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“As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.”

~2 Corinthians 9:13, New Living Translation

Thanksgiving Day seems to have become just that – a day. Thanksgiving has become one day of not only Christmas parades and football games, but a day of in-between Halloween and Christmas. It seems lately that Halloween for some people has become almost as popular (or at least they are trying to make it as popular) as Christmas. No longer is Halloween just about putting out the jack-o-lanterns. Now, there are elaborate lawn decorations consisting of animated zombies, and witches, as well as ghosts and goblins. Some people have even begun to decorate their homes with orange Halloween lights – which is kind of interesting when the rest of the decorations reflect the darkness of Halloween.

And then, there is Thanksgiving Day. Instead of being a season, it has become nothing more than an hour of devouring as much food as we can possibly gorge ourselves with. Yes, some families will gather around that meal and say a prayer for all they are thankful for this year. Some families even have their smaller kids participate in the ritual. However, even before the dishes are cleaned, folks are rushing out to the stores with their list of wants as they go out for the early Christmas sales or lay back in the recliner while shopping on the Amazon app. Now that the meal is over, so is Thanksgiving.

I guess what I am asking for (at least for us who are a part of the Sedge Garden family) is that we look at all that Sedge Garden UMC is and all that we are becoming. Thankfully pray, rejoicing in all that God is doing through the people of the church and in the community. God has truly blessed us beyond what any of us imagined. So, should we not at least set apart one complete day and let it be a day of complete Thanksgiving to God?

Love you all,  
Pastor Keith

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Thank you so much for all the remembrances for Pastor's Appreciation Sunday! It was wonderful to be thought of in such an elaborate way! The covered dish meal was delicious—there are so many great cooks here. We are so happy to be here at Sedge Garden.  
Gratefully, Pastor Keith

*Thank  
you!*







# OUTREACH

The Brooks-Howell Retirement Home for the United Women of Faith missionaries from around

the world, will be receiving hand-made items from the Stitches of Love. The Western North Carolina Conference sent a wish list of items that the retirement home needs, and one of the items was adult bibs from Amazon. After a conversation with employees at the home, we are sending twenty Foley bag covers, a dozen walker bags, and a dozen handmade adult bibs. They are so excited to receive these items made with love!

The whole church was involved in making stuffed bears for children affected by Hurricane Helene. Spruce Pine United Methodist Church will be delivering these 100 bears to children who have lost their own toys due to the flooding.

Upcoming outreach opportunities: November Crisis Control Item of the Month, the annual Pack-a-Thon, Samaritan's Purse shoebox drive, Toys for Tots, Red Bag Project (food items for Shalom).



**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
**TOY DRIVE**  
Collecting toys November 3 - 29  
Donate a toy for a child this Christmas!

**OPERATION Christmas Child**  
**Samaritan's Purse**  
Fill shoeboxes with items for children in need.  
November 3-17

## Join the Communion Steward Team!

**Congregational Care is creating a communion team for the delivery of communion to our church members who are no longer able to physically come to services. If you would like to participate in this ministry each month on behalf of the Pastor, please call the church office to sign up or let Anne White know.**

**Responsibility will be to take a communion kit (juice, fresh bread, cups, and liturgy included) with you after the Sunday communion services and deliver communion to your assigned person that afternoon or the next day. Teams will be set up to cover for each other so an occasional missed month will be easily accommodated.**

**Simple training will be offered. Our first delivery will begin on November 10th after our All Saints Service. Thoughtfully pray about this special ministry and call to volunteer.**







# 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**

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders of Sedge Garden UMC have the privilege of attending the Yadkin Valley District Tween Retreat each fall at Camp Merriwood. This year we took nine Garden Kids to the retreat for food, fellowship, worship, and service! There were gym games, a rock climbing wall, kayaks, canoes, and a playground where we made new friends! We participated in a service project, packaging diapers for a diaper bank in Winston-Salem, at Ardmore UMC. We took communion and learned about being called. What a fun, overnight retreat to build the Christian bonds of childhood!



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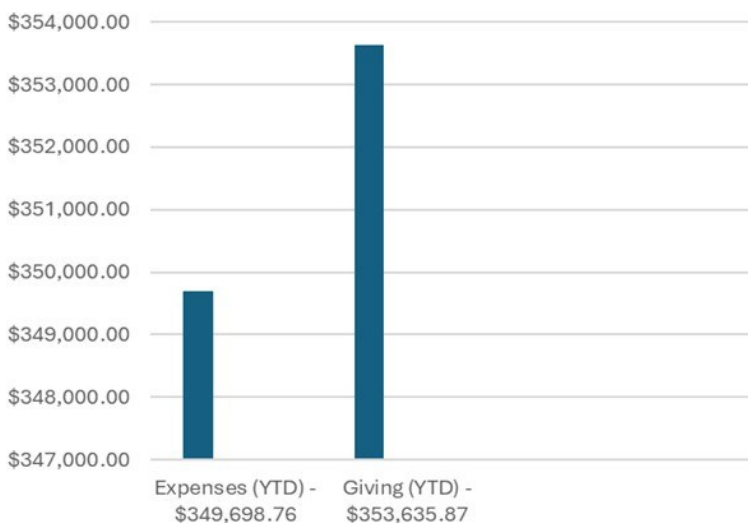
## From the finance committee...

Needed to meet weekly budgeted expenses:

\$11,137.00

Giving in August: \$41,291.00

### Mission and Ministry Fund Update



## Gifts have been given to the following ministries...

### In Memory Of

Betty Ann Hastings Clark

General Fund

Martha Griffin

Gayle Hampton

General Fund

Shirley Matthews

UMCOR

Gale Love

General Fund

Vonnie Motsinger

UMCOR

Carolyn Voss

Ruth Machamer

UMCOR

Joey & Yvonne Coffey

UMCOR

Andy Holder

General Fund

Vonnie Motsinger

UMCOR

Carolyn Voss

Patsy Smith

General Fund

Bob & Anne White

### In Honor Of

Denny & Nina Holder

UMCOR

Joey & Yvonne Coffey



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YOUTH MINISTRY 24/7

## UMYF Schedule

- October 26th - Trunk-or-Treat
- October 27th -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
  - 3-5pm - GYM
  - Spookywoods (Time TBD)
- November 3rd -
  - Pack-A-Thon
  - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
  - 3-5pm - GYM (Samaritan's Purse Project)
- November 10th -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
  - 3-5pm - GYM (Laser Tag, details to come)
- November 16th @ 4pm - Amazing Race!
- November 17th -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
  - 3-5pm - GYM
- November 22-24 - Jr./Sr. Retreat
- November 24th -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
  - 3-5pm - GYM
- December 1st @ 5pm - Christmas Tree Lighting

WORTHY ARE YOU  
OUR LORD AND GOD

REVELATION 4:11

"...put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Ephesians 4:24

## Fall Fun!

The Youth love having fun, and to kick off the fall season, we got lost...and then found our way out of a corn maze! The boys' team came in first, the high school girls came in second, and the middle school girls weren't far behind them!



All throughout the month of October, the Youth have been running the pumpkin patch on Sunday afternoons during their GYM time! We love playing games among the pumpkins, and connecting with the community as they buy their pumpkins! We are so thankful for all the families—Garden Kids, Youth, and those



who love us—who have worked the pumpkin patch and supported the GK, Youth, and Choir ministries!



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## Employee Spotlight – Marshal Faircloth

SPRC would like to shine a spotlight on Marshal Faircloth this month. Marshal is our Sexton and Security. The dictionary defines a Sexton as an employee who takes care of the church property and performs related minor duties (such as ringing the bell for services and digging graves). Luckily, Marshal does not have to dig graves or ring the bell for our services. However, he does watch after the church. Many nights you will find Marshal walking around the church to make sure that the doors are locked, lights are turned off, and windows are secure. He also checks our buses, the Scout pavilion, and the Scout hut.

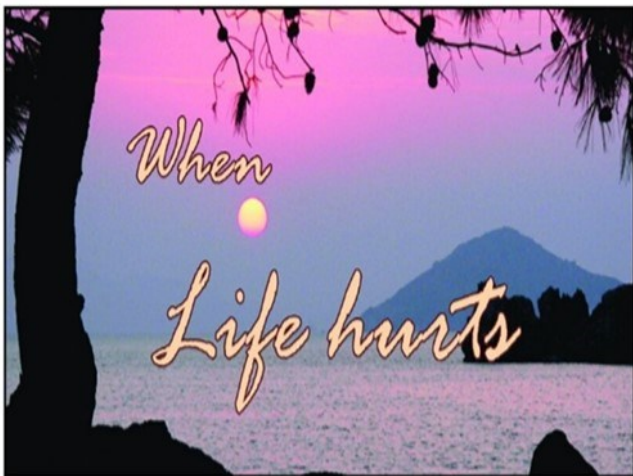


Marshal was born in Angier, NC. He is the youngest of four; he has one brother and two sisters. Marshal said that even though he is the youngest, he makes sure that his siblings stay out of trouble. Growing up, Marshal lived in Long Island, NY and Hoffman, NC. He graduated from Richmond Senior High School in 1981. After graduating from high school, Marshal moved to Southern Louisiana where he built tugboats for two years. If you have any questions about building a boat, Marshal could answer them! When he moved back to North Carolina he worked in vinyl siding and at Foxfire Country Club. While at Foxfire Country Club, he was a supervisor and then later became the water supervisor for the Village of Foxfire.

While working at Foxfire Country Club, Marshal met several SGUMC members, one of whom was Ray Cates. Ray hired Marshal to work for him in 1997. Marshal worked for Ray for 20 years. During the last eight years, Marshal was Ray's caregiver. Marshal has also been the caregiver for several other church members and has worked at several retirement homes. While working for Ray, Marshal began attending SGUMC. In 2003, he became the Church's Sexton, where he has looked after the security of the property and the members ever since.

Marshal is in the First Fruits Praise Band. He plays the banjo, guitar, and mandolin. When asked what part he sings in the Praise Band, he said that he sings "old fashion." He described that as a mix between tenor and baritone.

When you see Marshal, make sure you thank him for all that he does around the church. SPRC also asks that you pray for our staff daily, as they perform their jobs around the church.



The biggest problem in Christianity is that some people believe that just because we are Christians who go to church and do the right things, our lives will be perfect and we are fine. As Christians, we do not like to admit that we have problems and failures in life just like everyone else. In fact, Christians like to pretend that they are fine so much that they may exclude those they know are not fine—those who are supposedly so different from themselves. However, the truth for everyone is that sometimes

### **Life Hurts.**

November 3rd - Those Who Felt Excluded, Matthew 15:21-28

November 10th - Those Who are Bleeding, Mark 5:25-34 All Saints Sunday

November 24th - Those Who Wrestle Demons, Mark 5:1-17





**November 2024  
Food of the Month**

**Baking Items**

**Cooking Oil,  
Baking Mixes, etc.**



**B.A.S.I.C.**   
Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**Bazaar & Craft Show**

**NOV. 2, 2024**  
**8:30AM-1PM**  
Soup and Grilled  
Cheese lunch  
starting at 1100




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**FEED the HUNGER**  
It's more than a meal

Join us for the  
**Pack-a-Thon!**



November 3rd  
@ 8:30am or 11am  
Sign Up  
on the church  
website!

**Stitches of Love**

**Monday, November 4th**  
**10:00am**

*Rachel's Roses Circle Meeting*



November 14th  
6:30 pm  
ASK Classroom

**ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

Field Trip to The Farmer's Market &  
Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater  
Friday, November 15th  
Meet in the parking lot @ 9:30am



*UWF Tulips*



Wednesday Nov. 20th  
1pm-3:30pm Stitches  
Room, Rm 137

*All ladies are welcome!*

**United Methodist Men's  
Breakfast**

Sunday, November 24th  
7am  
Fellowship Hall







## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays			Anniversaries		
11/1	Norman Dunlap Cheryl Kiser Shelly Smith Nancy Strickland Russell Truesdale	11/15	Scott Barwick Angela McCann	11/4	Henry & Kerry Leetz
11/2	Tim McCann Madi Smith	11/16	John Hoyle	11/10	Robert & Cheryl Kiser
11/3	Tommy Holder	11/17	Ray Long Tim Ritter	11/14	Les & Erin Jackson
11/4	Jaden Brady Jenny Watson Roop	11/18	Matthew Huyett	11/18	John & Diana Ross
11/5	Vicky Conner Chris Roth Tim Taylor Bryan Totten	11/19	Natalie Kiger	11/19	Bob & Anne White
11/6	Lauren Sloan Weir Billy Dunlap Pam Martin	11/20	Jeff Hamilton Wesley Hatfield Linda Layton	11/20	Jeff & Shannon Hamilton Bill & Linda Spencer
11/7	Robin Protokowicz	11/21	Alex Pegg		
11/8	Tracy Debusk	11/23	Jennifer Casstevens Kelli Hand		
11/9	Otis Eubanks	11/24	Andy Boyles		
11/10	Wes Baker Reese McCormick	11/25	Christopher Nowlin		
11/11	Burt Conley Sue Stafford	11/26	Paula Walker		
11/12	Christine Parker	11/27	Karissa Brixius		
11/13	Ben Bocholis Bub Manning	11/28	Kelly Larrimore		
11/14	Erin Caudle Nikki Craver	11/30	Ragan Sapp Micky Miller		
	Benjamin Taylor		Emma Shaw Barbara Berry		
			Ruth Heath Sarah Kearney		



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