



Cullowhee Baptist Church

a place of grace and peace

September / October 2017

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.

September

- 3 Charles Hill
506-2286
- 10 Adam Holt
736-3952
- 17 Pam Martin
506-6752
- 24 Laura Stiens
506-6437

Dates to Remember

August

- 23 Wed. dinners restart
- 27 Welcome Back Lunch & Youth Hike

September

- 10 Church Conference

October

- 15 Children's Sabbath/ Lunch
- 29 Nursing Home Worship

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am - 12pm

Except Wednesdays,
1pm - 4pm

*The church office
will be closed on
Monday, September 4th.*

On Our Journey Together ...

Unfortunately, the term "alt-right" found its way into our language this past year. It is short for "alternative right." It describes an extreme-right people who share an unhealthy fixation on their "white identity." Exploiting anxieties of a changing world, they promote racism and intolerance and reject multiculturalism and pluralism in order to preserve their white ethnic and cultural origins.

Most alt-right supporters are also white supremacists. Some are white nationalists wanting to make sure that the white race is the majority population in America. A number of alt-righters are anti-Semitic and blame Jews for promoting anti-white policies like immigration and diversity.

The alt-right uses words like "culture" as a substitute for terms like "race." They promote "Western Civilization" instead of saying they promote white culture and identity. They are inclined to talk about preserving European-American identity.

You can readily see that this unfortunate skewed flavor of humanity

clashes with the teachings of Jesus. Any ideology, system, or movement that tries to put one group of people superior to others is anti-Jesus.

And yet, there are alt-right groups who claim to be promoting traditional Christian values, albeit from a white supremacist perspective. Placing one's "white identity" above one's identity in Christ leads to poor decisions and actions.

When an alt-right personality shows up, the best thing to do is to deprive them of what they most want -- a spectacle. Their cause is helped by a large jeering crowd. Save that energy for a Catamount football game. Instead focus on hope and inclusiveness. Avoid confrontation, for they thrive on hostility and hate. Do not debate. Do not resort to violence, by word or deed. There are better ways to challenge such beliefs in the name of Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Tonya and Jeffrey

Welcome Back Luncheon, Sunday, August 27

Food and hospitality will be our shared calling after worship on August 27. New and returning WCU students will be our guests at our annual "Welcome Back" covered dish luncheon. (Classes begin on August 21.) The Congregational Care Team asks that we bring plenty food to share, enough for your family plus a bit extra. May we be like Abraham who, when seeing three strangers passing near his home, ran out from his tent to meet them and offered them a place to rest and food to eat.

Sunday Sermons

September 3

Communion Sunday

Creation: Forest
Psalm 139:13-16
Acts 17:22-28

September 10

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Creation: Land
Psalm 139:7-12
Genesis 3:14-21

September 17

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Creation: Wilderness
Psalm 18:6-19
Romans 8:18-27

September 24

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Creation: Rivers
Revelation 22:1-5
Genesis 8:20-22

October 1

**World Communion
Sunday**

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Bill and Noy Peeler,
Missionaries

October 8

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Children's Sabbath

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

21th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 22:34-46

Nursing Home Worship October 29

Join us to offer worship at Mountain Trace at 2:00pm on Sunday, October 29th.

The Season of Creation

The church year is marked by special seasons: Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost. During the season after Pentecost in the month of September, we join Christians around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation. Why? Because God is first and foremost the Creator of all life. We humans were created with the rest of nature; God has given us a creation with which to celebrate! Through worship we are invited to come to terms with the current ecological crisis in a spiritual way, noting the wonders and wounds of creation. This year's creation themes will be Forest (9/3), Land (9/10), Wilderness (9/17), and River (9/24).

Wednesday Nights are Back!

The Wednesday night church routine kicks off Wednesday, August 23 with a picnic in the church yard. Bring sides and desserts to go along with the grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. The church will provide the bread, drinks, and fixings. Anyone is welcome to bring homemade ice cream as well!

The following week, dinners begin at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our Wednesday night meals are prepared by church members and attenders and are funded by the church budget. A sign-up sheet for preparing meals, or even parts of a meal (like dessert), is available in the church foyer. Joyce, the church mouse, will be in touch with you about how to purchase the food, etc.

After dinner around 6pm, we have bible study for the youth (Pam Martin, teacher), college students and adults (Tonya, teacher), as well as missions activities for the children (Jeffrey, teacher). A nursery will be provided by our caring nursery workers. One of our child safety policies is to always have two adults working with those under 18. So we are looking for two Wednesday volunteers: one for the youth and one for the children. Pam and Jeffrey will prepare the lessons and activities and teach, they just need another to help. Please talk with Tonya, Pam or Jeffrey if you are able to help.

Churchwide Covered Dish Meals



Bring plenty of food as we share in fellowship and community after worship on the following Sundays:

- > August 27. *Welcome Back Sunday*. Bring extra food as we welcome new and returning students back to SCC and WCU.
- > October 15. *Children's Sabbath*. Following morning worship, we will share a meal in the Fellowship Hall celebrating the children of our church. Bring food to share with one another.

Greeters Needed!

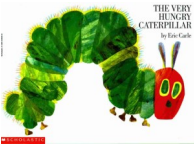
Are you outgoing, friendly, love to smile, and welcoming? If so, call or email Joyce in the church office to become a worship greeter for CBC. Greeters arrive at church at 10:45, welcome new and old faces, hand out bulletins, and serve as a point person for anyone that might have questions.



Thank You!

Hats off to our Summer Food Ministry Volunteers!

For ten weeks this summer, volunteers from the church family delivered food to over 100 families in the Cullowhee Valley School area. From way up in Little Canada to down in Sylva, up in Tuckaseegee and around Cullowhee, drivers took food to families in need each week. Thank you, thank you to the following for being a witness to Christ this summer by caring for those in need: Darren Beebe, Etheree Chancellor, Mindy and Tyler Cook, Dale and Michele Galloway, Charles Hill, Kathy Lovedahl, Muff Lyons, Pam and Tom Martin, Linda Parker, Joyce Pope, Mary Youmans, and Ron Yount.



Preschool Books to Houston

On route to Laredo, TX this summer, the mission team stopped at a Starbucks in Houston to meet up with missionaries, Butch and Nell Green. Various members of the Cullowhee community and CBC family put together two sets of preschool books which will be used by the Greens in a ministry to refugee families with preschoolers. These books will help the preschoolers get ready to attend school in 2018. What a great way to welcome our neighbors to the United States in the name of Jesus!

Fall Mission Opportunities

The school routine is starting back up which makes way for great opportunities for mission work here in Cullowhee. UCM is one such opportunity. Watch the weekly announcement sheet for more!

Each month our church collects personal care items to be given to those in need through United Christian Ministries. UCM is the only agency in Jackson County that helps families with personal care items. In September we are collecting diapers and baby wipes. In October we are collecting laundry detergent. You may place donations on the table in the church foyer.

Church Conference September 10

Following worship on Sunday, September 10 the church will meet in conference to select four new deacons to serve the church family - one through 2019 and three through 2020. In addition, we will hear a report from the Diaconate regarding the building improvements planned for the bicentennial. (Yes, our 200 year anniversary is coming up in 2021!) If any additional business needs to be discussed, please talk with Adam Holt before September 10.

Deacon Nominations for 2017-20

The last Wednesday night in August, the diaconate will meet to put together a slate of four nominees to serve the church family as deacons. Three will be for the normal three year term, and one will be to fill a term which expires in 2019 as Amy Garza is moving. Laura Stiens, Pam Martin, and Ray Spears are rotating off the diaconate. Thank you to Amy, Laura, Pam, and Ray for the many and varied ways they have served the congregation. We have been blessed by your wisdom, care, and leadership. Pam and Laura are filling unexpired terms and may be nominated again. Please contact Diaconate Chair, Adam Holt with your nominations.

Bereavement Meals

The church has been busy this summer ministering to families who have lost loved ones: sending cards, praying, visiting, and worshipping with thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. Most of the time the church has to pull together quickly a meal for the family of the bereaved loved one. If you would like to help, but have not been asked in the past, please let Joyce in the church office know by calling or emailing.

Volunteers Needed



Habitat for Humanity of Jackson County is looking for volunteers to work on a few small construction jobs in the Sylva area (windows to install, handicap ramps to build, and kitchen cabinets/floor to be replaced). If anyone is interested in working on any of these projects please call Jeff Baldwin at (828) 200-7467 for details. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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World Communion Sunday **Missionaries of/in/to Cambodia, October 1**

On World Communion Sunday, Bill and Noy Peeler, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries in Cambodia, will be joining us for worship. The Peelers serve the Khmer population of Cambodia in partnership with the Cambodian Baptist Union.

Noy first heard the gospel in a refugee camp, and she has been telling others about Jesus ever since. Noy is a native Cambodian and former Buddhist, and understands both the culture and religion of many Cambodians. Bill is a U.S. Army veteran, fluent in the Khmer language, and has experience in refugee relief work, public and adult English as a Second Language Education, and as pastor of a Cambodian congregation.

Bill and Noy seek to help pastors and church leaders achieve their ministry goals by participating in community projects of evangelism and training, working alongside the Cambodia Baptist Union to proclaim the Gospel in remote parts of the country, and to provide leadership and pastoral training.

On World Communion Sunday, we join with hundreds of thousands of churches around the globe observing the Lord's Supper. The Presbyterian Church (USA) initiated World Communion Sunday in 1936 to focus on our oneness in Christ. Their hope was that other denominations would share in the celebration of Christ on the same Sunday each year. By 1940, numerous denominations accepted the invitation.

Birthdays



September

2 Bill DeHart
 2 Dianne Yount
 3 Bea Walk
 4 Deborah Lanning
 5 Alyssa Collins
 5 Phoebe Hooper
 8 Jane Stillwell
 8 Tracy Taylor
 10 Brady Proffitt
 11 Kelly Doppke
 11 Eric Lovedahl
 11 Mike Poteet
 15 Walter Wilkes
 16 Allison Beeson
 18 Winfred Ashe
 18 Laura Stiens
 23 Mike Doppke
 23 Sam Walk
 26 John Bell
 26 Bruce Mumm
 30 Chuck Pressley
 30 Tonya Vickery

October

5 James Dooley
 6 Steve Bryson
 12 JoAnn Bryson
 13 Alizabeth Holt
 15 Galen Martin
 16 Vera Guise
 17 Rebecca Fox
 19 Michelle Provost
 19 Brenda Wike
 21 Alex Helms
 23 Kim Poteet
 24 Bonnie Hooper
 24 Deborah Justice

Anniversaries

September

1 Jim and Frances Mincey
 8 Fred and Janice Harris
 9 Dean and Brenda Wike

October

18 Onifer and Meagan Wilmoth
 20 Gail and Jay Gibson
 23 Dale and Michele Galloway

Flower Calendar



September

10 Peggy Angel
 17 Etheree Chancellor
 24 Open

October

8 Phoebe Hooper
 15 Marcella Huguelet
 22 The Galloways
 29 Debbie Rowland

Goodbyes

One of our dear members, Amy Garza, will be moving to Taylors, SC at the end of August. Amy will be living with one of her daughters and leading the family in a new start-up business. Amy has faithfully served Cullowhee Baptist for over two decades as a Bible study teacher, a finance committee member, a deacon, a treasurer, a bookkeeper, a worship leader, a servant in prayer, a Wednesday night cook, and so many other things beyond naming. Thank you, Amy, for all the wonderful ways you have shared, served, and walked in Christ with us. Amy's new address is Aurora Farms, 1025 Milford Church Road, Taylors, SC 29687.

On Sunday, July 23 longtime church member Jane Mitchell passed from this life on to the next at the age of 100. Up until Alzheimer's required her to move to a care facility in Asheville, Jane was a very active member of CBC. A former Presbyterian, she loved being a part of our church family. She was witty, sincere, caring, and loved the Lord. She was one of our saints in the King's Daughters' Class. A memorial service for Jane will be held at the church on Sunday after, worship on September 3. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Beth Palmer, at 616 Shasta Ct., Highland Village, TX 75077.

That same week, on Wednesday, July 26, church member Karen Colvin entered Christ's presence after all five of her children were able to visit. Karen officially joined the church family just five years ago, but worshipped with us since the time she and her husband Buddy moved to Cullowhee over fifteen years ago. Condolences may be sent to her son, Wayne Colvin, at 518 S. Painter Rd., Cullowhee, NC 28723.

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 15 will be a day celebrating the children of our church, and a day we take note of the state of children and families in America. This year's theme is "Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child."



Sunday Morning Bible Study

It only takes a little time each week to make the difference of a lifetime. Worship is one of those weekly Christian practices, as well as Bible study. We have a weekly Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6pm, and we have Bible study every Sunday morning before worship at 10am. There is a class for all age groups and interests.

- King's Daughters' Class (sanctuary level) – older women's class
- Acts 2:42 Class (sanctuary level) – adult class taught by Dianne Yount
- Micah 6:8 Class (fellowship hall level) – adult class taught by Jeff Davis
- College and Career Class (fellowship hall) – college students taught by Tonya and Jeffrey
- Youth Class (third floor) – grades 6th-12th taught by Elizabeth Vickery and Darren Beebe
- Children's Class (fellowship hall level) – grades K-5th taught by Mindy Cook and Traci Balance
- Preschool/Nursery Class (nursery) – babies & preschoolers led by our outstanding nursery care workers.

Welcome New Members

Emily Burttram joined the church family on Sunday, July 30 by statement of faith. Emily is a student at Southwestern Community College majoring in medical sonography.

Ed Thompson joined the church family on Sunday, August 3 by transfer of membership from Black Mountain Baptist Church. Ed is a recent graduate of Jackson County Early College and is joining the Army. He heads out to Fort Sill in Oklahoma for basic training on September 5.

Welcome, Emily and Ed!

Youth Group Sundays



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| Aug. 20 | Youth group at 6pm |
| Aug. 27 | Welcome back lunch then hike at WCU trails |
| Sep. 3 | No youth group, Labor Day |
| Sep. 10 | Game night at the Vickelage |
| Sep. 17 & 24 | Youth group at 6pm |
| Oct. 1 | Lunch after church then wash the bus |
| Oct. 5 | MANNA Food Bank and AVL trip (Thursday) |
| Oct 8 & 15 | Youth group at 6pm |
| Oct. 22 | Youth movie night |
| Oct. 29 | Fall Hike to a waterfall somewhere |

Memorials

In Memory of Stedman Mitchell

Winfred & Ellen Ashe
 Frank H. Brown III
 Manley Brown
 Juanita & Conrad Burrell
 Thomas Cathey
 Cullowhee Bridge Club
 Cullowhee Vol. Fire Dept.
 Phil Haire
 Daniel Hirt
 Paul Holt
 Judith Ingle
 Ruth McConnell
 Bonnie Mincey
 Jean Mincey
 Wanda Moss
 Beth Palmer
 Lora Ponder
 Henry & Janelle Ramsey
 Susie & Bob Ray
 Johana Roberts
 Michele Smith
 Susan & Richard Walton
 Lora Watson
 WCU Office of the Chancellor
 Steve & Elaine White
 Richard Wittekind
 Chuck Wooten
 Mary Youmans
 Ron & Dianne Yount

In Memory of Jane Mitchell

Mrs. Gordon Hurley
 Lora Ponder
 Michael & Karen Willenborg

In Memory of Robin Schufelt Etheree Chancellor

In Memory of Annie Hollifield James Culp

In Memory of Karen Colvin Norman West