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*Gibsonville United Methodist Church exists to **Welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ, **Equip** us with a faith that helps us grow as disciples, and **Send** us into the world to serve and to make a difference for Jesus' sake.*

May 2024

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We live-stream our worship service at 9am and 11am on Sundays. For live-streaming go to www.gibsonvilleumc.org. On that page, click on your choice:

Watch Worship **Live** @ 9AM
Watch Worship **Live** @ 11AM
Watch Worship @ Other Times
Watch on Facebook
We worship in person at 9am & 11am.

Our worship team loves to hear your feedback, so please feel free to let us know you are watching and any other comments at ccarkin@wncumc.net
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6)

So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:17-18



When I think of new creation, I often think of the centuries old Japanese art of kintsugi. It takes broken pieces of pottery and rejoins the pieces binding them with a special tree sap lacquer dusted with powdered gold. An associate pastor I worked with once gave himself horrible poison ivy trying to make the special sap to try his hand at "authentic" kintsugi. I preached about this outdoors in covid and shattered a vessel. I know many of you feel shattered right now.

There is much that is broken in creation, in our individual lives and globally. In the midst of war, addiction, illness, forever chemicals or strange weather events, Christ is the binding agent that makes us part of the new creation. I pray the Holy Spirit blows fresh in Charlotte at General Conference and does the work of repairing what has been broken and bringing unity and alignment. I believe like in kintsugi, God takes our unique history and makes something beautiful out of the once broken parts. There is no need to hide the fractured places. They show the master artist's handiwork and the loving tedious work of golden repair. In the end, we too can be more beautiful and perhaps even more valuable both individually and collectively because God is at work making us whole.

What would surrendering to God's rejoining look like right now? Is there something in particular that has been broken that you are tempted to treat like trash because it is hard to believe God can repair it? What would you offer for the care of creation so that something of the original intention might be made whole? What do you prefer be disguised so no one ever knows it was broken? God our creator is the great mender. Jesus is the special sap. Surrender and may God continue to bring wholeness, beauty and value out of our life together here in Gibsonville and around the globe.

Pastor Carol

Mother's Day-May 12, 2024

On Mother's Day, the United Women in Faith will place flowers on the altar. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the UWF Fund to be used for missions, in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, these names will be printed in the May 12 bulletin. Please make checks payable to GUMC and mark UWF-Flowers. Place your form and check in the offering plate or mail to GUMC, PO Box 82, Gibsonville, NC 27249. Please have all forms in to the church office no later than Monday, May 6. For additional information or questions, contact the church office at (336) 449-4810 or email:

Please return to the church office by Monday, May 6.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By: _____

Phone No: _____

Missions & Outreach

Fruit and Protein Collection First Sunday of Every Month

Gibsonville First Baptist Church operates a food pantry that serves our community. Each week 25 to 30 families/individuals receive food. Our church supports this mission by collecting food and delivering it to the food pantry. Hunger continues to be a problem in our area so this is an important way we can support those in need. Please remember to bring non perishable food to church on **Sunday, May 4** and place it in the bins in the welcome center or in the closet off the narthex. Suggested food items include the following: peanut butter, canned meat, canned meat stews, beans, brown rice, quinoa, and canned fruit. Please check expiration dates on all donated food.

Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels Delivery will be Monday, May 13 and Wednesday through Friday, May 15-17.

Community Dinner

The Community dinner for Thursday, May 16, will be tacos I would like to invite folks to bring hard and soft taco shells, cooked ground beef, cooked shredded chicken, shredded lettuce, salsa, shredded cheese, olives and cookies.. Bring it by Wednesday evening or Thursday and put in one of the refrigerators. We will also need people to help serve. Contact Lynn Woodruff for questions or more information. Please sign up on the signup sheets in the narthex and the Welcome Center for this event.



Wharton Class at Easter luncheon at Southbound Sandwich Shop on Good Friday. This was for members and friends.

Upcoming Activities & Information

Care & Share

Care & Share will meet Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 AM. Anyone who wishes to join us please contact Lois Fuller at (336) 446-1117.

UM Men's Meals Together

The United Methodist Men will have their breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 4, at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. They will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00PM at Southbound Sandwich Shop. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Claude Little (336-447-4002) or Ben McMillan (336-269-7724).

United Methodist Women in Faith

United Methodist Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30 AM in the church parlor. All women are invited to attend.

By our Gifts (as of 3/31/24)

Annual Budget	294,801
Operating Fund Received in March	22,108
Operating Fund Received Year to Date	61,879
Operating Fund Needed Budget to Date	73,700
Above/(Below) Budget to Date	(11,821)
Building Fund received in March	6,220
Building Fund received Year to Date	15,615
Mortgage Payments Year to Date	21,360
Above/(Below) Mortgage Payments YTD	(5,745)
Mortgage Principal Balance	463,653

A complete copy of the current financial statement is available in the Welcome Center.

Offering Counters for May (Red Team) Elizabeth Ingle, Boyce Johnson

Liturgist 9 AM

5/5 Tracy Woodruff
5/12 Lynn Woodruff
5/19 Susan McNeill
5/26 Amy Bingham

Liturgist 11 AM

5/5 Terry McNeill
5/12 Matt Morrow
5/19 Michelle Rash
5/26 Susan McNeill

Proclaim Designer

5/5 Susan Ezekiel
5/12 Jane Deaton/Melissa Troutmna
5/19 Denise Little
5/26 Jane Deaton/Melissa Troutman

Slides - 9 & 11 AM

5/5 Susan Ezekiel
5/12 Sue Hudson
5/19 Jane Deaton
5/26 Ainsley Rash

Camera - 9 & 11 AM

5/5 Brantley O'Day
5/12 Melissa Troutman
5/19 Barry Deaton
5/26 Carol Kirkman

Sound Operator - 9 & 11 AM

5/5 Claude Little
5/12 Tim Wood
5/19 Lucas Troutman
5/26 Chris Kirkman

Ushers 9AM Service

5/5 Chris Kirkman
5/12 Terry McNeill
5/19 Sam Law
5/26 Brent Shepherd

Head Usher 11AM Service

Mark Shepherd

To My GUMC family,

Most of you know that I have been in a program to become a local pastor in the UMC. I have been praying for 6 months for God to allow me to become a local pastor. I met with the district Committee of Ordained Ministry on Thursday, April 18th. and God answered my prayer Friday morning.

His answer was "no". God answers prayers, and sometimes, the answer is "no". I will not be moving forward to become a local pastor. Thank you for all of your help and prayers as I went through the program. It was a wonderful experience. I will be a better Lay Leader having been through the program.

After I heard "no", I heard that "still small voice" tell me that He led me to Mt. Hermon UMC for a reason. He wants me there to help Mt. Hermon, and Concord UMC grow to be the churches that He wants them to be. Mt. Hermon and Concord make up the Southern Alamance Cooperative Parish. The two churches share a pastor.

He said "build choirs" at both churches.

He said to grow the relationship with S.A.F.E., Southern Alamance Food Empowerment, and make sure vegetables from Concord's garden were a part of that relationship. Everyone, please look at their website. They are a food pantry that serves over 300 families in Graham and Southern Alamance County. (Anyone in Alamance County can participate in S.A.F.E., if you want more information, please call me!)

Mt. Hermon is moving forward on a building project that was started 15 or so years ago, and partially funded. I get to help move that forward. Mt. Hermon does not have a kitchen, or a fellowship hall.

This is not "bad" news. I was told that the committee appreciated my passion and loyalty to both of the local churches I am serving. It's actually "good" news. It means I can serve my home church. The church Tracey and her mother were born into. Tracey's mother recently turned 87. She serves Mt. Hermon as their Financial Secretary. She's still sharp as a tack! Her parents and grandparents are buried in Mt. Hermon's cemetery, as is her husband, and three of her five brothers and sisters. Tracey's first husband is buried there also.

I am currently the outreach committee chairperson at Mt. Hermon. Tracey is the worship committee chairperson. She is also on the PPRC. Our Worship attendance on Sunday morning averages 35 people. There are no youth, and no children. The average age of those 35 is in the 70s.

Mt. Hermon UMC is where we need to be serving. You haven't seen the last of us, we promise.

In Christ, Lynn

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time	2 4PM Kids Hour	3	4 9AM United Methodist Mens' Breakfast 10AM Trauma Informed Care
5 6th Sunday of Easter-White <i>Communion/Fruit & Protein</i> 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship 4-5:15PM Tweens 5-6:30PM Youth	6 7 PM Boy Scouts	7 6 PM Praise Team 7 PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	8 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time	9 10:30 AM Care & Share Mtg. 4 PM Kids Hour 7PM Church Council Mtg.	10	11
12 7th Sunday of Easter-White 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship	13 7 PM Boy Scouts 7PM Trauma Informed Care MOW	14 6 PM Praise Team 7 PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	15 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time MOW	16 4:00 PM Kids Hour 5:30 PM Community Dinner MOW	17 MOW	18
19 Day of Pentecost-Red 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship 4-5:15PM Tweens 5-6:30 PM Youth	20 7 PM Boy Scouts	21 10:30 United Women in Faith 6 PM Music Rehearsal 6PM UM Men Dinner 7 PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	22 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time	23 4:00 PM Kids Hour	24	25
26 <i>Trinity Sunday-White</i> 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship	27 Memorial Day	28 6PM Praise Team 7PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	29 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30 PM Free Time	30 4PM Kids Hour	31	

Children & Youth Activities for May

Trauma-Informed Children's Ministry Training: We will offer the third of our four modules on trauma-informed children's ministry on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. and Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Wharton Room. Each session should last about 90 minutes, and individuals only need to attend one. This module is titled Reaching and Teaching Hurting Kids and will focus on how to recognize the impact of trauma in the learning environment, utilize teaching time as a unique opportunity for ministry, and integrate teaching strategies that reduce behavior problems, increase engagement and give struggling kids a chance to succeed. Please let Michelle Rash know if you plan to attend one of the sessions so she can make sure there are enough materials.

Help support us!
Purchase food from Panera Bread on May 20, 2024 from 4PM-8PM at 563 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC.
Use Code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-café. 25% of sales will be donated. To Gibsonville United Methodist Church for the youth programs. Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com.

Children's Programs

Kids Hour (K through 4th grade)
Kids Hour is held Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the orange room on the second floor of the church. All children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for May:

- May 2: Texts from God: ABD**
- May 9: Texts from God: WAN2TLK**
- May 16: Texts from God: TMA**
- May 23: Texts from God: RU Ready**
- May 30: Texts from God: 14AA41**

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the end of Kids Hour most weeks (children will still participate in the Community Dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month) starting in January. We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Tween Programs

Tween Youth Group (5th through 8th grade)
The GUMC Tween Youth Group meets Sundays from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in the green room on the second floor of the church. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for May:

- May 5: Be Bold: What Was Jesus Like As a Kid (And Why Don't We Know More:)**
- May 12: No Tweens-Mother's Day**
- May 19: Gross Games**
- May 26: No Tweens-Memorial Day Weekend**

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the end of Tweens each week. They will eat with the teen youth group from 5-5:15. We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Teen Programs

Teen Youth Group (9th through 12th grade)
The GUMC Youth meet Sundays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of the church unless otherwise noted. Youth is open to students in 9th through 12th grade. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for May:

- May 5: Chasing After God**
- May 12: No Youth-Mother's Day**
- May 19: Game Night**
- May 26: No Youth-Memorial Day**

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the start of Youth each week. (They will eat with the Tweens group from 5-5:15). We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Youth Midweek Break

During the month of May the two youth rooms will be open most Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for any high school youth that want to come hang out. Snacks are provided.

Our **Tween and Teens** groups will be on "Summer Break" from June 16-August 4 and will resume on Sunday, August 11.

See page 4 for information about Vacation Bible School!

2024 Youth Mission Trip

We will be headed to Hinton Rural Life Center in the North Carolina mountains the week of July 28-Aug. 1. **This trip is open to youth who are 12 at the time of the trip through current high school seniors.** We have reserved our spot for this week. However, as long as the week has not reached capacity, we are still able to add to our group. If you have not registered but would like to go, please let Michelle Rash know ASAP. There is a \$150 deposit to save your place on the mission trip. Scholarships are available if needed.

Children and Youth Sunday School

Sunday School is available for children kindergarten through 6th grade in the orange room on the second floor of the church each Sunday morning from 10 to 10:45. Snacks are provided.

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month (the weeks we run the bus), a separate tween Sunday School class meets in the pink room on the second floor of the church from 10 to 10:45. Snacks are provided. The remaining weeks, our tweens will meet with the elementary class for a combined-age class.

The youth have Sunday School in the youth rooms on the lower level of the church. Snacks are provided.

The bus will be available to bring children and youth to 9:00 service and Sunday School on May 12 and May 26. If your child needs transportation, please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424.

On Sunday, June 9, from 6-8PM we will kick off the summer for current 5th -12th graders with a water slide, snow cones and more. More info to come.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern for our grandson, Sid.

He had biopsy surgery but we do not have the results.

He is using a walker, going to PT and doing much better. We still have to have surgery for the tumor.

Thank you so much for caring.

-June Owens



Vacation Bible School

Memorials & Special Gifts to Honor Friends & Loved Ones

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF</u>
Debbie & Lang Davenport Jean Butcher	Michael Orlando Christine Orlando
Ernest Jebbett, Jr. Christine Orlando	
Barbara Johnson Boyce & Nancy Johnson	
Minnie Smith Boyce & Nancy Johnson	

You Are Officially Invited To Join The VBS TEAM

- Volunteer Positions Needed:**
- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Preschool Games | Preschool Crew Leaders |
| Preschool Crafts | Elementary Crew Leaders |
| Preschool Bible Story | Elementary Games |
| Preschool Exploration Station | Kitchen |
| Preschool Sticky Scripture | Elementary Sticky Scripture |
| Registration | |

BECOME A SPONSOR!

The cost of Vacation Bible School is about \$55/child — that includes dinner each night, all the needed materials and a T-shirt for each participant. While several churches charge for VBS to offset the cost, Gibsonville UMC is committed to keeping this valuable community program free to all participants. Please consider making a financial contribution and serving as a VBS sponsor this year to help us reach 80 children in and around Gibsonville with the love of God this summer.

Yes I would like to support GUMC's Vacation Bible School and the children and families in the surrounding community, by making a donation in the amount of:

_____ \$100.00 _____ \$75.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ Other

Name or business Name: _____

Address: _____


Telephone: _____ Email: _____

More information about volunteering or becoming a sponsor can be found on flyers in the Narthex and Welcome Center or by contacting Michelle Rash. You can also register a child or volunteer for VBS at <https://vbspro.events/p/be1ae7>

May Birthdays

- 1 Karen Clark
- 3 Teresa Merner
- 4 Allison Deaton
- 4 Summer Holloway
- 5 Katie White
- 6 Michelle Barringer
- 6 Cynthia Combs
- 7 Matthew Apple
- 7 Elise Blair Burke
- 8 Lucas Troutman
- 8 Cameron Dees
- 8 Margaret Poole
- 8 Jim Eurice
- 10 Edith Apple
- 10 Craig Barfield
- 12 Mike Kroksch
- 13 Carla Whitesell-Dahl
- 14 Nancy Clark
- 14 Allen Kimbro
- 15 Madison Ingle
- 16 Linda Waynick
- 16 Bill Whitfield
- 17 Ann Moore
- 17 Sue Wood
- 18 Mark Cheek
- 19 Bobbie Blakely
- 20 Pat Dunford
- 21 Sherrie Sawyer
- 22 Zachary Apple
- 23 Kelly Dees

May Birthdays-Cont.

- 23 Brantley Haynes Donovan
 - 24 Megan Ingle
 - 24 Spencer Kimbro
 - 25 Robert Griggs
 - 25 Jeremy Satterfield
 - 26 Patti Teague
 - 27 Lorraine Learned
 - 31 Melba Allison
 - 31 Scott Bales
 - 31 Vicki Holmes
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If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office so that we may correct our files.

May Anniversaries

- 2 Chris & Carol Kirkman
- 2 Mike & Emily Wood
- 11 David & Jennifer Snyder
- 15 Phillip & Carolyn Hundley
- 16 Craig & Lisa Barfield
- 16 Charlie & Lorrain Learned
- 17 Timothy & Rhonda Holloway
- 25 Mike & Sally Duquette
- 29 Mike & Cindy Kroksh

GOOD NEIGHBOR EXPERIMENT

- Good Neighbor Experiment Calendar**
- Key Ingredients of Neighboring 4 week Worship Series starting May 12th
 - 4 week small groups starting the week of May 12th, sign up today during Sunday School, Mon @ 7pm, Thurs @ 1pm
 - Good Neighbor Experiment Orientation in Raleigh June 1st
 - Neighboring Done in Local Churches (Joy, Relationship, & Abundance Labs) applied to your actual neighbors
 - Good Neighbor Experiment Celebration in Raleigh September 14th