fran" in FAUMC Parking Lot	30 Office Closed	31



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5/1 Pam Hall
5/6 Lillianah Larimer
5/7 Veronica Crook
5/7 Bob Lewis
5/9 Sylvia Tang
5/11 Connie Greene
5/15 Robert McCain
5/19 Laura Casey
5/20 Rick Minzer
5/21 Leonard Crook
5/22 Chris Serzan
5/23 Jess Mills
5/25 Karen Moore
5/25 Cole Rhinehart
5/26 Dot Peebles
5/27 Liz Hipps
5/27 Ryan Hipps
5/31 Rosemary Brown