



# NEWS FROM THE WELL

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## *Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name*



### Youth Bowling

The youth will go bowling on Friday, June 1 from 5:30-8:30 pm. They will go to Kendale lanes for two hours of exciting bowling. The cost will be between \$10-\$15 (this also includes the price of shoes) depending on how many people come. The more the better. We will have pizza before we go and stop for ice cream on the way back. Please sign up in the Narthex, so we can have an accurate count.

### Homecoming/Memorial Day



We will have our annual Homecoming/Memorial Day observance on Sunday, June 3. During this service, we will remember those who have passed from this life during the past year, and welcome past members back for the day. There will be a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall following Worship, so plan to come with a well filled basket of food.



### Splash Into Summer Celebration

The youth will have a Splash into Summer End of School Celebration on Sunday, June 10 from 4:00-6:00. We will have a water slide, water balloons and water guns, a cookout, and lots of fun. All students are invited. Feel free to bring a friend.

### Operation Christmas Child



For the month of June, we will be collecting small foam balls, tennis balls, kick balls with a pump, and jump ropes. Please pick up a few balls and put them in the container in the Narthex.

### Father's Day



We will honor all our fathers on Sunday, June 17 during the Worship Service. Make plans to be in attendance that day.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

We are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, June 21 from 2:00-6:30. We will need volunteers to work a 1 ½ hour shift in the canteen. You can sign up on a clipboard in the Narthex. We will have 1 power red cell machine and they are looking especially for types O-, O+, A-, and B- blood types. If you can give blood, please sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or on the clip board in the Narthex.

### Scholarship Recipients

Congratulation to our Scholarship recipients: Adam Thompson, Kelsey Douglas, Thomas McNeill, Kacie Harrison, Morgan Pedley, Kolby Harrison, Cameron Wells, Luke Thomas, Katie Kelly, and Will Taylor.

### Cemetery

If you have a love one whose grave is slated to be moved because of the widening of Broadway Road, you will be contacted in the next couple of months. DOT will be asking you about moving the grave of your loved one. It is important for you to remember that in some cases there are graves in this Family Plot that have never been used. It is up to you to talk with DOT about these unused graves. Contact Wayne Watson, Cemetery Agent, 919-770-3371, or [wjwatson2@gmail.com](mailto:wjwatson2@gmail.com). if you would like to know if there are any unused graves in the plot where your family member is buried.



### Vacation Bible School

VBS is coming up real soon. It is June 24-28. Our theme this year is Deep Sea Discovery. Please start praying for the kids that will be

attending and for what you can do to help. We will have a VBS volunteer planning meeting on June 12 at 6:30. We will also be taking up donations to help cover the costs of the food and crafts. If you have any question, please see Pastor Marty or any member of the Board of Christian Education.

### Birthdays for June

- 2 Grant Douglas
- 5 Judy Watson
- 6 Phyllis Watson
- 7 Claire Watson
- 8 Faye Thomas
- 11 Abby Thomas
- 11 Janice Rutherford
- 12 Becky Satterfield
- 13 Adair Thomas
- 14 Patrick Berryman
- 16 Allen McKenzie
- 17 Jimmy Batchelor
- 18 Ray Norris
- 20 Catherine Griffin
- 21 Chris Watson
- 21 Kaitlynn Lemons
- 21 Lisa Garneau
- 22 Donald Thompson
- 22 Joyce Phillips
- 22 Jennifer Johnston
- 24 Joyce Billings
- 25 Michelle Godfrey
- 26 James Annis
- 26 Amy Thomas
- 26 Ed Matthews
- 26 Tammie Kelly
- 28 Macy Gunter
- 29 Auburn Griffin
- 30 Arya Watson
- 30 Elijah Godfrey



This mission statement is lifted directly from our special publication done for the dedication service for our beautiful new addition. The service was December 3, 2006. Here it is almost mid-year of 2018. The statement says, "Our Mission...Shallow Well UCC will make a difference in the lives of individuals, the community, and the world by making disciples, by teaching the Word of God, by extending a helping hand to those in need."

Under Mission and Community Outreach these things were listed in 2006: Support for a child in third world country, Kairos Prison Ministry, Adopt a Child for Christmas, Freedom Festival and Operation Christmas Child.

We have "come a long way baby!" Our outreach of our church has broadened and become more clearly defined. What is your role? How do you feel you're called to extend a helping hand to those in need in our community and even out in the world?

We as a congregation have built some solid, rather long-term relationships and alliances.

Our monthly food of focus for CUOC is rice for June. Please purchase some and place in the bin or the cart as if rolls on the third Sunday.

We partner with Morris Chapel for the benefit of Family Promise of Lee County Tuesday-Thursday, June 12-14. We need evening meals, volunteers from 5:00-8:00 pm, and volunteers 8:00 pm-7:00

am every day. Have you made yourself available for this service yet? Speak to Shannon Godfrey.

Our long-time partner school, East Lee Middle, had the much anticipated and loved Shallow Well's presence with our annual salad luncheon May 18. It was a welcomed, delicious roaring success. We estimate of a staff of 75 we served lunch to approximately 67. Their appreciation was continuously expressed though out our time at the school.

It is exciting to end this article on such a positive note. Everyone involved made this happen. So, it takes all of us to maintain and continuously grow the outreach of the church! Have you done everything possible???

### Bible Readings for May

- 1 Hebrews 6:13-20
- 2 Hebrews 7:1-14
- 3 Hebrews 7:15-28
- 4 Psalm 78:1-31
- 5 Psalm 78:32-55
- 6 Psalm 78:56-72
- 7 Psalm 110
- 8 Genesis 1:1—2:4a
- 9 Genesis 6:1-22
- 10 Genesis 7:1-24
- 11 Genesis 8:1-22
- 12 Genesis 9:1-29
- 13 Genesis 12:1-20
- 14 Genesis 13:1-18
- 15 Genesis 14:1-24
- 16 Genesis 15:1-21
- 17 Genesis 16:1-16
- 18 Genesis 17:1-27
- 19 Genesis 18:1-15
- 20 Genesis 21:1-21
- 21 Genesis 22:1-19
- 22 Genesis 25:7-26
- 23 Genesis 28:1-22
- 24 Genesis 35:1-15
- 25 Acts 1:1-11
- 26 Acts 1:12-26
- 27 Psalm 47
- 28 Exodus 19:1-25
- 29 Exodus 20:1-21
- 31 Exodus 23:20-33



### Kairos Update



Recently the NC Department of Corrections announced that some of the women's prison facilities in North Carolina will be changing to men's prisons, and some men's prison facilities will be changing to women. One of the facilities affected is Southern Correctional Institution in Troy, NC. The female inmates who are there now will all be going to other women facilities within NC by mid-June 2018. We will not be able to have another Kairos Weekend with the Women at SCI, Troy.

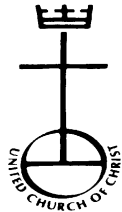
It is with sadness that we end this journey at this facility. We would like to thank all of you for your generous support of Kairos over the last 10 years. You have been so gracious to help us with whatever we asked of you. Please keep these women in your prayers as their anxiety level is high right now as they face so much uncertainty. We know that God is in control, and he will not leave or forsake these ladies.



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**June Ministry Assistants**



**Acolytes:** June 3: Keaton Haas, Brennan Haas; June 10: Layton Griffin, Lily Currin; June 17: Jensen Gunter, Calley Gunter; June 24: Joshua Rosser, Lucas Rosser.

**Deacon on Call:** June 3: Audra McKenzie; June 10: Sloan Griffin; June 17: Barbara Norris; June 24: Ken Herring.

**Flowers:** June 3: open; June 10: open; June 17: open; June 24: open.

**Greeters:** Shelia Fallin, Jack Fallin.

**Trustee to lock/unlock:** Randy Gunter.

**Ushers:** Sloan Griffin, Greg Kelly, Johnny Watson, Eddie Thomas, A.K. Griffin.

**Jr. Ushers:** Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Katie Kelly, Jada Holifield, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas

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On September 22, 1862 President Abraham Lincoln issued the Proclamation Emancipation, which freed all the slaves in the Confederate States of America. Unfortunately, the slaves in those states did not actually receive their freedom. They would not receive that freedom until April 9, 1865 when General Robert E Lee surrendered for the confederacy. News spread quickly for most of the South, except in Texas.

Texas did not receive the news until June 19, 1865. For over two months, freed slaves did not realize that they had been freed. It was not until a group of Union soldiers showed up in Galveston with the news. In African American communities this day is known as "Juneteenth." It is an important day, and a holiday in 45 states.

I believe many Christians live like the freed slaves in Texas before Juneteenth. You have been freed from your bondage to sin. Your freedom day, was the day you asked Jesus into your life. Sadly, the reality of your freedom escapes you. You still live in that bondage, as sin runs your life. This does not have to be. You are free. Jesus tells us in John 8:36, "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." The battle is over. The war for your freedom has been won. Jesus paid the price for your freedom.

Juneteenth is a day of celebration. It is a day of public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing of traditional songs, and historical reenactments with a lot of fun activities. It is the day of recognizing their freedom. When is your "Juneteenth?" What day did you receive your freedom? More importantly, are you celebrating that you are free? If not, you should be. Your freedom is worth it.

Pastor Marty

