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On behalf of the Staff Parish Committee I would like to welcome the **Reverend J. Keith Edwards** as the next minister of Sedge Garden United Methodist Church. Keith will be coming to Sedge Garden from Mt. Pleasant UMC in Kimesville, NC. Keith and his wife Anita will be moving into the parsonage in July. The Edward's family includes an adult daughter, a son-in-law, and three grandchildren. Keith was the pastor at Mt Pleasant UMC until the church disaffiliated late in 2023. Keith has been watching our services on You Tube and learning about our church. He and Anita are excited about joining our church family and our community in July. Please join me in welcoming Keith and Anita with open arms.

Michael Hennis

From Dan's Desk

Two and a half years ago I did my best to follow where the Lord was leading me. I told my District Superintendent that I was sensing a call into Intentional Interim Ministry. After trying to talk me out of it, he relented. A few months later Julie and I pulled up to 6045 Aaron Place Lane in Kernersville, NC. Many people were responsible for the last two years of my life, so I am grateful to many people right now. At the top of the list is the people of Sedge Garden UMC.

The bishop recently informed me via our D. S., Dr. Sam Moore, that, as expected, my appointment here at Sedge Garden will be coming to a close on June 30. My next appointment will be to First UMC in Morganton, NC. This new appointment will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>.

I once heard that the most fertile time for positive change and growth for a congregation was during a pastoral change. I trust that will be the case with you. I know that the Lord has a hand in sending Keith Edwards to you, and that your future together has a broad horizon. Mike Hennis is introducing your soon-to-be pastor in a separate column. Please keep him in your prayers.

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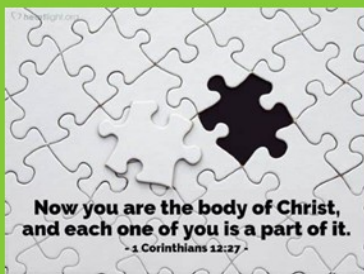
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

24/7

### UMYF Schedule

- April 28th -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
  - 3-5pm GYM
- May 5th -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
  - 3-5pm GYM
- May 12th -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
  - No GYM - Mother's Day!
- May 19th -
  - Graduation Sunday!
  - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
  - 12-2pm Graduation Banquet
- May 26th -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
  - No GYM - Memorial Day
- June 2nd -
  - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
  - 3-5pm GYM



*"For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face."*

*Psalm 11:7*

*"Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom."*

*Psalm 45:6*



### Senior Spotlight

This month's Senior Spotlight is on Jacob Alley, class of 2024. Jacob has been a student at Wesleyan Christian Academy since kindergarten. Jacob was a member of the Wesleyan Christian Academy lacrosse team.

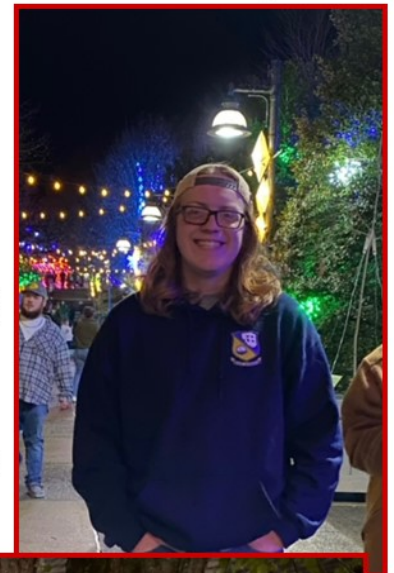
Outside of school, Jacob has been a Boy Scout in Troop 779 for many years, earning the Eagle Scout honor in 2023. In the summers, he works at Camp Raven Knob, helping to run the summer scout camp.

Jacob's best memories in the Sedge

Garden Youth Group are hiking Wilderness Trail and going on the Jr./Sr. Retreats.

This fall, Jacob will be a student at NC State, studying Aerospace Engineering with the intention of getting a job within the airplane industry.

His advice to the younger Youth is, "Go on the trips and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow Youth members."



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SGUMC  
PRESCHOOL  
**Summer  
camp**

Construction  
Happy Birthday  
America!  
Music, Music, Music

Bubble-ology  
Art in the  
Playground  
Science  
Galore

JUNE 11 - AUG 1  
6 WEEKS, T & TH ONLY  
Call 336-788-2230



*Rachel's Roses Circle Meeting*

May 9th  
6:30 PM  
ASK Classroom



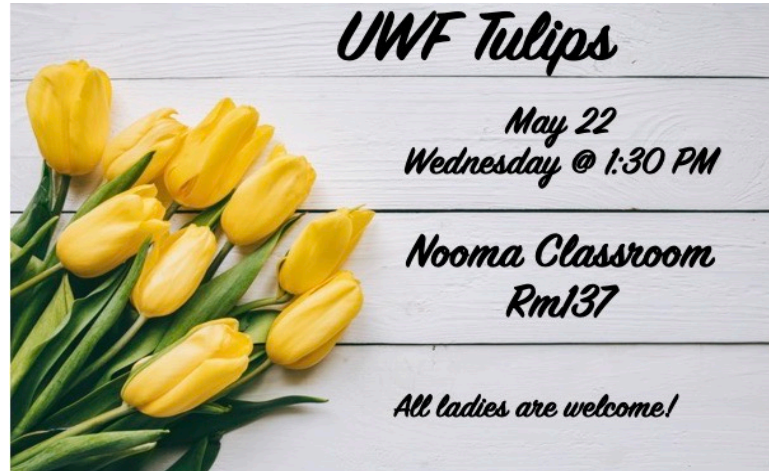
*Golden Agers Luncheon*  
May 13 at 1:00 PM

*Making Maracas!*

**Mexican Fiesta**

Taco & Nacho Bar!

Taco Making and Maraca Shaking!!



**UWF Tulips**

May 22  
Wednesday @ 1:30 PM

Nooma Classroom  
Rm137

All ladies are welcome!



May 2024  
Food of the Month

**Spices**

Cinnamon, Cumin,  
Salt, Pepper, Basil,  
Vanilla Extract,  
Tajin, etc.

Crisis Control  
MINISTRY



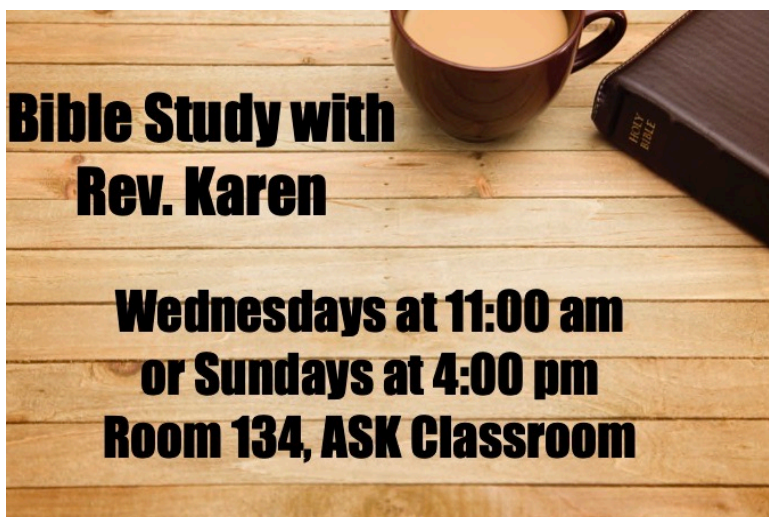
WIDOW AND WIDOWERS  
LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 22ND  
11:45

CAPTAIN TOM'S RESTAURANT,  
KERNERSVILLE  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF  
FELLOWSHIP!



*Adult Fellowship*  
*Thursday, May 9th*  
*11:00 AM, meet in the*  
*parking lot behind the church!*



**Bible Study with  
Rev. Karen**

**Wednesdays at 11:00 am  
or Sundays at 4:00 pm  
Room 134, ASK Classroom**



## Pastoral Care Notes



We welcome the birth of **Riley Wynell Gauss** on March 18, 2024, daughter to Dan & Megan Gauss, grandparents are Tom & Sherry Riley, and great, great grandmother Myrtis Holder.



Sympathy to Casey Conners and family in the death of Casey's mother, **Betty Jean Holden Spillman** on April 21, 2024.

### Hospitalization and Rehabilitation

Zane Chandler (Homestead Hills Rehab) Peggy Holder (Trinity-Glen Rehab)  
Ronnie Stack (recent procedure) Diana Ross (recent procedure)

We extend ongoing prayers of petition for comfort and healing to the following:

### Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Shirley Ayers  
Nancy Ellison  
Vicki Jarman  
Vonnie Motsinger

Sandra Bryant  
Martha Griffin  
Jenny Linville  
Erline Shelton

Lynn Cash  
Nina Holder  
Charlotte McFarland  
Ronnie Stack



### Homebound Friends, Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Independent Living Residents

**Nancy Ellison**  
**Dot Sides**

**Myrtis Holder**  
**Pat Vogler**

**Peggy Holder**  
**Pat Vogler**

Debbie Brooks (Kerner Ridge)  
Gayle Hampton (Morningview at Irving Park)  
Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax)  
Jenny Linville (Arbor Ridge)  
Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge)  
Mary Lea Shreve (Kerner Ridge)  
Virgil Smith (Heritage Woods)  
Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ridge)  
Sadie Weavil (Trinity-Elms, Clemmons)

Evangeline Davis (Cadence, Huntersville, Room E9)  
Linda Heath (Cadence, Wake Forest Senior Living, Wake Forest)  
Becky Hines (Bermuda Commons, Advance)  
Bub and Karen Manning (Salemtowne)  
Patsy Rowell (Arbor Ridge)  
Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge)  
Mona Terrell (Brookdale, High Point, Rm 17)  
Robin Weavil (Davie Nursing & Rehab Center)

### Church Members Currently on Active Military Duty

Sam Tice (retired) Cameron Ashburn

\*All names above have given permission to the Congregational Care Ministry to be listed.





<b>Birthdays</b>					
5/1	Chad Betters Beverly Gray	5/15	Wayne Meeks Carsyn Queen Krystal Swicegood Randy Weavil	5/25	Mary Keeter Nichols Cameron Stone Melissa Hale
5/2	Caroline Gray Tory Walker	5/16	Jessie Smith Sheffield Barbara Goodman	5/26	David Marshall Candice Snyder Stan Swaim Whitney Swaim Applegate
5/3	Gray Bovender Tracie McClure	5/17	Gabrielle Reyes		
5/7	Peggy Mumaw Nolan Manuel	5/18	Diana Ross		
5/9	Niki Peters Wesley Cole	5/19	David Amburgey Dawn Houseknecht Elizabeth Daley		
5/11	Michelle Monday Angie Brown Alexander Bradley Dalton LeFevre	5/20	Susan Piotrowski Taylor Hunter		
5/12	Ruth Machamer Jordan Nichols	5/21	Wanda Miller Nicholas Tice		
5/13	Suzanne Williams	5/22	Addison Locklear Mac McFarland Lyndsey Lipford		
5/14	Emily Piotrowski Sarah Piotrowski Marie West	5/24	Ashley Locklear Margaret Staley Herb Swaim, Jr. Debbie Tilley		
5/15	Jonathan Alexander Darren Eubanks Annie Machamer		Burt Yokely Tim Henderson		

**Anniversaries**

5/2	Wes & LuAnn Baker Chris & Casey Conner
5/5	Mike & Sharon Hennis
5/15	Kevin & Cindy Leonard
5/17	Tony & Laura Tice
5/18	Ronnie & Rhonda Stack
5/20	Ben & Janet Truitt
5/22	David & Jan Marshall
5/27	Steve & Deborah Neal Alex & Kathleen Collette
5/31	Mike & Barbara Berry

**United Methodist Men's  
Breakfast**

**Sunday, Apr. 28th  
7 am  
Fellowship Hall**

**UMCOR Donations  
May 5, 2024**

**Please give to help  
neighbors in need**

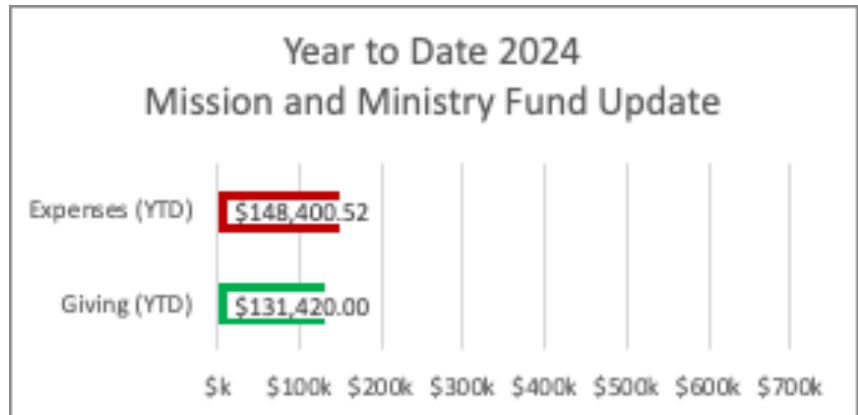
**From the Finance Committee...**

**Needed to meet weekly budgeted expenses: \$11,137.00**

**Year to Date Expenses: \$148,400.52**

**Year to Date Giving: \$131,420.00**

**Giving from Mar 17 - Apr 21:  
\$44,843.00**



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Pastoral transitions take a little time. The SPRC and I will keep you informed of important dates and events. I'll have more to say as the time to move grows nearer. For now, please keep the UMC itself in your prayers as General Conference begins in Charlotte on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can follow GC from links on the Conference website: [wnccumc.org](http://wnccumc.org). Keep your church leadership in your prayers as they will have extra duties during this pastoral transition. Lastly, I would ask for your prayers for Julie and me, and for Keith Edwards. I look forward to the pleasure of introducing SGUMC and your vibrant ministry to him.

Peace,  
Dan



### ATTENTION!

#### CHURCH FREEZER HAS BROKEN

Sadly it was discovered that the church's freezer has broken down. When it was discovered the temperature inside the freezer was over 80 degrees and all food that was stored in the freezer had to be thrown out.

It will take some time to either repair this freezer or replace so be sure to plan your events with this in mind.



**SGUMC Preschool Fall Registration**  
will continue until all classes are full

**Registration Fee is \$50**  
(no other activity fees)

**Sep 2024 - May 2025**



Thank you for the prayers, cards and meals after my recent surgery. I feel blessed to be a part of such a caring church community.

All were greatly appreciated.

Angie Jarman

## In Memory Of

**Geri Smith**  
Choir Fund

Jenny Linville,  
Cindy (Linville)Poindexter  
& Susan (Linville) Gray





## 2024 Cereal Bowl Champions

Monday School & Choir **262**

Kids/BASIC/Fellowship **214**

Youth/CAYA **206**

Manuel **97**

A.S.K. **71**

Pre School **308**

**GRAND TOTAL: 1,158 Boxes**

**TOP FORSYTH COUNTY  
DONORS FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> YEAR!!!**



### General Conference Information

The United Methodist Church's General Conference will be taking place in Charlotte, NC from April 23-May 3. The General Conference happens once every four years and this year there will be 862 voting delegates from around the world and thousands of visitors will gather for this conference at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, NC. Delegates will come from the United States (55.9%), Africa (32%), the Phillippines (6%), Europe (4.6%) and concordat churches that have close ties to the United Methodist Church (1.5%). Listed below are some online links that you may use to learn about and follow the Conference during this time.

General Conference Main Page:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/gc2024>

General Conference Information and Resources

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/general-conference-information-and-resources-18337878>

News details and updates

<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/stay-connected-during-general-conference-18332148>





# 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

## 2024 Easter Egg Hunt

The weather was perfect for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We were joined by many families from the preschool and the community to hear the Easter story told in eggs and to hunt the 1200+ eggs that covered the church yard! Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped to pull off this huge community event!



## CLUB 3-4-5

A FELLOWSHIP GROUP FOR 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADERS! JOIN US FOR PUTT-PUTT & LASER TAG ON APRIL 28TH @ NOON!  
WE'LL NEED 2 PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO GO WITH US!

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