

Pentecost in the Park

Shortly after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them at the festival of Pentecost. The disciples began to speak in many different languages, a symbol of how the Spirit draws together the body of Christ as one despite our differences. Christians today celebrate Pentecost as the birth of the church.

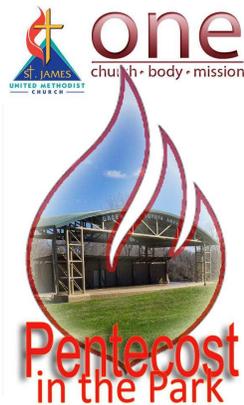
This year for Pentecost, we're going to celebrate the unity of St. James UMC through one special worship service. We'll gather on Sunday, May 20 at 10:30 at Town Common Park (105 East First Street), just north of uptown and right on the Tar River! We'll draw together elements of all four of our normal worship services and celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit today!

A few important notes for your information:

- Please bring your own blankets and/or chairs for worship!
- While there should be plenty of parking nearby, we will run shuttles from St. James to the park for your convenience.
- We will provide some shaded seating and assistance for those with mobility issues
- After the service, we hope you will stay for lunch (you can bring your own or order a boxed lunch for just \$8)

We have been drawn together as Christ's body. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to join in this service as we come together to celebrate our church!

PS Please start praying for beautiful weather that day!



April Family Worship Sunday's

"The rest of April is Family Worship time! Families are encouraged to worship together today and next Sunday. We will not be offering children's church either morning. Childcare will be available for infants and toddlers. Please check them in at the Children's Check-in Station in the Commons area."



Special Mother's Day Offering

The Mother's Day Offering supports our Benevolent Care Annual Fund and provides financial and personal resources for residents who can no longer fully pay their way.



In many cases these residents have no other means of support and often no family. It takes \$100 to subsidize one day of care for benevolent residents.

On Sunday, May 13th, there will be special envelopes available at the church for this offering. Or you may indicate "Mother's Day Offering" on your check memo line. By supporting this fund you can make a difference in the lives of these residents.



Prayers for Pentecost

The St. James Prayer Ministry is sponsoring "Prayers For Pentecost". This mission will reach each family of St. James, covering them with prayer and enabling them to also cover another family, or families, as we all move forward as ONE church family to Pentecost, May 20, 2018.

[Click here for more information](#)



Prayer Request

Sam Stephenson, Patti Frank, Robert Ramey, Carol Wigent, Jane Bell.



Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

Congratulations to Andrew and Megan Gray on the birth of their son, Bowman Cedar Gray. Bowman was born on April 10th.

Bowman has one big sister, Shepherd Lilly Gray and his paternal grandparents are Stephen and Nancy Gray.

Ulster Project seeking Host Families



The Ulster Project of Greenville is looking for a few good teens, ages 14-16, to host a teen from Londonderry/Derry Northern Ireland this summer from June 28-July 28. Teens will participate in peacemaking activities, service projects, cultural experiences and more. Please contact Kellie Williams, 252-327-8990, for more information. You can also visit the website at: greenvilleulster@weebly.com

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3, 2018. It is an opportunity for us to

exercise our spiritual responsibility to pray - to pray to our Father in Heaven and to pray for each other (1 Timothy 2:1-2). It is also an opportunity to exercise



our civic responsibility to join together in prayer for our nation, our cities/towns, our communities, our families, and our homes.

[Click Here For More Information](#)

Confirmation Remembrance Classes

Wednesdays April 11th - May 16th 6:00 - 7:30 pm

If you are new to St. James and seeking membership or if you simply need a refresher on the Methodist beliefs you learned during your own confirmation, these classes are for you! Email desda@stjconnect.org to receive more information and sign up. Childcare will be available with a reservation. [Register Here](#)



Caregiver Workshop - Understanding Dementia

Sunday, April 29, 3:00-5:00 pm

When we first hear the diagnosis of dementia, fear and uncertainty set in. What will this mean for my loved one? What will it mean for me? One of the most helpful things we can do is learn as much as we can.

The St. James Congregational Care Ministry is partnering with Dr. Chris Bremer to offer a workshop to help you understand more about this unexpected and unwanted detour on your life's journey. The workshop is open to everyone so we would appreciate pre-registrations. We also appreciate you spreading the word.



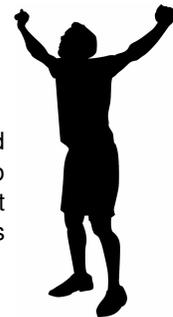
[For More Information and Registration click here](#)

Youth Update

May 4th-May 5th is the Out of the Box program for the youth.

It will start at 5pm on May 4th, and will go until 7am, May 5th. We will be sleeping in cardboard boxes outside on the field to raise awareness for our homeless people here in Greenville. In order to come, each student will need at least 3 sponsors donating to \$25 total, the cost of spending a day at the crossroads community center. All proceeds will be donated to the community crossroads center.

For more information, please contact Abby Gillette at abby@stjconnect.org



Preschool "Sneaker" Prom

Our annual preschool fundraiser is a little different this year. It will be a wonderful night of fun and fellowship on Friday, May 4th from 5:00-7:30 pm in the CLMC at St. James UMC. We have awesome things lined up for our silent auction. Including one of kind projects done by each preschool class. A priceless memory of their year! Our Bake Sale and so much more!



All tickets include the following:

Dinner which includes Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread and a drink, Purple the Clown, Bounce House, Face Painting, Photo Booth and lots of dancing with DJ "J-Dot"!

Children: \$ 15 per child by April 30th or \$20 at the door
 Adults: \$7 per adult by April 30th or \$10 at the door
 Infants to 1 year old: free

All are welcome! Purchase your tickets through the Preschool Office, 252.752-6154 or Dana@stjconnect.org.

Congregations For Children (C4C)



The C4C (Congregations For Children) committee is hosting the End of Year Luncheon for the Wahl Coates Staff on June 8th. We would love to provide each staff member with a small door prize. If you would like to donate a gift card or other door prize, please leave it with Molly Carpenter or Lora Joyner.

Also, the C4C Committee is looking to expand. We are looking for willing servants to be a part of the C4C committee, especially a volunteer coordinator. If you feel God's call to help organize our efforts to reach out to our neighbors at Wahl Coates School, please contact Lora Joyner at lora.joyner@suddenlink.net.

Women On the Way - New Spring Book Study

Spring Book Study! Ladies of St. James! You are invited to join the Women On the Way (WOW) Living Waters class for their Spring book study: "A Life Beyond Amazing" by Dr. David Jeremiah. We will discover how to move past the discouraging headlines, the adversity in our personal lives, the limits of our day, and to reach out and grasp a life beyond our dreams. We will delve into Scripture that leads us to nine decisions that help us discover how to thrive during the journey and experience a life of blessings beyond our comprehension!



Join us! Sunday at 10:00 am. CLMC Room 306. Books available in class.

Relay for Life

It is Relay Time!!

Opening Ceremony - starts at 6:30 pm Friday April 27th
 Survivor lap - About 6:45 pm Friday April 27th
 Luminaria Ceremony/Eternal Survivor Lap - 9:00 pm Friday April 27th
 Kids Walk - 8:30 am Saturday April 28th
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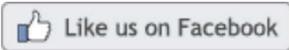


Project AGAPE

Join the United Methodist Women in preparing shoe boxes for Project AGAPE. This is a joint mission project with our North Carolina Conference and the Western NC Conference. Filled shoe boxes are distributed to the children of Armenia. The United Methodist Church is the only religious affiliation allowed to distribute items in Armenia.



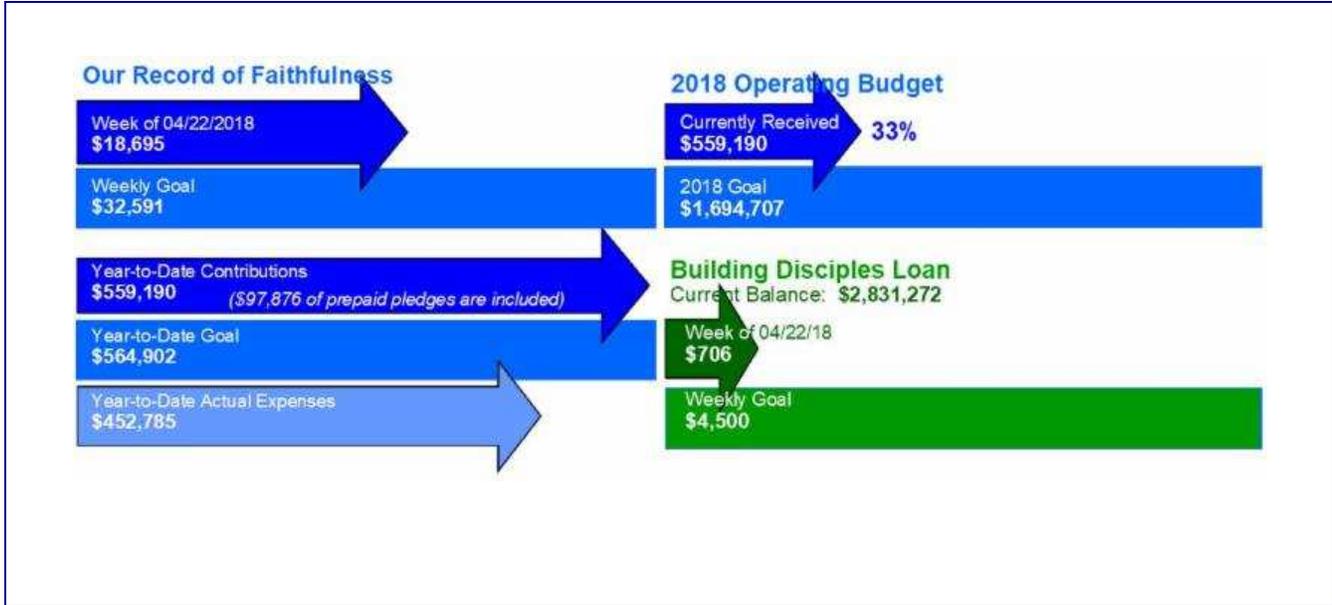
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Senior Breakfast

We will honor our Graduating High School Seniors and their families with a Senior Breakfast on Sunday, June 3 @ 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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