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Church of Union County
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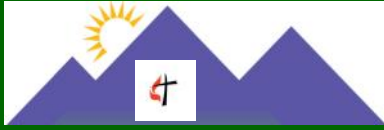
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The History of Camp Meetings

Camp meetings were outdoor religious revival meetings popularized on the southern frontier during the early nineteenth century. These meetings generally lasted several days and attracted participants who traveled significant distances and camped on-site for the duration of the meeting. The camp meeting developed out of the Great Revival of the latter part of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

The outdoor setting, where participants camped for the duration of the meeting (usually 2 weeks), provided the most distinguishing characteristic of the camp meetings. Most services took place in a "brush arbor," a cleared area surrounded by trees with overhanging limbs that formed a shelter. Fixed structures later replaced the brush arbors. Camp meetings normally occurred in the late summer and provided a break from the hard work routines of farm life. Thus, the gatherings became as much a social event as a spiritual one and provided a meeting place for old friends and new ones, a respite from work, and an opportunity to find suitable marriage partners. An atmosphere of recreation and spiritual renewal permeated the revivals. It is not surprising that camp meetings were marked by extreme emotional and physical "exercises," with participants shouting, "jerking," "barking," falling down, or dancing about in spiritual ecstasy. Lorenzo Dow, a famous itinerant frontier evangelist, described the jerking exercises he witnessed while preaching at Knoxville. Dow noted that these spiritual exercises affected men and women of various ages, races, and economic levels.

For Us Today

In the tradition of the Ole Time Methodists we, today, set aside every August to observe a more relaxed and informal time of worship. We try to include more of the "old-time" hymns, special singers and artists as well as evangelistic preaching. Please join us every Sunday in the hot dog days of August for "Camp Meeting."

EVENINGS @ THE PARSONAGE WILL RESUME IN AUGUST

Ben & Gwen invite you to a time of fellowship and food at the parsonage. The first one will be held August 16, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. Meat and drinks will be provided. You are asked to bring either side dishes or desserts. Please look for sign-up sheets in the narthex and welcome center. We will host 8 couples or 16 individuals at a time.

NEW CAMPUS-WIDE SERMON SERIES

Beginning the first Sunday of August, Ben and Richard will start a new sermon series entitled "Climbing the Ladder of Faith." There are six steps in increasing your faith. In the days that we face as a nation, church, families and individuals we most certainly need to increase our faith!

Cutting Costs

Everyone knows that we are in an economic crunch on all levels of life. Every family, organization, and church is trying to discover ways of cutting expenses. The down turn of the economy has affected First United Methodist Church-Union County. Our expenses are up and our income is not meeting those expenses. Therefore, we must look for ways of cutting our expenses. One of the things we are doing is putting the monthly newsletter on our web-site and sending it out via e-mail. We know that there are some who do not have computers and/or the internet, and we will continue to mail a copy to you. We ask for your patience as we seek to lower expenses in this and other ways.

Your servant,

Worship Services

To Know Christ - To Make Christ Known

8:30 am Casual Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Traditional Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis

10:45 am Contemporary
The MAC
Pastor Richard Rivera

Membership News

July Average Worship Attendance

8:30	Early Service	72
9:45	Sunday School	164
10:45	Traditional	251
10:45	Contemporary	127

Homebound:

Bonnie McCullum
Lavon Butt
Sharon Jones
Elizabeth Henley
Omah Rogers
Harry Madducks
Melissa Devereaux
Shirlee Evans
May Langman
Ermine Branch
Lois Barr
Marvin Hernden

Prayer Pagers:

Available in the parish nurses' office. To call someone, you simply dial their number and when you hear the beep, hit 1111#.

Upcoming Events



THE GATHERING

We are all invited to THE GATHERING each Sunday morning at 9:30 am downstairs in the MAC in the youth room. This is a short 15 minutes before Sunday School that we can all come together to get to know each other and have some light breakfast refreshments. Many thanks to the adult Sunday School classes for making sure the refreshments are available each Sunday.

The refreshment schedule for August is as follows:

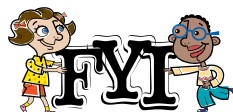
August 2nd	Fidelis SS
August 9th	Searchers
August 16th	Joy SS
August 23rd	Friendship SS
August 30th	Bridges



WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE IS BACK!!!! Beginning Wednesday, **August 12th** we will kick off our back to school Wednesday Nite with games and a picnic supper at MEEKS PARK (a change from Vogel!) We will have games for the kids around 3:30, and eat around 5:00 pm. Further details will be coming soon. Come enjoy the fellowship. The next week August 19th we will resume our usual Wednesday night programming with FUNDamentals at 3:30 pm, supper at 5:00 pm and programs for the youth and children at 6:00 pm. Adult Bible Study will resume in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm. Choir will remain at 7:00 pm.



Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, August 19th at 6:00 pm. Pastor Ben will be leading "A Study of the Lord's Prayer—Pathway to Peace".



Ever feel out of the loop of things? Been on vacation and don't know what's going on anymore? Don't be lost—get informed! We make every effort to post all happenings on the TV screens in the church and on the church's website—fumcunioncounty.org. Parent of a teen and you don't know what's going on?—go to the website and under ministries click on the youth, Or go to our facebook page (solid rock café) Or our blog (solidrockcafe.wordpress.com)—to find out information. Parent of a child—go to the website under ministries and click on children.



Camp Meetings

Camp meeting month throughout August. Lemonade will be served under the porticos after the 10:45 services. Please wear your church logo shirts!



CEC begins the new school year on Monday, August 17th.

Meet the Teacher will be on Friday, August 14th from 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Are you a Union County resident? Please send in your new address to the office if you have not already done so.



August Calendar

August 2 Dee Holcombe
 August 3 Marilyn Sallings
 August 4 Jeanne Tallent
 August 6 Ron Byers
 August 7 Paula Myers
 Bob Taylor
 August 8 Gail McGuire
 August 11 Rebecca Day-Lewis
 Mario Hernandez
 Richard King
 Phil Meeks
 August 12 Linda McAfee
 John Preston
 Dee Dee Siefken
 August 13 Karen Campbell
 Elizabeth Forney
 Lisa Gurley
 August 14 Glen Boland
 Gene Hodgson
 Omah Rogers
 Ava, Carlyn & Jillian
 Turner Triplets
 August 17 Eleanor Lee
 Charles Padgett
 August 19 Patrick Mullen
 Pauline Taylor
 August 20 LaVon Butt
 August 21 Flo Hernden
 Mary Margaret Nastyn
 August 22 Caroline Legg
 Jean Rogers
 August 24 Tom Gilliland
 James Hinton
 August 25 Keith Bryant
 Roy Hamby
 August 26 Ashlee Cortez
 Kem Stephens
 August 29 Megan Heuker
 Jimmy Tallent
 August 30 James Metcalf
 Caroline Workman
 August 31 Bob Lander

Saturday, 1st Family Tubing the Toccoa River
 Sunday, 2nd Blood Pressure Screening, 9:30
 Camp Meeting Sunday
 DSL/MYF Cross-Over Ceremony
 Tuesday, 4th Scrapbooking, 9:30 am
 Yoga, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, 5th Morning Glory Circle, 10 am
 Youth 5:00 pm
 Bethlehem Project presentation, 6:00p
 Thursday, 6th Parish Nursing, 9:00 –11:00 am
 Circle of Love, 6:30 pm
 Friday, 7th UC School year begins
 Sunday, 9th Sunday School Promotion
 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
 Tuesday, 11th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, 12th Friends of the Library Book Club, 1:00
 Wednesday Nite Live picnic
 Thursday, 13th Parish Nursing Office. 9:00—11:00 am
 Friday, 14th CEC Open House
 Saturday, 15th UMM breakfast, 8:00 am
 Sunday, 16th Worship Services
 Acolyte Training, 9:45 am
 Monday, 17th CEC school year begins
 MIFT, 6:30 pm
 Tuesday, 18th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm
 UMW Missions, 10:00 am
 Wednesday, 19th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 WNL supper 5:00 pm, programs 6:00
 Thursday, 20th Parish Nursing Office 9:00—11:00 am
 Circle of Love, 6:30 pm
 Saturday, 22nd UMM breakfast meeting, 8:00 am
 Sunday, 23rd Worship Services
 Tuesday, 25th Scrapbooking 9:30 am
 Yoga, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, 26th FUNdamentals, 3:30 pm
 Wednesday Nite Live
 Thursday, 27th Parish Nursing Office 9:00 –11:00 am-
 Sunday, 30th Fifth Sunday—One Worship Service



Fifth Sunday Worship—August 30th
 ONE worship service
 10:45 in the MAC

Prayer Corner

Prayer is the key to new beginnings. Lamentations 3:22-26 states that God's Mercies are new every morning. Take time to greet God before you start your day:

P—ause long enough in your busy life to hear from God.
R—each out to Him for guidance and encouragement.
A—ccept each day as a new beginning.
Y—ield all of your cares, dreams and self to His care



Read and meditate on Psalms 19 and Lamentations 3:22-26.

Missions...Moving with the Heart of God

The church now has a garden spot located on the upper part of the property across from the annex. If you like to "get down and dirty" please contact Don Wyckoff at 706-745-5507.

Welcome Center Receptionists

THANKS to our volunteers, the Welcome Desk has been successful and helpful to the church staff, and an asset to members and visitors alike. As a reminder, the monthly 'work' schedule is posted on the MAC bulletin board and individual copies are in the file drawer for your convenience. These are available the last week of the month for the upcoming month. Due to personal commitments, there may be changes in the schedule, especially pertaining to the "SUB" list. Therefore, if you need someone to work for you or need a swap, it is helpful for Volunteers to obtain a schedule that is current so that you can arrange to have your shift covered per instructions listed on the reverse side of the schedule. Additionally, the WELCOME DESK binder provides information at your fingertips that saves you from going to other sources to answer inquiries. Questions pertaining to the Welcome Center may be directed to Ty and Shirley Cobb or Stan Wallace.

Receptionists Committee



United Methodist Women

Circle of Love will meet Thursday, August 6th at 6:30pm for a Prayer and Praise Service. We will also meet Thursday, August 20th for a covered dish dinner.

Morning Glory Circle will meet Wednesday, August 5th at 10 am in the Friendship Sunday School.

UMW Missions will meet Tuesday, August 18th at 10:00 am in the Bray Chapel.

MIFT will meet Monday, August 17th at 6:30 pm.

United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet Saturday, August 15th at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Military Addresses

PFC Jeff Cook, Bravo Troop 1-40 Cav (ABN) FOB Gardez APO, AE 09354. He is Omah Roger's grandson.

Fireman Brandon Righnour, 320A Dewey Avenue, BEQ 634 RMG 208, Great Lake, Illinois 60088. His email is: brandonrighnour@yahoo.com. He is Rosa Mandon's great-grandson.

EN1 (SW) Blane Dorton, 355 Aoloa Street, Apt. M101, Kailua, HI 96734. He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

ND Brody Dorton, MDSU One, Bldg. 17 Bishop Pt., Pearl Harbor, HI 96860.—He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son .

AW3 Evan Albright, HS-10, P.O. Box 357119, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA 92135-7119. He is the son of Tonia Albright.

1 Lt. Loertscher, Seth, J., HHC 3-187 IN REGT, 3 BCT 101 ABN DIV, APO AE 09344. He is Ruth Stefko's nephew.

A1C Lewis, 8402 Hillsborough Loop Drive, Unit 997, Tampa, Florida 33621. She is the daughter of Barry and Shelley Lewis.

Chris Varian, Bravo1-321 AFAR, FOB Salerno, ATO AE 09314

Pvt, Prentice, Nathaniel, B Co. 1-222 D AVN Regt., 1004 Pearl Place, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604. (on back write 3rd PLT) He is the grandson of Juanita Prentice.

Krogmeier, Cory Army

Gilhooley, Ryan USAF

Dr. John Quigley, USN

OASIS, a ministry of FUMC will commence its twelfth season on Thursday, September 10th. This program is offered to everyone over the age of 50 regardless of their church affiliation. The program offers 8 weeks of classes featuring any number of subjects including, but not limited to, arts and crafts of many descriptions, music instruction from beginner to advanced on several instruments, dancing, and informational classes on various subjects. OASIS classes are scheduled on Thursdays with a morning and afternoon session with a lunch break separating the two. (Lunch reservations must be made in advance to know how many meals to prepare.) In addition, for those folks that work during the week and cannot attend the Thursday classes, several Saturday workshops are offered.

The OASIS brochures and registration for the Fall Session are scheduled to be mailed July 29th. For those NOT on the mailing list and others who would like to pick up a brochure for friends and relatives, brochures will be available at the Welcome Center in the MAC after August 3rd. Brochures will also be available at several venues in the local communities. The Fall session will offer 54 classes and 11 workshops. It will run from September 10th through November 5th. We encourage you to take an OASIS class, and save money by making your own Christmas gifts this year.

Parish Nursing



August is National Immunization Awareness Month



Note: Always check with the Public Health Department or your physician to answer specific questions about immunizations

Selected Questions about Immunizations:

Can immunizations cause autism, SIDS, or MS? Studies have shown no casual relationships! The American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the World Health Organization all support immunizations and deny that they cause those conditions.

What side effects may occur after an immunization? Local redness & swelling, mild fever, rash. Some rare allergic reactions may occur, as with any medication.

How long will the immunization last? It varies with each type; some for life, some need boosters.

Seasonal flu vaccine: must be taken each year because the viruses change. It doesn't prevent all flu-like viruses, and it takes about 3 weeks for immunity to begin. Some people already have the virus before the vaccine has time to take effect (the vaccine does not cause the flu).

Swine/Avian flu: A vaccine is under development. It is unknown how widely it will be available this fall.



Summer Health Threat: Stings: Most stings and insect bites cause minor swelling and pain, and can be treated with ice and a baking soda paste. Only bees leave a stinger behind....scrap this off with a credit card. **DANGEROUS REACTION:** Throat swelling or problem breathing...CALL 9-1-1.



Blood Pressure Check:

On Sunday, August 2nd, the Parish Nurses will be checking blood pressures in the Parish Nurses' office between 9:30 am and 10:00 am.

WNL

- 5:00 Supper
- 5:30 Beginning Hand bells
- 6:00 Youth B.A.S.I.C.S.
Hand bells
Children's Programs
Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 Adult Choir

Youth News

On Sunday, August 2nd during our monthly MYF, we will have our Cross Over Ceremony welcoming in all of our upcoming 7th graders. This is a family event including the whole youth ministry. Everyone please bring a covered dish. There will be games and activities for all the students while all the parents meet with Richard as he shares the plans for this next school year. See you at 5:30 pm.

Children's News

EXCITEMENT, EXCITEMENT, EXCITEMENT!!!
IT'S COMING...CATCH IT!

HOW????? **BE INFORMED, BE HERE AND BE FOR HIM**

BE INFORMED—Know the latest through the newsletter, news for pews, church website and church video screens. ***Our new children's ministry email is: kids@fumunioncounty.org. You have my email, now I need yours.

BE HERE—Start afresh. Summer zapped you from Sunday School and church? There is no substitute for church and a church family. We want you here, we need you here. If you've forgotten, Sunday School starts at 9:45 am. Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:45 am.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

BE FOR HIM—Jesus has done his part. He has casted that net of faith. Will you be caught? Will our children be caught? There is so much to separate our families from God. The first defense is to let him wrap you with his perfect love and protection. The second defense is to know him and His word, apply it in our lives and be the example for our children. It is up to us!!! Catch it....Ms. Tricia

Mark your calendars now....

Sunday, August 2nd—Parent Information calendars available

Sunday, August 9th—Promotion Sunday—Sunday School is cool and today is the day we move. Parents, there will be sign-in procedures so make sure to come with your student and look for the signs.



Sunday, August 16th or Sunday, August 23rd—Acolyte Training—9:45 Sanctuary Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Serving is a big part of our FAITH BUILDING. So here is your chance to serve. I can't pay you but GOD will.

Wednesday, August 19th—FUNDamentals is back. Look for a new schedule. It's fun, It's exciting, be here and catch it!!!!

Needed for August:

Sundays: Nursery Volunteer for 2's and 3's, Sunday School Teachers, Children's Church Leaders and Helpers

Ushers: JoAnn Strickland
Scott Carter
Ron Schultz
Gene McGuire
James Jordan
Ty Cobb

Greeters:

8:30 Tom & Dee Heuker

10:45 Cecil & Burma Brown

Wednesdays: **Times are still a work in progress

Homework Haven Helpers 3:30-4:00 pm (1st—6th grade)

FUNDamental Leaders 4:00-5:00 pm (1st—6th grade)

Dinner and A Movie Helpers 5:00-6:00 pm (4 years and up)

Children's Music Leaders and Helpers 6:00-6:50 pm (3 years to 6th grade)

New Members



Stephanie Shilling
202 Stoney Creek Lane
Murphy, NC 28906
(828) 837-1921



Karen Lorenzo
10157 Old Highway 76
Morganton, Georgia 30560

(no picture available at press time)

Ivan Arteaga
95 Rogers Street
Blairsville, Georgia 30512
(706) 745-0841



Please send the office your child's address for this coming year so we might stay in touch with them.

Opportunities @



MAC Summer Hours:

Monday—Thursday 8:00 am—5:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Summer Events at the MAC! Registration forms at the MAC Desk!

August 1 Family Tubing Trip on the Toccoa River. Ages 6 and up
August 4 Kid's Terrific Tuesday #5 Helen Water Park, meet here at 9:00 am
August 15 Church-wide Trip to Braves vs. Phillies

Family Tubing on the Toccoa River, Saturday, 1st Ages 6 years and up. Cost is \$10.00 per person. We leave the church at 10:30 am and return around 4:30 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Sign up in the church office or at the MAC Desk.

Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading! This Fall we will partner with the House of Prayer in this exciting sports ministry for children ages K-6th grade. We are now building a volunteer team of anyone interested in serving as coaches, referees, prayer coordinators, helping with concessions, and other areas. Call Stan at the MAC to volunteer. Sign up information and brochures will be available in the MAC soon. Below are tentative "League Dates".....

Flag Football Evaluations: Saturday, July 25th and Saturday, August 1st from 9 am—noon at Canal Lake Bible Camp Field!

Practices: Begin the week of August 17th

First Game: Saturday, September 5th

Awards Celebration: Sunday, October 11th

YOGA CLASSES: Compliment any exercise program at any fitness level with yoga. Led by Pat Tomzyck. Cost is \$5.00 per class. Bring your own yoga mat. Class is limited to 10. Meets every Tuesday at 10:30 am and 5:30 pm. Lasts one hour.

Church-wide Trip to Braves vs. Phillies game, Saturday, August 15th. Cost is \$25.00 per person plus \$ for supper at the stadium. We leave the church around 12:30 (eat lunch before you come) and return immediately after the game. The game starts at 4:10 pm. Tickets are available from Stan at the MAC.

Sr. Adults Young- At- Heart



High Country Harmonizers will present the 8th annual show, "Barbershop to Broadway" on Saturday, August 8th at the Fannin County Performing Arts Center in Blue Ridge. In addition to a guest performance, several local quartets will be featured. Sign up sheets are available in the MAC and narthex. Tickets must be purchased by August 1st.

Our **S.M.A.R.T.** (Small Maintenance and Repair Team) is ready to do small maintenance or repairs for any of our shut-ins or older adults that are unable to do for themselves around their house. If you know of anyone needing assistance with small home or yard projects, call Stan at the church office and give a description of the work needed. Call today. We are ready to help!

Communion Teams are needed to Serve Our Homebound Members each month. If you would be willing to go out and serve communion in the homes of our shut-ins on the first Sunday of each month call Stan at the office. No experience needed.