

"A Stones Throw"

Rally Sunday was such a joy as we were able to be together for outside worship. It was great to see everyone. We will continue to have 9:00 worship safely outside in the pavilion and grass areas as well as our online worship at 1:00 each Sunday. As we always do we will make worship fun! As David said in Psalm 122, "I was glad when they said let us go to the house of the Lord." We are glad and blessed to be together!

As we heard about the wedding at Cana we were invited to grow in Christ to not settle for water to just survive but to take Him, the wine, which empowers us to thrive and grow in the abundant life that He alone gives us.

So how do we do this?

First: We remember that we follow One who was servant of all, so we to take our towel and basin and ask how can I make a difference? We realize that we are blessed to be a blessing. Two bodies of water that the disciples would have been familiar with were the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee. One thrives in giving vibrant life while the other barely survives in deadly stagnation. The Dead Sea only receives but does not give, it is self-absorbed and only takes. The Sea of Galilee teems with life and receives water from the North and gives generously to the southern Jordan river.

These two bodies of water are poignant examples of how we can be either surviving or thriving. As you read through this newsletter you will find just a sampling of ways that you as the people of God understand how to thrive, as you clearly give of your time talent and resources even in the midst of a pandemic.

Secondly: We also remember that we need to be fed, so that we can truly give. If we have not first received – we cannot bless others. We need the deposits of His Love and grace before we can have any withdrawals worth giving to others. So, we come to the Living water which is Christ and drink deeply from that which only He can offer. In prayer, bible study and worship we are filled up to spill over to others.

Thanks for understanding the importance of giving of ourselves and of also taking advantage of opportunities to grow in His grace together. When we get caught up in His mission to share and we learn from Him, we are always most blessed!

Let's commit to continue in the kind of outreach we have become known for and let's all get involved in Bible study and Sunday school like never before. You will be blessed!

For the sake of being safe we are also streaming each class to enable you to participate from home as well. Starting Tuesday September 8th the Men's bible study begins in Celebration Hall 5:30 – 6:30. Books are available in the narthex – please take one guys. Women's bible study begins Wed Sept 9th 6:15- 7:30 in the sanctuary. Dinner will be offered outside in the pavilion from 5-6. Also KIC and Confirmation will be that night - Teens outside and KIC in Celebration Hall.

Moms starting September 9th as you drop off your child for KIC, or your teen for Confirmation why not join us for dinner 5:00-6:00 and then Women's Bible Study in the sanctuary 6:15-7:30? You owe it to yourself to take advantage of this special time together.

And of course worship is such an important time together. Did you know that worship is also a healthy use of your time. In an extensive study done with some 34,000 participants over a 12 year period Dr. Frazer reports that worship participation – in person or online - enhanced health and life expectancy and also improved overall happiness. See you Sunday one way or another – it's good for you. Let's get rallied to not just survive but thrive as we make the most of our time together!

Blessings in Him,

Pastor Mike and Pastor Kate

Tentative Schedule

SS & Bible Study & Wednesday Nights

**Sundays---- Worship outside @ 9:00 (Holy Communion)
online 1:00 Every Sunday**

Sunday, Aug 30 th	9:00 Worship (Outside)	10:00 Adult Combined SS. Sanctuary Livestream	Sr. High SS Outside
Sunday, Sept 6	9:00 Worship (Outside)	10:00 Adult Combined SS. Sanctuary Livestream	Sr. High SS Outside
Sunday, Sept 13	9:00 Worship (Outside)	10:00 Adult Combined SS. Sanctuary	Sr. High SS Outside KIC SS - Outside/ Celebration
Sunday, Sept 20 th	9:00 Worship (Outside)	10:00 Adult Combined SS. Sanctuary	Sr. High SS Outside KIC SS - Outside/ Celebration

Please plan on wearing masks for indoor activities

Bible studies and Wed nights

Bible studies starting Sept 8/9

Tues. Sept 8th Men's Bible 5:30-6:30 Celebration Hall

Wed. Sept 9th Women's bible study

Sanctuary 6-7:15

Live streaming

Wed. Sept 9th KIC and Confirmation -- no choir

6:00-7:30 KIC /Celebration

Confirmands 6:00-7:30 Outside

Dinner @ 5:00-6:00 in Pavilion

Budget and Attendance Information
For the Month of August 2020

Needed Weekly \$ 9,077.23
Offering (3 weeks) \$25,695.86

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry



The Food Pantry is open on:
Monday 3:00-5:00 PM
Friday's 1:00-3:00 PM

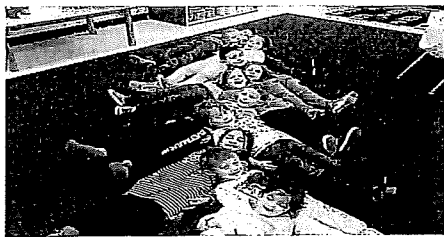
2020 -2021 Weddings



Sept 13th Alyssa Cook & William Adams
Oct 10th Sandra Rumswinkel &
Dylan Thick
Dec 12th LesleyAnn Land & Michael Sikora
March 27th Brianna Sharpe & Darin Bumgarner
May 8th Anna Schiltz & Kenneth Kiser
May 22nd Logan Legg & Allie

Mt. Pisgah's Preschool

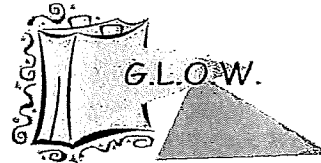
Preschool registration is now open for new and returning students. If you're looking for an exceptional classroom experience for your child, one that provides them with individualized attention and instruction, you need look no further than Mt. Pisgah's Preschool. For more information about the program, either call the preschool (495-9386) or Mrs. Bloom directly (256-2503), or you may drop by the church office or preschool to pick up an application.



Every day is a good day for play and learning at Mt. Pisgah's Preschool.
(School will start on September 8th)

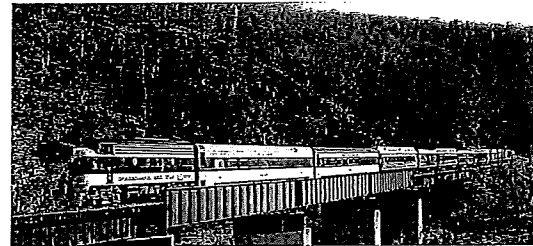
G.L.O.W.

Glorify God, Spread Love, Overwhelm with Joy and Witness to Others Our mission is to make and distribute care packages to those battling cancer in hopes of bringing joy and spreading God's Love. How do I nominate an individual for a care package? Know someone in need of a care package and/or prayer shawl? Fill out a card with the requested information and place in the G.L.O.W. box located in the Narthex. Care Package/Prayer Shawl requests will be picked up from the box each Sunday. Someone from our ministry will be in contact about your request. Want to help? Any donations towards our ministry is greatly appreciated. See Laura Barnes or Olivia Stillwell.



*** Sign Up For October 13-16th**

Fall Colors & Falling Water
4 Days, October 13-16th 2020
Meals included: 3 continental breakfasts,
1 Lunch and 3 Dinners



Sunday School Class

Online with:

Sunday School Class livestream with facebook live.

The new study is a book by Scott Saul's entitled *A Gentle Answer*. "Our Secret Weapon In An Age Of Us Against Them." Saul's is the preeminent voice for a fractured polarized times. Wonderful book study. Book can be purchased through Amazon and available as an ebook as well.

Updates about our new study will be sent via Email. Please join us!

Dear Mt. Pisgah Family,

I would like to thank all my church family for your cards, calls, texts and prayers during my recent illness and surgery. I am improving daily. Please continue the prayers. I love you all very much.

Carolyn Carpenter

Dear Mt. Pisgah Family,

On behalf of Danny and I we would like to thank you for all the "prayers, phone calls, and cards." Our son's surgery was a great success. Recovery is going slow, still has one wound vac and home health cares, he is still very weak.

I would also like to thank Pastor Mike, he was wonderful. Called or text to check on him at least once or twice daily the week of surgery. It's wonderful to have such a caring church family.

In Christ Love,
Danny, Sandy Stillwell and Family.

Mt. Pisgah Family,

I cannot thank you enough for all the cares, prayers, texts from Pastor Mike, flowers and that wonderful chemo bag! It really does cheer your heart to know how many people are praying and thinking about you! I am so thankful to be part of Mt. Pisgah's family— God's family.

Love Carol Towery

Thank you so much for your generous monetary donation to St. Stephens ELCA Community Food Pantry. We are very appreciated for your contribution to this new ministry serving our community.

Thanks again for your support and we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we strive to help families in the Hickory area. God's blessing to you all!!

Your friends in Christ,
Vickie Eckard, Deborah Sullivan
Co-chairs for the Food Pantry.



Join us for a Drive Thru Wedding Shower for Sandra Rumswinkel and Dylan Thick that will be held on Sunday, September 13th 2-4:00 at the front entrance of the church.

Register information can be found on the internet at Theknot.com/register/couplesearch (read their story and check out where they are register at.)

Wednesday Ministry Night Schedule:
STARTING WED . Sept 9th

- 7:00 AM Prayer Group
- 5-6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:15- 7:30 PM Confirmation (Pavilion)
- 6:15 -7:30 PM KIC (Celebration Hall)
- 6:15 -7:30 PM Women's Bible St. (Sanctuary)

CANCELLATIONS:

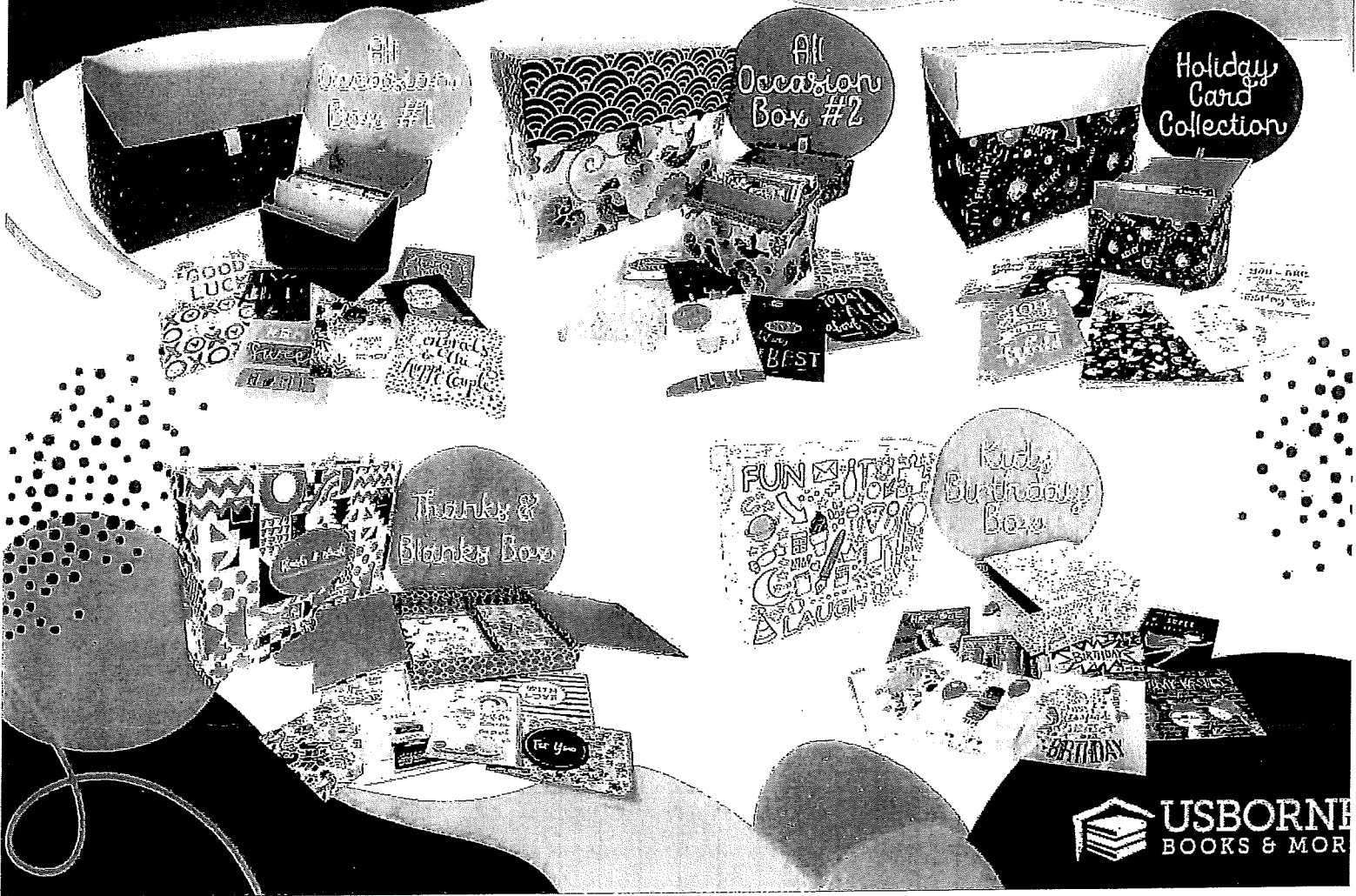
+ Until further notice due to the pandemic we Will not be meeting for choir on Wed nights

+ Also we have postponed Women's Wed morning bible study and Women's Monday morning study – **please join us in person Wed night at 6:15- 7:30 in the sanctuary following 5-6 dinner or on Mt Pisgah facebooklive**

Cards for a Cause Fundraisers

Order your set of 50 beautifully embossed cards with matching envelopes to help your organization reach their fundraising goal.

The 40-pack Celebration Box includes 50 cards and envelopes. \$25.00 (plus shipping and handling).



 **USBORNE**
BOOKS & MORE

Blessed to be a Blessing Cards

Cards for a Cause is a fundraiser of beautiful, embellished, handcrafted cards for organizations who like to provide a high-quality product when raising funds. Blessed to be a Blessing is not just a logo for our Mt. Pisgah family, it is our calling. During these unprecedented times we still reach out and serve. Please consider purchasing these amazing cards to help with education outreach and our own church ministries.

Simply fill in the form and submit your check to Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church 9379 Hwy 127 S., Hickory, NC 28601. When your check is received, we will process your order and we will email drive-through pick-up dates/times. Thank you for your continued support to be a blessing to others!

Handcrafted Greeting Cards

Cards for a Cause Fundraisers

My Name: Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

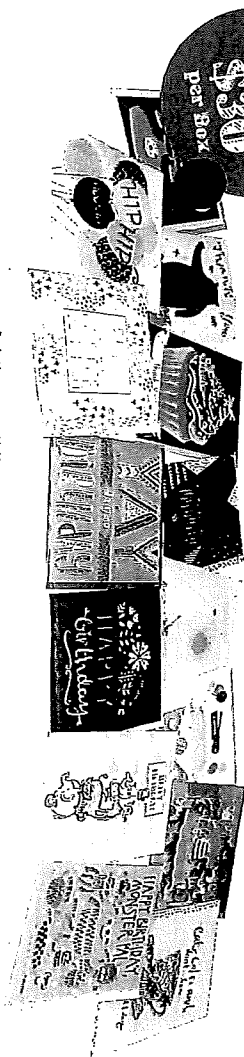
Benefiting: Outreach Ministries

Our goal is 200 boxes

So we can reach out and serve others!



Save money now and time later...Have cards on hand for every occasion.



Order Form

Product images provided for your general information and may change without notice due to availability.

Name	Address	Phone	Email	All Occasion Box 1	All Occasion Box 2	Thanks & Blanks Box	The Kids Birthday Box	The Holiday Card collection	# of Boxes	Amount Due	Paid
TOTAL										\$	

Decorative Envelopes • Individually Wrapped • Beautifully Embellished • Charming Organizer Boxes

So many cards to choose from!

With All Occasion Boxes, Thanks & Blanks Box, The Kids Birthday Box, and The Holiday Card Collection Box, this fundraiser has something for everyone! Each box contains 30 (the Holiday Card Collection contains 50) unique handcrafted cards with envelopes to match. The charming organizer boxes make for wonderful keepsakes and the high quality cards offer a wide variety of occasions! Based on your box selection, some of the cards included are: retirement, birthday, thank you, just to say hello, thinking of you, with love, anniversary, Christmas, New Year's, Valentine's Day, Easter, blank cards, and more!





Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc.
sharing hope...changing lives

Michael C. Blackwell
President/CEO

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F. 336.472.3802
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July 9, 2020

Michael Stone
801B Wynnshire Dr
Hickory, NC 28601-7346

Dear Michael:

What a tremendous impact you have made in the lives of the boys and girls entrusted to the care of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). It is a blessing to know that the heart of a child has been touched through your kindness. Thank you for your life saving, life changing, gift!

Because of your strong commitment, Baptist Children's Homes is able to celebrate the new-found freedom that our children experience when they come into care. It is nothing short of a miracle to see embattled young lives, once held captive by fear and pain, set free by the power of your generosity and the liberty that comes through love – *God's love*.

Baptist Children's Homes is extremely grateful for you, dear friend. You have a vision to ensure precious boys and girls have hope and a future especially in these challenging times. You intervened on their behalf to make a difference in their lives. Your gift of love tells these children that they are valued, they have potential and that their lives are worth fighting for.

Celebrating the One who sets the captive free,

*Michael C.
Blackwell*

Michael C. Blackwell
President/CEO

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Enclosures

KIC

We are back at it----Join us safely

Sundays in Celebration Hall (mask please)

Fun activities planned after 9:00 outdoors worship

- Also, this Saturday join us for huge waterslide as well as dinner 4-7
- We start back Wednesday nights September 9th 5-6:00 dinner
- And KIC 6:15-7:30

Moms ---Join Women Bible Study during the time on Wednesday Nights in the Sanctuary

The Newsletter Newsletter®

ACTIVITIES PAGE

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A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

What you do:

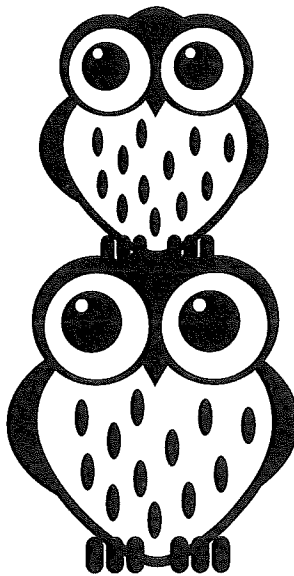
1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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| school | — ○ — — — |
| paper | — ○ — |
| wisdom | — — ○ — |
| read | — — — ○ |
| play | — — — — — |
| learn | ○ — — — — |
| grow | — ○ — — — — |
| pencils | — — — — — |
| pray | — ○ — — |
| art | — — — — |
| student | — — — ○ — — |
| kids | — — ○ — — — — |
| apple | — — ○ — — — |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

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Ladies New Bible Study:

“Take Courage” a study of Haggai by Jennifer Rothschild.

Find Courage in the God who declares “I am with you.” Through the study of Haggai God’s presence and promises will give you courage to press on and trust **Him** with **Your** story. We will be meeting in the Sanctuary and our study will be livestreamed. Please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Books are available for \$10.00.

September 9th Wednesday @ 6:15- 7:30 PM

Mark your calendars and let’s join together in seeing how God uses this study to fill us with courage to be the women God has called us to be!

Blessings
Yvonne Osborne

Nursing Home Addresses: (sent a card if you will)

Trinity Village
1265 21st Street N.E.
Hickory NC 28601
(Jerry Anderson #406)
(Janette Rector #412)

Conover Rehab
920 4th Street S.W.
Conover NC 28681
(Patsy Sigmon)

Valley Nursing
581 NC 16
Taylorsville NC 28681
(Mildred Echerd#603)

Brookdale –Hickory
2530 16th Street
Hickory NC 28601
(Blanche Hefner#30)

Youth At Pisgah

Strength to Stand

January 16-18th

The 27th annual Strength to Stand Student Bible Conference January is scheduled for January 16-18, 2021, which will coincide with the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday of schools in most states. The conference will be held at the LeConte Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

The conference will be one of the most exciting times you will ever remember. During the weekend you will be encouraged, challenged and strengthened by some of the most effective ministers of our day such as: Scott Dawson, Levi Lusko, David Nasser, and Ben Stuart. You will experience amazing concerts by Tauren Wells and for **KING & COUNTRY!** To top it all off, your students will participate in worship led by Rush of Fools!

Staff & Council Members

Grace Douglas - with assist from Dad- is already in the process of creating a new website! We hope to have this in place by September 1st
Staff and council PLZ send a selfie to gadouglas040@gmail.com
please do this asap with a note of your title.
Appreciate so much,
Pastor Mike



Men’s Bible Study

Can’t wait to get back!

We will begin Tuesday, September 8th 5:30-6:30 in **Celebration Hall**. We have ordered a book for you on Acts and Paul’s Writings. Looking forward to seeing everyone! *The books are in the Narthex if you would like to pick one up ahead.*

Blessings,
Pastor Mike and your Bible Study Leaders
(inside we can wear masks and social distance)

Join Us!

Coffee and “safe” snacks

The Chosen

Don't Miss Sunday(s) outside at the pavilion 9:00 am bring lawn chairs and blankets -also services online by 1:00 each Sunday afternoon

Each week thru Sept 13th is on the theme of an episode of the Chosen

Finally....

The first and only T.V. series on Jesus!

You remember how we were Blessed by The Story when we did this as a congregation?

We were all on the same page on sermons and family devotions.

We invite you to watch Each of the 8 episodes on YouTube under "**The Chosen**". The sermon will be on that character- It is family friendly so watch together—questions on the website as well as a devotion and YouTube link. This will feed our souls like The Story did! **Don't miss!** Less than an hour a week and 50 minutes for service. As the director says' "Let's Binge Jesus"

A word from the director "For the first time ever, the greatest story ever told is being presented as a multi-season show. Digging deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels. Season One of the #1 highest crowd-funded media project of all time introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, and of Jesus in a way never before seen on film."

- The content itself is new thing.
We're the first-ever multi-season show about Christ.
- The app is a new thing.
We're the only show with its own app, and it's totally free.
- How we keep this show free on the app and fund future season is a new thing.
Our "pay it forward" program at TheChosen.tv/payitforward
Is unique and allows you to participate in the creation of this project.

So, welcome to a new thing! The response from people around the world has been overwhelming, and if you enjoy the show, please find us on social media and say hello! Just look up *The Chosen*, and you'll join a growing worldwide community that has no cultural, denominational, or even age barriers. Can't wait to see you!

Watch this week to get ready for Sept 6th

Blessed to get to know Jesus better,

Pastor Mike and Pastor Kate

Dates

Title

8/30

6. Indescribable compassion (Love Leperc)

9/6

6. Nicodemus

9/13

Woman at Well (Samaria)

Stewardship Briefs—September 2020

“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first, and first will be last.” – Matthew 20:15-16

In this parable Jesus reminds us that it is God’s nature to be generous and that God has special concern for the poor and marginalized. We often assume that everyone gets what we deserve by the strength of our own will and bootstraps. God has other ideas and loves all people. Stewarding the common good often involves giving up some of what would benefit just us. We sacrifice out of love to provide what is good for our neighbor. Is anything more Christian?

How are we doing?—The short answer is two-fold—grateful and hopeful. We are in our usual “summer doldrums”. Offerings for July and August are running less than needed to meet our budget, but we are grateful for your gifts to keep our church strong. Hopefully, as we have opportunities to gather personally for worship, our offering levels will begin to move out of the doldrums. Thanks for your help in moving us there!!

Please remember to mail or bring your offerings to the church, use Simply Giving, or our new on-line opportunity—Tithe.ly which can be accessed from our web site home page or our Facebook page. This tool will enable you to make donations on your credit card, debit card, or direct payment from your bank. It is a very simple to use and just requires you to register for an account and link up a payment form. More information is also available on our home page.

Thanks to all who work together to support our local ministry here, the NC Synod, ministries and those across the ELCA.

Bill Oelkers, Stewardship Chair

Mark your calendar!

Women’s retreat

“Jesus sees behind your mask.”

Saturday, October 17. 10-2

At Mt Pisgah Lutheran Church.

Come for an an enriching time of celebrating who we are in Christ and worshiping the One who sees us just as we are. The day will include worship, learning, time for personal reflection and a meal. No cost, but preregistration is necessary for planning purposes.

Your retreat hostesses:

Celeste Thick, Laura Barnes, Pr. Kate Crecelius

Lunch will be provided by the men of the church.

Open to all women.

To register contact Pr Kate.

740-502-6319, Kate.crecelius@gmail.com or through the invite on our MtP Facebook page

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(Bethlehem Community)
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PASTOR
Rev Michael Stone
828/495-8251 office

Worship
Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Education
Sundays 9:15 am

August 25, 2020

Dear Confirmation Parents,

What a uniquely challenging year 2020 has been! I am so proud of how well our teens have dealt with these times with such a flexible positive spirit. We had a great time at the Casting Crowns concert and look forward to leading our 9:00 worship each Sunday and also this Saturday our car wash 2-4 and water slide from 4-7. (Car wash donations for our Food Pantry)

I have enclosed a schedule which includes Worship times and Confirmation Wednesday start-up again September 9th - Pizza Dinner 5-6 for all outside. Also parents of rising 7th graders – current 6th - we invite your child to join with us on Wednesday nights. Outside at the pavilion from 6:15- 7:30 – It will be fun!

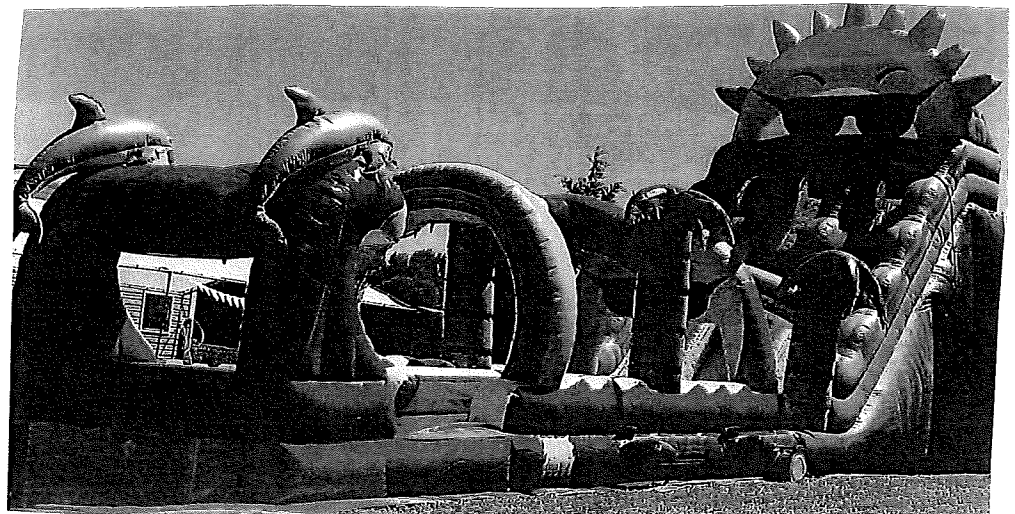
Gatlinburg is January 16-18th and we pray we will be good to go. 6th graders are encouraged to join us for our Gatlinburg trip. Sign up begins this Sunday. Also for your calendars Kure Beach we have reserved for July 7-11, 2021 Confirmation Camp and we have Workcamp in Jacksonville, Florida July 18-24th (stopping in Savannah on the way home). Join us in praying that this is Plan "G" as we learn to lean on Him and trust in His Plan together more than ever.

Blessings in Him,
Pastor Mike

Confirmands

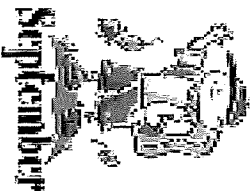
TEC has been canceled in September and has been moved to January 16-18, 2021. Since only two from our last class of 5 got to go, I am suggesting that we let the 3 who did not get to, attend January TEC and be confirmed with the new 10th grade class of 4 in April 2021. We can discuss this more this Fall.

WATERSLIDE FOR SATURDAY!!

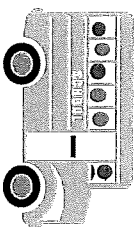


September 2020 Birthdays & Anniversaries

1. Jerry & Carolyn Anderson-A
Harold Anderson
Madison Brashear
Mykenzie Cozart
Bill Smith
Danny Williams
Hilda Yager
Gaspar & Alexis Ibarra-A
Nolan Reece



12. Katie Clark
Cole Sipe
Garrett Sipe
13. Hunter Parlier
Fran Cook
14. Jordan Hamrick
Libby Sigmon
15. Erik & Dawn Weaver-A
Jemey Sherrill
16. Crystal Wright
Travis Good
Megan Mosley
17. Rodney Tesh
Ray & Laura Barnes-A
Matthew Reece
18. Greg McCloud
Brady Tesh
Rodney & Kathryn Tesh-A
19. Linda Collins
Shane Whitener
William & Taylor Daughtrey
20. Frank Simmons
21. Sandy Cook
Erick & Katie Wilfong-A
22. Yvonne Fox
Chris & Olivia Stillwell-A
Wes & Jackie Ward-A



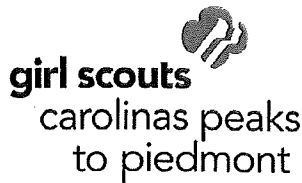
23. Justin & Heather Dagenhart-A
Dean Hoke
Samuel Kirby
24. Sybil Good
Lacey Patterson
Jill Peek
25. Bliss & Linda Lail-A
Wes Ward
26. Melodie Briggs
Tim Harmon
Melissa Moose
Melaine Crafton
Ray Taylor
Chris Starnes
27. Tammy Abernathy
Tyler Burton
Reid Coffey
Lesley-Ann Land
Kayla Markham
28. Emma Farmer
John Hamilton
29. Annie Bailey
30. Bryson Parlier
Peggi Parlier
Patti Simmons
Jerry Reitzel
Ray Barnes



SEPTEMBER

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		8:00 AA		6-8:00 Boy Scouts	1-3:00 Food Pantry 8:00 AA	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 Worship Outside 10:00SS Adults-Sanctuary Youth- Pavilion KIC-Celebration Hall	<u>Labor Day</u> 3-5:00 Food Pantry	5:30 Men's Bible St. (Celebration Hall) 8:00 AA	7:00 Prayer Group 5:00 Dinner 6-7:30 KIC & Confirmation 6:15 Women's Bible Study	6-8:00 Boy Scouts	1-3:00 Food Pantry 8:00 AA	Jessica Kunze Pavilion
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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July 28, 2020

Dear Friends at Mt Pisgah Lutheran Church,

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Your partnership makes this possible. YOU are helping our girls make a difference. THANK YOU! By opening your doors to Girl Scout troops for meetings and programs, you do three things:

1. You give girls and adults a safe place to learn and grow.
2. You invite and welcome families into your organization or place of worship who might not otherwise visit your facility.
3. You provide an opportunity for Girl Scouts to learn more about your organization, allowing girls to partner with you to provide community service for you and the community around you.

Girl Scouts Carolinas
Peaks to Piedmont

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Asheville, NC 28801

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We wanted to not only thank you, but also make sure you realize the impact of your generosity and explain how Girl Scouting is doing everything we can to keep our members and communities safe.

In mid-March, Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont (GSCP2P) responded to COVID-19 in the same manner as most schools, organizations and faith-based communities. We cancelled and postponed all face-to-face interactions. We also immediately began developing virtual programs and events so we could continue serving and stay connected to our members. Within two days of closing our offices, GSCP2P staff began hosting Facebook Live programs and conversations. The response was incredible and included girls from all over the country. We soon added virtual Girl Scout Badge and Journey programs and then a virtual summer camp program to ensure girls would have an enriching outdoor experience this summer.

Our new safety guidelines are based on local and state health authority regulations and recommendations. Our Executive Team meets weekly to review and edit the safety guidelines as needed, with the primary goal to keep our members safe while also providing the necessary support to our girls, families and volunteers.

We ask that you continue to partner with us in the upcoming year. As we watch the news and continued turmoil in our communities, Girl Scouts has never been more important. We need your help to continue making the world a better place. We know schools, church, clubs, sports and other activities may have difficulty meeting this fall, but we assure you that Girl Scouts will always be here for our communities. If you have questions about Girl Scouts or if you want to be more involved in this amazing life-changing and community-changing movement, please call us. Together, we can build an even stronger partnership! Contact information – info@girlscoutsp2p.org or 1-800-672-2148

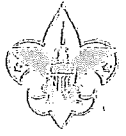
Yours in Girl Scouting,

Handwritten signature of Sim Cross.

Sim Cross, Board Chair

Handwritten signature of Lane Cook.

Lane Cook, Chief Operating Officer



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TROOP 275 HOSTS

4TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

SEPT. 19, 2020 | 12 P.M.

MT. PISGAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

9379 NC-127, TAYLORSVILLE, NC 28681

\$10 - CARRYOUT ONLY

INCLUDES:

1/2 CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW
DRINK & DESSERT

PARAMOUNT
KIA HICKORY



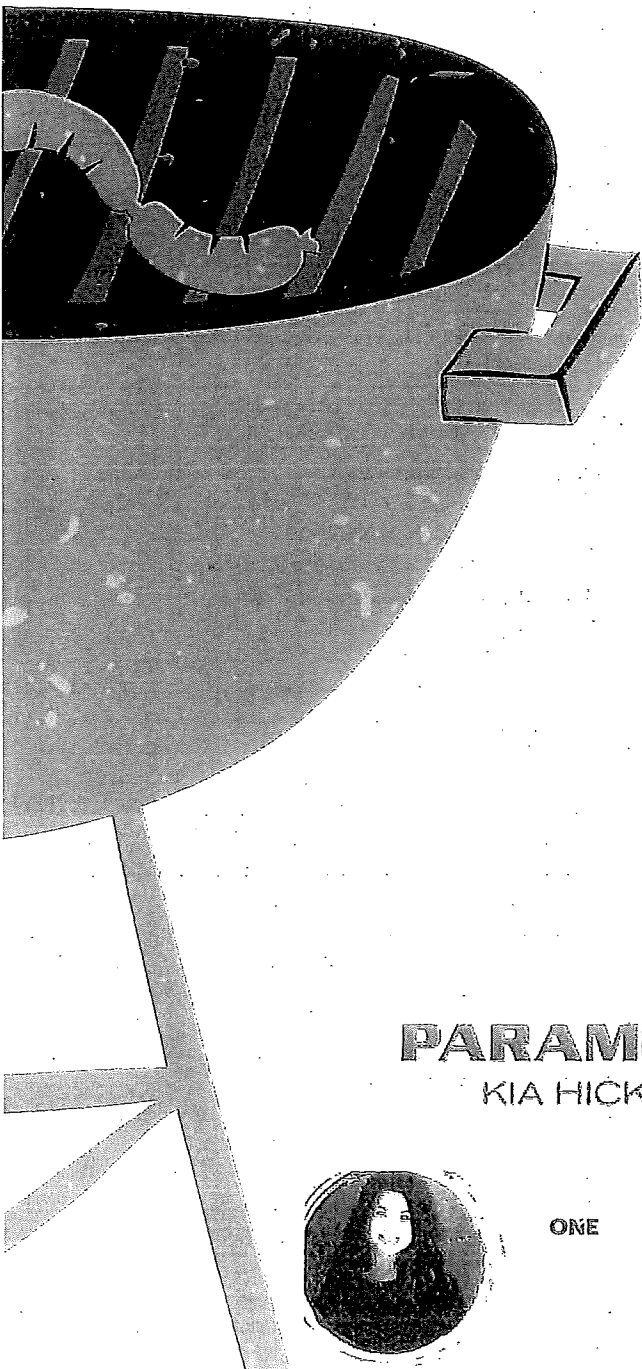
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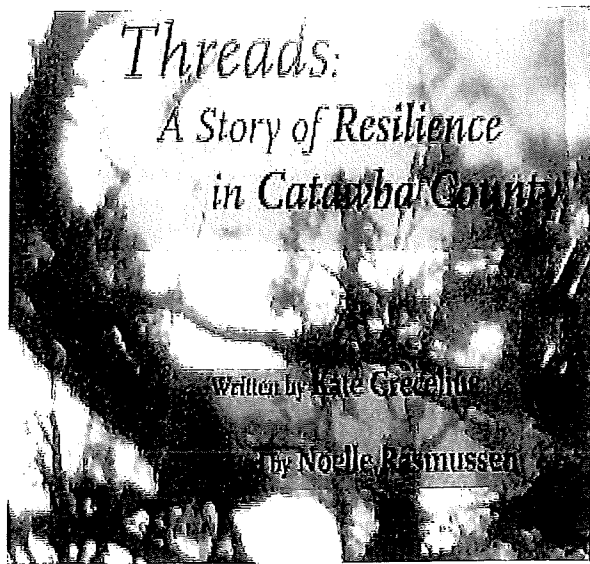


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Resilience. If there was ever a time!
Later this month, *Threads: A Story of Resilience in Catawba County* will go to press.

Yes, I wrote it, but many contributed to it. Conversations with local people, several from Mt Pisgah, served to help tell a story celebrating the ways people overcome adversity and recover from hardship. The ability of the human spirit to reach beyond difficulties is shown through image and story. Commonalities offer insight and inspiration and provide a statement of tenacity and hope.

The book is illustrated by Noelle Rasmussen and uses photographs of textiles, heirlooms and objects to interpret the story of people. Threads tie them together, memories join them.

It is our hope that this story reminds you of your own resilience.

Pr. Kate

Dear Loving God –

So much is different this school year. Our children wear masks to school and are told not to hug their teachers or hold their friends' hands.

Teachers prepare themselves as well as their curriculums for the challenges ahead.

School administrators, bus drivers, lunch servers, custodians, after school program

leaders, and traffic guards are finding new ways to keep our children safe, healthy and happy.

Families weigh decisions carefully, no longer able to take the school calendar and extracurricular activities as certain.

Bless them all dear, Lord.

Where there is uncertainty, grant wisdom.

Where there is fear, grant strength.

Where there is anxiety, grant pace.

When tensions mount, grant kindness, and a willingness to hear a different point of view

When fatigue drains bodies, minds, and spirits,

Lift them up with new strength.

Grant resources to schools to provide the supplies their teachers and their students need.

Supply each family support and guidance.

And give us, their friends and community of faith,

the insight to know when and where to

lend a hand.

But Lord, we know this more.

That while so much is different – so much is the same.

Curiosity and laughter creates lifelong learners – fill each classroom with a desire to learn,

Friends go a long way in making something

difficult easier to bear – Please surround each

child teacher, staff and parent with people who

will listen and laugh and cry with them

But mostly Lord, we know YOU are the same

yesterday today and tomorrow. And we know

that through every moment – whether a joyful

celebration of achievement, or a tearful defeat,

you are with us You have this year, and us,

held in your hands. And for this, dear Lord. We

thank you.

Amen.

Pr. Kate



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August 29th Youth 2-4:00 Carwash and 4-7:00 Waterslide & dinner
August 30th Girl Scouts Parking Lot 4:15
August 31st Council Meeting @ 6:00

September 8th Men' Bible study 5:30 – 6:30 Celebration
September 9th Ministry nights begin Dinner 5-6:15 Women's Bible study/ KIC/ Confirmation
September 19th BBQ @ 12:00-3 (Boyscouts fundraiser)
September 27th Homecoming @ 9:00

Sunday Services 9:00 outside and are online @ 1:00 each Sunday