



Cullowhee Baptist Church

a place of grace and peace

Summer 2018

On Our Journey Together ...

Deacon of the Week

If you have a need and cannot reach Tonya or Jeffrey, please contact your deacons who serve each week as listed below.

June

- 3 Pam Martin
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- 10 Laura Stiens
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- 22 Charles Hill
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Except Wednesdays:
1:00pm - 4:00pm

We attended the Alliance of Baptists annual meeting in Dayton, Ohio back in late April. If you have asked us about the conference then you know how excited we are about the partnership between the church and the Alliance, as well as our overwhelming sense of belonging. It really was an engaging three days. Plus we found a genuine and open welcome for everyone that represented the inclusive hospitality Christians can model for the world. In our brief time together, we acknowledged the indigenous tribes on whose land we stood, recognized the continuing work of racial reconciliation started by Martin Luther King, Jr., affirmed the leading role of everyone in the work of the gospel, and worshipped God side-by-side with our Baptist siblings.

The overall theme of the meeting, however, was focused on creation justice. The speakers, Bible studies, and worship times all highlighted our relationship to creation. Churches can say great things about God the Creator, and yet be wasteful or even harmful to God's creation. At CBC, we have intentionally made changes over the last couple of years to address some of our unsustainable practices. We now have re-useable plastic cups for meals

in the fellowship hall. The styrofoam coffee cups have been replaced with ceramic mugs that we wash. We no longer use disposable communion cups, and instead have returned to the "good ole days" of using the glass cups we found in a box in the kitchen.

Our purpose is not to be sustainable for the sake of being sustainable, but to care for the one creation God gave us. After all, one of the first commands in the Bible given to humans is to care for God's creation.

If you are interested in biblical or theological discussions about creation justice, we were given some good resources at the meeting and would be glad to pass them along. We also discovered groups helping churches in many ways, from solar power options to groups that "certify" congregations as "green churches."

Out of our love for God, we will continue to find ways that God's work for the church includes God's care for creation.

*Grace and Peace,
Tonya and Jeffrey*

*The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th
in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.*



Sunday Sermons

June 3

Communion Sunday
Second Sunday of Pentecost
 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

June 10

Third Sunday of Pentecost
 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

June 17

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

June 24

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
 1 Samuel 17:32-49

July 1

Communion Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

July 8

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost
Mission Trip report

Season of Togetherness

July 15

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
 Ephesians 1:3-14

July 22

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost
 Ephesians 2:11-22

July 29

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost
 Ephesians 3:14-21

Nursing Home Worship
at Morningstar

Sunday, June 24 at 3pm

Please join us to shine the love of Jesus on our friends at Morningstar, and worship with member Mike Duke.

Summer Mission Opportunities Abound!!

With summer upon us you may be thinking about vacation, beaches, swimming, and baseball. Here at the church, we are focused on Missions. In addition to the Stone Soup Dinner noted on the last page of this newsletter, the following mission opportunities can help us all continue to serve and care for others:

June 10: Church Conference.

At this month's church conference (after worship), the Diaconate will propose a way to invest and distribute the bequest from Barbara Cospers' estate. Included in that proposal is an option to use a portion of the donation to help build a church for the Baptist Congregation of Joy in Maceio, Brasil in the state of Alagoas. Pastor Vando Oliveira sent Tonya this description of their church: "Our church is in a socially vulnerable shantytown. We are a welcoming church, we welcome people as they are, so that the Lord Jesus may do his work in every life that has been in our church. Our activities are with children, young people and women, with meetings, services, lectures, Bible school and exchanges with other churches of the Brazilian Baptist Alliance, to which I am an affiliated member." Join us all on June 10 as we vote on this proposal.



June 10-14: Youth Mission Week. Our youth group will be participating in a series of day-long mission activities, starting with projects here at the church but also including work with our mission partners around Cullowhee and Sylva, volunteering in Asheville, and finally a day trip to Atlanta. The week kicks off with the "Stone Soup Dinner" to aid the Peace Cathedral in Tbilisi, Georgia to give us a global perspective as well. Pray for our youth and their leaders that this time working together to serve others will help us know how we love God through our care for those in need.

June 14 to August 23: Summer Food Ministry. The church family will be partnering again this summer with MANNA Food Bank of Asheville and Cullowhee Valley School to provide food to children (ages 18 and under) living in the Cullowhee Valley School area. Providing food for your children during the summer months can be hard for families who benefit from the free and reduced school lunch program. Families sign up for the food assistance through the school social worker. Then each Thursday, MANNA will deliver groceries and fresh produce to the church. Volunteers are needed to sort the food and make home deliveries. Regular weekly helpers are needed, as well as substitutes. Last year we served over 100 children. This year's program begins Thursday, June 14 and runs through Thursday, August 23. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office or speak with Tonya.

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Summer Mission Opportunities

June 17: Blue Jean Sunday. Join us for what has become an annual event at CBC - Blue Jean Sunday. Wear your blue jeans to worship and bring donations of new child and youth size blue jeans that we will donate to The Christmas Connection. These jeans will be given to children in need during this coming year's Christmas season. It also happens to be Father's Day, in case you know of any fathers who need a reason to pull that blue jean jacket he wore in high school out of the closet!



June 30-July 7: Niagara Mission Trip. On Saturday morning, June 30, several from CBC will leave for a week-long mission trip in Niagara Falls, NY where we will partner with Community Mission of Niagara Frontier. This ministry began after a 1923 Billy Sunday revival in Niagara Falls where meeting both spiritual and human needs were joined together. Providing meals and clothing to those struggling in the city was a natural outcome of hearing the Gospel and worshipping together. Today, the Community Mission continues to help the homeless, hungry, poor, and struggling. We will go and help them. Our team will be housed at the First Methodist Church's mission house and we will also help with some projects around there. Plus, we will have a day to visit Niagara Falls and act like tourists. Please pray for us, and consider making a donation to the mission team like peanut butter cookies! (*editor's note: Jeffrey made this last comment!*)

SHAMPOO NEEDED! Mission opportunity every month of the year: United Christian Ministries. UCM is the only agency in the county where people have free access to personal care items such as cleaning supplies and hygiene items. Our church has agreed to provide shampoo all year in 2018, and the need is outpacing our giving. Please be generous in your giving to this important ministry. Thank you!

Sunday Afternoon Swimming and High Dive!

After worship on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in August, the church bus will travel down to Oconee State Park for the annual cool dip in the lake. All ages are welcome to go. Lifeguards are on duty. There is a well-marked shallow end for the toddlers. And, a high dive that feels like it is 25 feet off the water! The park also has picnic tables and rocking chairs.

Admission is \$5 adults; \$3 children ages 6-15; ages 5 and under, free. Keep a lookout in the bulletin announcements for the date.



CBC/WCU Concession Stand Season!

Start clearing your calendars for WCU fall home football games because there's a place in the concession stand for you! Following last year's successful "volunteering" efforts at all home football games, and several basketball games, the church raised \$7,409 for the Bicentennial Fund. It's a great way to be a part of the financial investment toward the Bicentennial projects with just a few hours of smiles. (We'll take checks too!)

This year the football season kicks off on September 1 against Newberry. Home games will be September 1 and 22, October 13, and November 3, 10 and 24. Volunteers receive free t-shirts and a great time with your church family.



Birthdays

June

1	Barbara Rice
2	Peggy Bell
3	Emma Fox
3	Dale Galloway
4	AJ Hawkins
5	Onifer Wilmoth
6	Amy Lyman
8	Etheree Chancellor
8	Ricky Cook
8	David Jones
8	Desiree Selby
9	Robert Rowland
14	Jed Lovingood
18	Allen Watson
19	Marcella Huguelet
22	Derick Christensen
23	Meg Kellogg
24	Don Guise
26	Billy Durning
27	Charles Chancellor
29	Al Webster
30	Brittney Collins

July

4	Betty Allen
4	Kendra Graham
5	Amber Marr
5	Elizabeth Vickery
10	Stone Doppke
10	Duke Durning
11	Alecia Hayes-Taylor
11	Shirley Smith
12	Pam Hill

Anniversaries

June

1	Ronnie and Deborah Justice
1	Ricky and Jill Cook
13	Al Webster & Tracy Taylor
19	Fred and Betsy Dawes
21	Fred and Marianna Coyle
21	Adam and Kristin Holt
26	James and Barbara Dooley
28	Mike and Kelly Doppke

July

7	Winfred and Ellen Ashe
18	Charles and Pam Hill
19	Dale and Debi Brotherton
22	Jeffrey and Tonya Vickery
25	Robert and Debbie Rowland
26	Tom and Pam Martin
26	Jeff and Sandy Davis
27	Tyler and Mindy Cook
28	Harold Dean and Shirley Smith



Flower Calendar

June

10	Tracy Taylor & Al Webster
17	Baxter Wood
24	open date

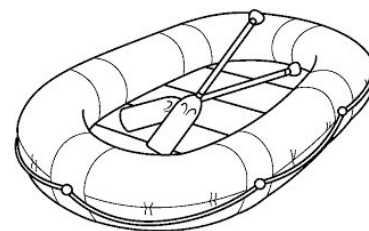
July

8	open date
15	open date
22	Phoebe Hooper
29	Mary Lou Millwood

“I Love My Church” Offering

On Pentecost Sunday (May 20), the congregation took up an “I Love My Church” offering with donations totaling \$1,485. This offering each year is an extra mid-year boost to the church budget.

As of the end of April our monthly expenses outreached our monthly income by \$6,130. This amount is “normal” for most church budget years but deficits make finance team members and deacons nervous! Continue to give regularly to the church offering even if you are gone some Sundays in the summer. And if you want to add to the “I Love My Church” offering, you can drop it in an offering plate, or mail it to the church (PO Box 37, Cullowhee, NC 28723) at any time. Remember that our regular tithe to the church pays for the AC in the summer!



Rafting for UCM!

On Sunday, June 3, go to Dillsboro River Company and raft for the low cost of 10 canned goods or other non-perishable items! All items will go to United Christian Ministries!

Thank you to Cullowhee Baptist Church

From United Christian Ministries

Thank you for donating personal items to our ministry. They are much appreciated and always needed!

From Baptist World Alliance

We thank God for your church and its commitment to the global Baptist family! Thanks to you, we are able to provide relief to refugees and to equip widows and young women with skills they need to earn a living. Your partnership is making a real difference in the world, wherever Baptists minister in the name of Jesus.

Deacon Nominations

Nominations will open in July for new deacons to serve a 3-year term starting in October 2018. Any adult church member is eligible to serve. Nomination forms will be included in the Sunday bulletins starting in July and placed on the table in the foyer. Current deacons are Etheree Chancellor, Tyler Cook, Kelly Doppke, Michele Galloway, Pam Martin and Laura Steins. Sandy Davis, Charles Hill, and Adam Holt will be rotating off the diaconate. Please give your nominations to Adam Holt, diaconate chair. Nominations will be received until August 26. Per our church by-laws, the Diaconate will take all nominations received and then present a slate to be voted on by the church family in Church Conference in September.



In 1 Chronicles 22:13 and again in 28:20, we read,

"Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid or dismayed; for the LORD God is with you."

We began on Pentecost Sunday and will continue through June talking about *courage* with the children on Sunday mornings. It takes courage to listen to God and follow. It takes courage to do what is right when everyone else is doing something different. It takes courage to face giants! We will be reading the following books about courage if you are interested in reading them again.

- *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna
- *The Dandelion Seed* by Joseph Anthony
- *Courage* by Bernard Waber
- *The Youngest Marcher* by Cynthia Levinson
- *Following the Drinking Gourd* by Jeannette Winter
- *If I Never Forever Endeavor* by Holly Meade

Be sure to pray for our children and youth, that we, their church family, will faithfully teach them that they need not be afraid or lose hope because God is always with us.



Bicentennial Project Update

The CBC Bicentennial plans continue to move forward. At the end of May, the flower beds were newly landscaped under the supervision of Cordelia Chancellor (thank you to all who helped!). The old church sign has been removed and a local blacksmith is re-working the original posts to be incorporated into a new sign at the front of the church. B.H. Graning will begin re-landscaping the front lawn and sidewalks in June and July. By June 1 we will also receive a cost on re-doing the back of the church with a new half-court basketball area and space for an eventual picnic shelter.

While we currently have enough funds for the landscaping, front lawn make-over, and sign work, the basketball court/picnic shelter project will require some new donations to the Bicentennial Fund. As always, you can make donations by check (designate "Bicentennial Fund"), on the church website through PayPal, or in person on Sunday mornings. For more information about any of our projects, please call the church office at 828-293-9024, or speak with any of the deacons or pastors. Thank you for all you do.

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“Stone Soup” Dinner in Cullowhee becomes . . . Feeding Ministry in the Republic of Georgia!

On Sunday evening, June 10, at 6:00pm, the CBC youth group will host a “Stone Soup” dinner for church family and friends. The dinner will be a simple meal representing the food many people eat who struggle with hunger. Donations will be accepted. The youth will send donations to the Peace Cathedral, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia to assist them in their 6-day a week ministry of feeding dozens of elderly adults living in Gori who have been effected by the Chechen-Russia war.

Situated in the shadows of the Caucasus Mountains, Peace Cathedral was established in 1867 as First Baptist Church of Tbilisi. It serves as the mother church of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia, and is a Alliance of Baptists service partner. Unlike European and North American Baptist churches, this Baptist community worships and organizes itself under an episcopal form of church governance with bishops. Their worship reflects the Orthodox tradition. A YouTube video of their 150th Anniversary Celebration gives a more complete picture of the church.

Historically, Peace Cathedral takes a bold stand in support of oppressed minorities. Recently, the congregation publically denounced violence targeting the LGBTQIA population in Georgia. This position has left the church marginalized by their sister churches, even those within the Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia, effecting the support of the feeding ministry in Gori. Please join us for our Stone Soup dinner to provide support to this ministry.