



***“So now I am giving you a new commandment:
Love each other.
Just as I have loved you,
you should love each other.”
John 13:34, New Living Translation***

February is known as the month of love. As we all probably know, February 14th is Valentine’s Day. It is a day set aside for us to show our loved ones how much we do love them by giving them a card and writing a note about how much they mean to us. Or we give them flowers and candy and, at the end of the day, take them out to dinner at some place special. In other words, on Valentine’s Day we go out of our way to make sure not only do we do some things out of the ordinary, but that – at least on that day – they know without a doubt how much we love them. The thing is, as Christians we are commanded to love our neighbors and “the least of these” as if every day was Valentine’s Day – to love them as ourselves.

I have made this statement over and over again because I truly believe it – “If we do the things of Jesus and if, as a church, we concentrate on doing those things first and more than all of the other things, then everything else will fall into place.” We will not have to worry about the money we have or do not have. We will not have to worry about the number of people we have or do not have. We will not have to worry whether or not what we do or do not do and the efforts we put in will give us returns or just burn us out. No, the blessings will come in the abundance of God.

As you receive this newsletter, the Bus Ministry will already be “moving forward.” We will begin by picking up the older adults at the care facilities nearby, plus we will be picking up those who no longer can or feel safe driving so that they can attend the Traditional Service. Later this Spring, the new Relational Outreach Ministry will be doing special events in the Smith Farms area –specifically for children. This will build relationships so those with children can trust us in transporting their children to our First Fruits Service. The good news is God has already blessed us with the “seed money” to begin this ministry through a Vitality Grant through the Yadkin Valley District.

Folks, this is just the beginning of the ministries coming to Sedge Garden in 2025 as we bless others and receive blessings throughout the year. I wish I had room to go over the entire list of opportunities with the Relational Outreach Ministry here, but I do not. However, you will be hearing about them soon. I want to encourage each and every person to find your place – not only to belong, but to make a difference – both here at Sedge Garden UMC and in the community. The opportunity of ministry is open to everyone, whether you can participate in one ministry or in all. The number does not matter. The important thing is that you want to love others – not so much so you can change them, but so you can change – and in doing so, the church will change.

Love you all,
Pastor Keith

Pastoral Care Notes

We extend ongoing prayers of petition for comfort and healing to the following:
Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Shirley Ayers	Nancy Blue	Dixie Braun	Shasta Crosby
Mary Graves	John Greenhoe	Tommy Holder	Kevin Love
Judi Machamer	Sam Moore	Vince Murphy	Bryan Staley
Ruth Tucker	Robin Weavil	Jerry Young	...and prayers unspoken.

Homebound Friends, Nursing Home, Assisted Living & Independent Living Residents

Dare Burge	Dot Sides	Pat Vogler
Zane Chandler (Arbor Ridge, Room 209) Pratt Dunlap (River Landing, Colfax, Room HT107)		Evangeline Davis (Cadence, Huntersville, Room B9) Linda Heath (Cadence, Wake Forest Senior Living, Wake Forest)
Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax, Room P301) Jenny Linville (Arbor Ridge, Room 110) Bub & Karen Manning (Salem towne) Patsy Rowell (Arbor Ridge, Room 218) Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge, Room 111)		Becky Hines (Bermuda Commons, Advance, Rm 505B) Carrie Lowe (Kerner Ridge, Room A-11) Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge, Room 211) Mary Lea Shreve (Kerner Ridge, Room A-1) Mona Terrell (Room 17, 1560 Skeet Club Road, High Point, 27265)
Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ridge, Room 202) Sadie Weavil (Trinity-Elms, Clemmons, Room 402) Jerry Young (The Vero, Chesapeake VA, 23322)		Robin Weavil (Davie Nursing & Rehab Center) Nancy Ellison (Bermuda Village Rm#603, Clemmons, 27006)

February Feature Member

Virginia "Jenny" Sapp Linville

(DOB: 9.18.28) Age: 96

Member since 1959 (65 years)

Address:

1237 Masten Drive, Rm #110

Kernersville, NC 27284

If ever a person has the song "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart" as their trademark it has to be sweet and funny Jenny Linville. Indeed, Jenny always has a song in her heart and she knows every song in the Methodist Hymnal from her 50 plus years as a member of the church choir. As the years have progressed, Jenny has developed vision and hearing problems forcing her to give up choir, but stand beside her in church and listen to her as she sings every verse of every song by heart. The real treat is if you are on her birthday call list and she and calls to sing happy birthday to you.

Jenny grew up in Old Salem and graduated from Gray High School. She remarked that the best part of living in Old Salem were the people. Jenny was married to Horace "Buck" Linville in Home Moravian Church in 1946 when she was 18 years old. They had two children, Cindy Poindexter and Susan Gray of Rio Rancho, NM. She also has four grandchildren. Jenny worked for a time at Western Electric in Winston-Salem. Later on, each summer she helped her best friend Peggy Smith in tobacco and with her gardening and canning. For fun her favorite activity was to go bowling. For vacation her favorite spot is Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Jenny loves her church. She was a member of the Walker Sunday School class when it was "the young couples" class. Jenny played on the church women's softball team for years. In recent months, Jenny no longer attends many church services but loves attending the monthly Golden Ager programs. The Golden Girls always try to make sure Jenny has a "to go" box of treats to take back with her. Jenny moved to Arbor Ridge Independent Living about three years ago in tandem with her best friend Peggy Smith. You can often find Jenny and Peggy together in Peggy's room across the hall playing cards and reminiscing about the many adventures they have had over the years. Jenny loves visits and cards—playing cards and greeting cards, either one! A visit with Jenny will put joy in your heart too.



OUTREACH

Dare to Dream!

Relational Outreach Bus Transportation Ministry

We are about to embark on using our two buses in a Transportation Ministry to and from Arbor and Kerner Ridge, as a start! First step – Sunday morning Bus Drivers and Monitors are needed (both positions paid; no special CDL license is required).

If interested in serving, please contact
Alecia Julian 704-284-2094 or
Rob Alexander 336-414-2961.



 Crisis Control

February 2025 Gift of the Month



Soul Foods
(Canned Greens, Black-eyed Peas, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, etc.)

 Crisis Control

Wee Care! February Gift of the Month



Granola Bars



Mrs. Anne and Mr. Bob's class is at it again! This time, they are making scarves for local people who are homeless!



Garden Kids Ministry

“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he shall not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

So often, young people are discredited for the impact that they can have on others' lives. Here at Sedge Garden UMC, we know that young people make a huge difference, and are capable of doing big things for God. In January, the Garden Kids of Club 3-4-5 used their time together to make blankets for people who are homeless. They worked diligently to cut and tie the fabric, and are excited to share their creation and God's love with people who are outside in these frigid temperatures.



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By action of the Sedge Garden UMC 2024 Charge Conference, these names have been read for consideration of membership to be removed based on their membership being inactive. These names will be read again at the 2025 Charge Conference before final removal. If anyone listed would like to remain a member of Sedge Garden UMC please inform the office at 336-788-2297 or email communications@sedgegardenumc.org and your name will not be removed, but will remain on our membership list.

Please note, we are not trying to create a hardship or a judgement on anyone, we are simply trying to update our membership roles to be current. This is the process that the Book of Discipline of the UMC requires in order for us to do so.

Thank you for your attention and understanding of this important process. – Pastor Keith Edwards

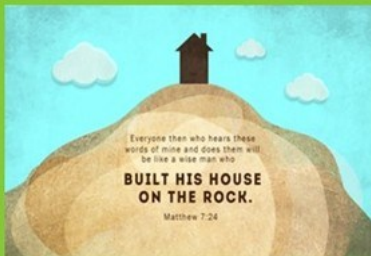
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| Ethan Bedsole | Alexandra Gillespie Gallop | Sherry Jeffries | Jill Smith |
| Ken Bedsole | Jeffrey Gass | Jessica Gillespie Johnson | Marlene Smith |
| Tracie Bedsole | Donna Gilbert | Cliff Jones | Edna Standland |
| Brad Bennett | Amanda Gillespie | Jared Jones | David Strickland |
| Carobeth Bennett | Beth Gillespie | Leigh Jones | Nancy Strickland |
| Greg Bennett | Colleen Gillespie | Pat Jones | Robert William "Billy" Thomason |
| Amanda Benson | Don Gillespie | Keven Kling | Robert Emil Thomason |
| Charles Benson | Zane Gillespie | Mark Kling | Tim Turner |
| Sarah Berkebile | Wayne Gunter | Stephen Kling | Jeremy Via |
| Alfred Blake | Vivien Gunter | Josh Langford | JoAnne Via |
| Ann Blake | Casey Gunter | Maggie Langford | Kevin Via |
| Melanie Bowman Zimmerman | Greg Gunter | Christopher Nowlin | Perry Via |
| Kristine Brixius | Bonne Hill | Star Nowlin | Anita Waibel |
| Norman Bryant | Amy Hobbs | Ashley Ogburn | Royce Weisner |
| Brad Carrier | Jack Hutslar | Weston Ogburn | Robert Westfall |
| Bruce Cooke | Jo Ellen Hutslar | Katherine Paschal | Brenda Whicker |
| Sharon Cooke | Sally Hutslar | Penny Pope | |

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YOUTH MINISTRY 24/7

UMYF Schedule

- February 2nd -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 2-3pm - HS Confirmation
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- February 9th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 2-3pm - HS Confirmation
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- February 14th-16th - Confirmation Retreat
- February 16th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- February 23rd -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 2-3pm - HS Confirmation
 - 4-6pm - GYM (Note the time change!)



"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."

Philippians 4:4

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Philippians 4:6

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10



The Youth of Sedge Garden UMC have kicked off 2025 with a fresh start! We talked about how Jesus challenges us not to judge others' sin, but instead to turn away from our own sin and sin no more. We don't have to wait for a new year, or Monday, we can have a fresh start anytime we acknowledge that we are wrong and need to find our way back into God's will.



OUR PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER TRIPS IS:
 PAYMENT #1 BY FEBRUARY 8TH
 PAYMENT #2 BY APRIL 6TH
 PAYMENT #3 BY JUNE 1ST

Chad & Amanda Betters, Co-Directors of Youth Ministry
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Gifts have been given to the following ministries...

In Memory Of

<u>Carol Hoover</u> General Fund	Richard Hoover
<u>Cleo & Estelle Pope</u> Chancel Choir	Debbie Hill
<u>Jimmy, Josh, & Tyler Hill</u> Cemetery Fund	Debbie Hill
<u>John A. Hastings</u> Cemetery Fund	Jane Veach
<u>Rebecca Hastings Coltrane</u> Cemetery Fund	Jane Veach
<u>Thomas D. Martin</u> Refresh & Renew	Yupa Martin
<u>Myrtis Holder</u> General Fund	Janet Englebert Hunter Atkins Denny & Nina Holder Shirley Matthews Cheryl Tilley
<u>Myrtis Holder</u> UMCOR	Carolyn Voss

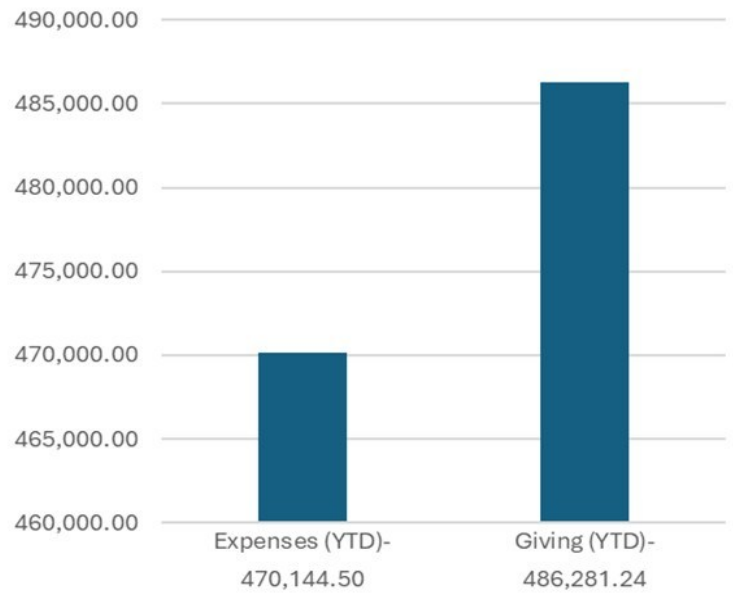
From the finance committee...

Needed to meet weekly budgeted expenses:

\$11,137.00

Giving in November: \$47,895.28

Mission and Ministry Fund Update



Ways to Give

Cash or check using an envelope.

Online at sedgegardenumc.org/give or by scanning the QR code!

Thank you for your generosity!



February 9

“Small, But Mighty...Hidden, But Here”

Matthew 13:31 – 33

February 16

“Invited, But Too Busy”

Luke 14:16 – 24

February 23

“Finding What Was Lost”

Luke 15:3 – 4, 8, 11 – 13

March 2

“The Real Thief”

Luke 18:10 – 14

The Stories of Jesus that Changed The World

We love to read those words in red of Jesus, but have you actually tried to do them? In just 3 years with 12 followers – mainly ministering in a 10 square mile area – Jesus Christ, one of the greatest storytellers on earth stories, captivated crowds and answered questions with stories. Some of those stories still make us scratch our heads. Some that we read cause us to ask, “Are you kidding me?” Jesus literally turned the world upside down with his stories about life, love, and faith. And today,

those same stories are still
“Turning the World Upside Down.”

Vision and Dreams
Brainstorming
Workshop

Full Breakfast by
Methodist Men

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025
9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



Prayerfully consider saving the date to come join your fellow church family for a fast paced and energizing session to dream about the life and future of our church.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JANUARY 27, 2025
CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT
336-788-2297 communications@sedgegardenumc.org



Stitches of Love
February 3rd

10am-12pm

Nooma Classroom

February 4, 2025

2pm-7pm



Please give
blood.

American Red Cross

Schedule your appointment @
redcross.org

Keyword: Sedge Garden UMC



Golden Agers
Luncheon



Monday, February 10th
1:00 pm

Menu:

Lasagna,
Salad, Breadsticks,
&
Cheesecake



United Methodist Men's
Breakfast

February 25 @ 7am

UWF Tulips

February

26th

1:30pm-

2:30pm

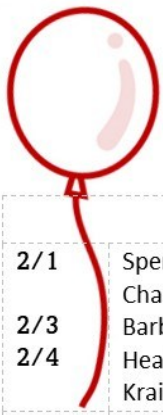
SEDGE GARDEN UMC YOUTH

Pine Needle Sale

\$6 per bale | \$7 per bale delivered

delivery/pick-up dates: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, & 12

pre-order: (336) 624-1423 or youth@sedgegardenumc.org



February Birthdays



Birthdays			
2/1	Spencer Slate Chase Smith	2/18	Megan Brady Lenae Stone
2/3	Barbara Taite	2/19	Kyle Hagborg
2/4	Heather Lewis Kraig Sandell	2/20	Jerry Hamilton Mike Stone
2/5	Judy Swaim		Cliff Tice
2/6	Kate Jackson		Cheryl Walker
2/8	Susie Holland	2/22	Jackson Howell Dunlap
2/9	Patrick Grubbs		Sheila Holder
2/10	Ryan Collette David Les Jackson		London McCann Lisa Newton
	Camille Simmons Rebecca Weavil	2/24	Lindley Robbins Ameera June DiGerolamo
2/11	Donald Gordon Ashley Ogburn		Drew Karr Michael Simmons Jr.
2/12	Karen DeBusk	2/25	Kendal Tumlin
2/13	Harry Roberts Bramley Johnson		Mark Chandler Wanda Cole
	Deb Neal Ivan Pechtel Patti Smothers		Mindy Grubbs Denise Ring Rhonda Sapp
2/14	Ashlyn Stone Dennis Stout	2/26 2/27	Berry Walker Norma Freeman
	Selena West		Jessica Jeffries
2/15	Edna Holland Linda Virden	2/28	Cindy Poindexter Kemberly Arthur
2/16	Yvonne Coffey Catrin Giles		Alice Bartlett Melisa Carter
	Pat Kinnamon Bailey Wilson	2/29	Anna Grace Hancock Amara Roth



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