

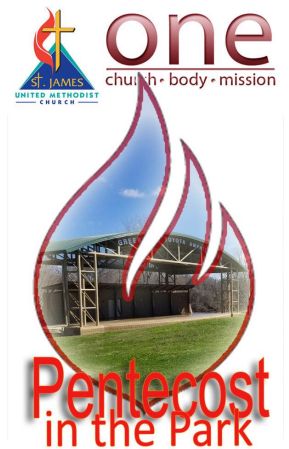
## Pentecost in the Park

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)



### [CLICK HERE TO ORDER LUNCH](#)

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!



**PLEASE COME DRESSED IN THE COLORS OF PENTECOST IF YOU HAVE THEM  
(RED, ORANGE AND YELLOW)**

## Retirement Celebration for Ed Mann

You are invited to join the Sound District in celebration for the Assistant to the District Superintendent, Ed Mann, on his retirement! Many of you know Ed as a long-time member and leader at St. James. Help us celebrate the work he has done for the Sound District of the North Carolina Conference.



[RSVP Here](#)



## 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.

## St. James STOP Event

The Congregational Care Ministries is sponsoring the St. James STOP Event, educational program on opioids. This event by Pitt County Coalition on Substance Abuse will focus on what law enforcement is seeing, harm reduction strategies, and personal stories of loss as well as hope. Come be a part of the solution and help STOP the Opioid Problem.



[For More Information Click Here](#)

## Prayer Request

Sam Stephenson, Patti Frank, Robert Ramey, Carol Wigent, Jane Bell, Francis Smith



The minister's and congregation ask that you keep the following families in your prayers:

Chuck and Ellen Hucknall on the passing of Chuck's brother, John, on May 3.

Hank and Kathie Harvey on the passing of Kathie's brother-in-law, Al Webster, on May 5.

Spencer and Kristen Letchworth on the passing of Spencer's grandmother, Alice Vandiford, on May 7.

D.K. Wooten and Phyllis Wooten on the passing of their son and grandson, Dan "Tripp" Wooten, III on May 8.

UMW May Fellowship Dinner

Ladies of the church! You are invited to the UMW May Fellowship Dinner on Monday, May 14th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Nicole Franklin is providing a special program that is sure to delight! You do not have to be a member of the UMW and a Nursery will be provided. Please join us for warm fellowship! You may contact any UMW member or me (lynngammell@gmail.com) with questions.



## UMW Girls for Days Workshops

The United Methodist Women are pleased to announce that the first 30 bags made for Days for Girls will be distributed in Haiti by Lora Joyner in April! Many thanks to all the volunteers who are making this ministry possible. There are sewing and non sewing opportunities. There is fabric that needs to be washed, dried and ironed ( no fabric softener) and returned in the UMW closet. For sewers there are bags ready to be sew and the supplies to make shields also located in the UMW Closet. Thank you sewers.



[For More Information Click Here](#)

## Needed Items for the St. James Food Pantry

SOUP (canned)  
BEANS (canned or dry)  
FRUIT (canned)  
BREAKFAST CEREALS to include oatmeal, grits, and boxed cereals

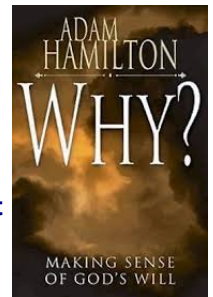
**Please bring your donations soon!**

## Bridge Builder's Spring Group Study

The Bridge Builder's Small Group invites you to join in our Spring Study/Discussion on Adam Hamilton's book "Why? Making Sense of God's Will".

When bad things happen, we want to know why. Why did it happen? Why did it happen to me? And perhaps the hardest question of all, if there really is a God who loves me, why did God let this happen?

[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](mailto:desda@stjconnect.org) to receive more information and sign up. Childcare will be available with a reservation. [Register Here](#)



# BE the BRIDGE

## Be the Bridge Information Meeting

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.

- Are you heartbroken by the racial divide in your country, your city, your church, or your family?
- Do you want to experience greater diversity, richness, and depth in your relationships?
- Can you no longer tolerate the injustice, apathy, and fear you see around you?
- Would you like the church to be a distinct and trans-formative voice in the conversation on racial healing?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please join us for an information session on how you can get involved in being a Bridge Builder toward racial unity.

[Read More](#)

## South Doors to be locked on Sundays

As part of an effort to keep us all safe and secure on Sunday mornings, the Board of Trustees would like to keep the doors facing 8th street locked at all times. They will still function as an exit, but would be locked for entry beginning June 1st. If you are one who parks on 8th street and enters the building through any of the south facing doors, we encourage you to use the parking lot and change your point of entry.

If you need to deliver items using the south entry, please contact Alan Gill at the church (252-752-6154 or Alan@stjconnect.org) to arrange for access.

## DivorceCare Session beginning May 15th

DivorceCare is a 13 week, Christian based support program for those going through separation and divorce using video, workbook readings, discussion and limited homework.

[Click Here For More Information](#)



## 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.

Upcoming Worship Services and Messages  
at St. James

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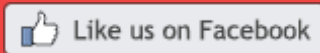




## Ulster Project seeking Host Families



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](mailto:greenvilleulster@weebly.com)



## 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.

[Read More](#)



### Our Record of Faithfulness

Week of 05/06/2018  
36,595

Weekly Goal  
\$32,591

Year-to-Date Contributions  
\$613,972

Year-to-Date Goal  
\$706,128

Year-to-Date Actual Expenses  
\$521,572

### 2018 Operating Budget

Currently Received  
\$613,972 **36%**

2018 Goal  
\$1,694,707

### Building Disciples Loan

Current Balance: \$2,819,057

Week of 05/06/18  
\$1,790

Weekly Goal  
\$4,500