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Look for us on Halloween.
We will be handing out candy in these
trick or treat bags
in the following places:
1.) Downtown near the court house
2.) Pine knoll
3.) Country Club Estates

"I saw the sign"
People have noticed our signs,
Keep up the good work!
Signs are still available.



From the Pastor

Dear ones,

I recently listened to episode 403 of the *Word on Fire* podcast which features Bishop Robert Barron (a Bishop in the Roman Catholic Church). He was discussing the work of the French agnostic philosopher René Girard who was baptized in a Roman Catholic church but became an agnostic through his work in literary theory; yet, later, became an ardent Christian. Bishop Barron said of Girard, "At a key moment, he read the Bible. And, you know, he knew it in a vague way but, as he looked into it, he found that it was as aware as all these great novelist were of the basic problem. The difference was the Bible proposed a real solution. And that led Girard, by some steady steps, to become a Catholic and so he dies a very ardent Catholic, and his work came to the attention of religious people."

The podcast was discussing Girard because it was dealing with his "master ideas of **mimetic desire** and **scapegoating**." Girard discovered that desire wasn't simply straightforward as in: "I see something and I want it." Rather, Girard taught that human desire is mimetic, which means imitative. Barron described it in the podcast as the idea that our desire is triangular. You have likely witnessed this, and probably experienced it in yourself (maybe by going to see a movie someone raved about).

For instance, you see two children playing. Suddenly, one of them picks up a toy, becomes enthralled by the toy, laughter ensues, and the child's behavior causes us to say, "she's having the time of her life." It's about then that the second child begins to want the same toy, one that she had probably ignored the whole time. We all know what comes next, conflict. The two girls begin to squabble about a toy that, a few minutes before, one of them cared nothing about. Like the second girl, we want something because someone else wants it. I see the same thing happen in our house when one of the dogs picks up a particular bone and begins to enjoy it. Without fail, the other dog will try to take it, and conflict arises. Barron says that "Conflict tends to come from the triangularity and the mimetic quality of our desire." In our examples, the triangle is formed by girl 1, girl 2, and the toy; and (in the case of our dogs) Gracie, Diesel, and the bone. This is one of the human behaviors that marketing relies on. Apple knows that if all your friends (or even random happy people in a commercial) want an iPhone, you will want one too.

Believe it or not, this is why the car stickers, bracelets handed out at football games, yard signs, and other efforts we make to be seen by the community around us matter. If another person sees that you have a positive experience in your worshiping community, they may desire to have that same experience. If another person sees your love for Jesus, they may want Jesus also. If people see that another group of people are excited about their organization, they will want to be part of it also.

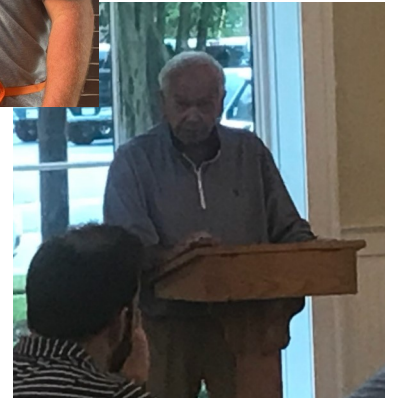
We may try to dismiss the idea but we see it all the time, ask Chic-fil-a. Honestly, don't we prefer to see other cars in the parking lot before we try a new restaurant? If all our friends are talking about the new Netflix show, don't we suddenly want to watch it as well?

Allowing people in the community to see that we love Christ and are committed to serving Christ can have this same impact on someone who has never considered that faith in Christ, or serving Christ, was something that they could ever desire in any way. They may be just like the second girl who had ignored the toy for the entire time she was playing, until the first girl picked it up. The second girl was in the same room for the entire time. Likewise, your neighbor who does not know Christ, or have a Church home, has been in the same town as you, and may never show interest in Christ or the Church until they see you enjoying both. This is why it is vital that people in our community see our faith in Christ, our love for Christ, and our service to Christ — even through a simple yard sign.

May the Holy Spirit work within us all that, having been born through water and the Spirit, we may both live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

FRANK DAVID

United Methodist Men & Bobby Richardson



Myrtle Strange, Nelle Wells, & Jane Craft Circles donated to Killingsworth Home for Women

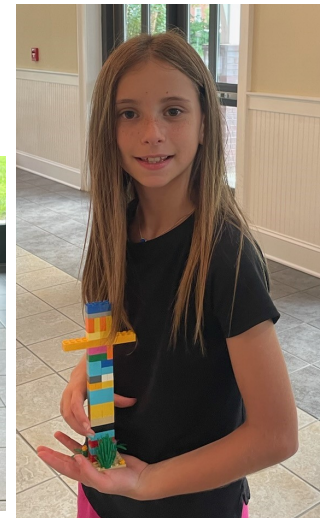
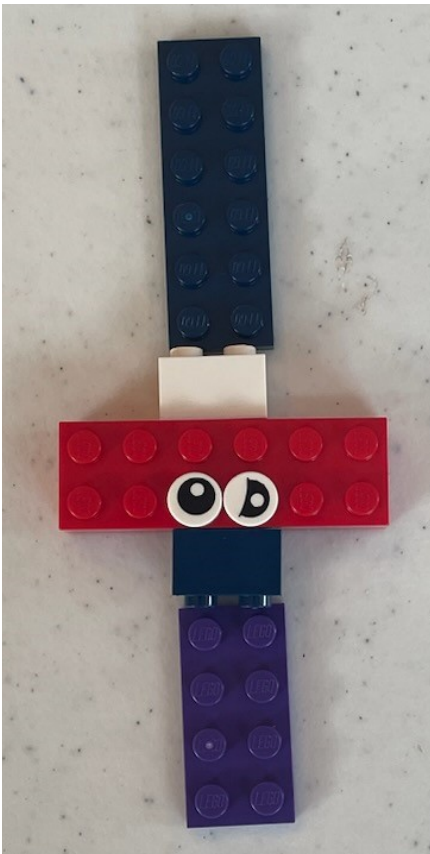


CIA is back and we are already having fun!

This year many of our lessons will include Legos. In these photos you can see how each child got to make their own version of the cross. Our lesson was about working together and how different people have different skills or gifts to help spread the news of Jesus. We need Legos! If you would like to donate new and or used Legos to CIA please bring them to the church. We have a big project we would like to work on and are in need of lots of Legos.

Help us build good disciples.

Thank you so much,
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Leroy Phillips

Given by:
Artie & Beverly Felder

Bobby Mills

given by:
Genie & Winston Hodge
Mary Eaddy
Sandra Brewer

David McCabe

given by:
Susan Elmore
Genie & Winston Hodge
Sandra Brewer

Rusty Odom

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Sharon Cramer
Sandra Brewer
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Julie Nolte

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Sandra Brewer

Charlie Cramer

Given by:
Sharon Cramer

Esther Rhuland

Given by:
Camille Daniel

Honorariums:

Don Miller
Given by:
Sandra Brewer
Susan Elmore



The Flower Calendar for the 2024 year is in a note book in the church office.

All the yellow highlighted days are open for arrangements. If you wish to have flowers on any of these Sunday's please call or email the church office.

2023 Flower Calendar

October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17	24	31

2024 Flower Calendar

January	7	14	21	28	
February	4	11	18	25	
March	3	10	17	24	31
April	7	14	21	28	
May	5	12	19	26	
June	2	9	16	23	30
July	7	14	21	28	
August	4	11	18	25	
September	1	8	15	22	29
October	6	13	20	27	
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Operation Christmas Child Activity Day

October 16th
10 am– 1 pm
Fellowship Hall

Contact Kelly or Carolyn Chilton
for information

Our Prayer List Please remember the people below in your prayers. This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the **military**, or who have limited mobility:

Carolyn Allen	Bill Hodge	Dinky Russell	Woody Haynes
Family of Nancy Andrews	Charles Hodge	Carrie Anna, Morgan & Baby Strange	Bettye Johnson
Chuck Buddin	Family of Paulette Jackson	Family of Leroy Phillips	Margaret Lee
DeLane Burch	Spencer Jordan	Anne Sauls	Wilson Lepp
Paul Butler	Leland Kelley	Jan Toner	Neal Mahoney
Jim Cafferty	Lamar Kennedy	Kass Varn	Joan Odom
Ann Cutter	Jackie Lamb	Wayne Vincent	Jean Schmelzle
Geri Danilowicz	Ken Lovorn	Rebecca Whitehead	Cliff Toner
John Felder	John Mathis	McKinzie Wigley	



Bee City Zoo Trip

About Bee City Zoo: They are a bee farm and interactive zoo. You can hand-feed monkeys, ringtail lemurs, alpacas, deer, goats, sheep, and pet bunnies. See the Wallabies, Antelope, Tigers, Snow Leopard, Serval Cats, Cavies as well as many farm animals: Miniature horses and donkeys, turkeys, chickens, pheasants, and much more!

October 18, 2023 9:30 am-2:30pm
 \$15 tickets purchased at the gate
 Bring a few extra \$\$ to buy food for the animals if you wish to feed them
 Café on site for lunch-Dutch treat



EPWORTH MOMENT:

MUMC members are always generous in their giving to Epworth Children's Home. The 2023 Work Day Offering was 3,105.00. This offering will continue to help Epworth as they help children and young adults have a better life both physically, mentally, and spiritually. What a blessing it is to know you are making a difference in these lives.

THANK YOU!



2023		Tithes & Offering	
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,773.56		
	Received Weekly		
Sept 3	\$ 11,094.93		
Sept 10	\$ 7,384.93		
Sept 17	\$ 16,625.30		
Sept 24	\$ 6,003.00		
Total Received	\$ 41,108.16		
Needed Year to Date			\$ 371,395.18
Total Received YTD			\$ 296,858.09
Overage or (Deficit)			(\$ 74,537.09)

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
Sept 3	9:30 am Sunday School—53 Worship 10:30 am —	Views 192
Sept 10	9:30 am Sunday School—59 Worship 10:30 am — 112	Views 397
Sept 17	9:30 am Sunday School— 55 Worship 10:30 am — 98	Views 372
Sept 24	9:30 am Sunday School— 44 Worship 10:30 am — 89	Views 214



10/11 Charlie & Carol Gavin
 10/12 Bubba & Sara Wells
 10/17 Bobby & Dot Stewart, Lamar & Cathy Kennedy
 10/19 Ned & Carolyn Chilton
 10/23 John & Marie Land, David & Samantha McManus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1 9:00 am Coffee 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	2 8-12 MUMC Day School 11:00 Prayer Team	3 8-12 MUMC Day School	4 8-12 MUMC Day School 4:30 pm CIA 7:00 pm Choir	5 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:30 pm Pilot Club	6 8-12 MUMC Day School	7 Yard Sale 8 am to 12 pm		
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The Back Page October

On September 24th Ryleigh was baptized!

Praise God!

Hunter and Ryleigh became official members of Manning United Methodist Church



Yard Sale October 7th

8am-12



Holiday Craft

Bazaar

October 28th

9am-2pm

