



**FAIR GROVE
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Fair Grove United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

Growing our church from inside out and outside in; creating a Christian family of God.

Good News from the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

April showers bring May flowers! I grew up hearing this phrase and enjoying the beautiful ways God brings color to His creation in May and in the spring. This spring God is at it again, painting beautiful colors in his creation and doing new things.

It has certainly been an interesting spring so far and a very different one. Not being able to gather together because of the coronavirus has been difficult. We are so used to seeing one another, shaking hands, hugging and worshipping together. We miss being able to gather for breakfast or lunch and breaking bread together.

But we have found new ways of staying connected with Facebook and YouTube worship and Zoom meetings! I told Margaret the other day, this is certainly not how I planned my last couple of months at Fair Grove to be, but God is surely making it memorable! I never dreamed of doing sermons online, but it has happened. God is doing many new things among us!

I am delighted to transition Fair Grove UMC into the faithful leadership of Rev. Sandra Ireson. I first met Sandra and her husband Charles when he served at Vickery Chapel UMC in Jamestown, when I was in my first appointment at Montlieu Ave. in High Point. We have known one another quite a while and have worked and worshipped together as well.

I am looking forward to all the good things that God has for Fair Grove and for Rev. Ireson as you begin this journey together in July.

I do want to thank you for all the ways you continue to support the church and love one another during this difficult time. Thank you for being the People of God.

God's Love and Blessing,

Nathan

A Warm Welcome

I am grateful for the opportunity to introduce myself to the community of Fair Grove UMC. My name is Sandra Ireson. Being born third of four children to a minister and raised in a Christian home was a blessing. I have always known that I am loved as a child of God.

I attended Ronda-Clingman Elementary School and graduated from East Wilkes High School in Wilkes County, NC. After graduation I married my high school sweetheart from Yadkin County, NC. My husband, Charles (Chuck), and I married in May 1982.

Together we have two children, a daughter, Brittany

Holdaway (Derick) and a son, Chris Ireson (Lydia). God has blessed us with two granddaughters, Makenzie and Kaylee, two grandsons, Isaiah and Caden, and two step-granddaughters, Makenna and Naomie. It goes without saying that my favorite activity is spending time with grandchildren.

As part of fulfilling God's call to pulpit ministry, I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Religion at Greensboro College and a Master of Divinity degree at Hood Theological Seminary. Chuck and I are a clergy couple and he is currently serving Midway UMC in Midway, NC.

I am looking forward to serving with each of you in ministry. Please feel free to share your desires for Fair Grove UMC as we build on our discipleship and outreach together. I look forward to meeting each of you soon.





Many Blessings through Missions

May Missions

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Thank you for remembering those in need as we experience a season of "staying at home." Your prayers are heard by the God who loves and cares for "the least of these." If not for donations to the Missions Restricted Fund, we would not have been able to provide groceries for a lady who hungered or reinstate a gentleman's water (cut off during a hospital stay). Nathan's actions made these gifts possible, hand-delivering a grocery card and visiting City Hall.

Your continued gifts to the InAsMuchClub, as well as gifts in honor of loved ones, specific to the Missions Restricted Fund provide food, shelter and utilities to those who suffer greatly.

When we are able to return to our building, travel-size toiletries and comfort items for Hinkle Hospice will still be collected. We will continue to bring non-perishables each Sunday to help those who struggle. The monetary donations you collected during Lent will be needed more than ever and given through the Fairgrove Family Resource Center. Thank you for your giving hearts toward Missions.



We are living in uncertain times and no one knows when we will be back in church. In order to plan for the number of gifts needed and who to recognize, if you have a son or daughter who will be graduating please respond with their details by May 26 to Marvine Myers at smjm58@gmail.com or 336-803-2650.

Graduation Sunday was originally scheduled for Sunday, May 31; however, at this time we are still uncertain about the validity of that date. We will keep everyone updated as we learn more, but we want to be prepared with all the graduates information so we can hold the service as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.



Fair Grove Kingdom Kids - May

Kingdom Kids Preschool and Afterschool opened back up on April 27th.

We are checking each staff member and child's temperature before entering the building. Children are escorted to their classrooms so parents do not enter the building. Cleaning and hand washing protocol has been vamped up and already becoming second nature.

Our numbers are climbing each day in both programs. We are also receiving daily calls and emails with interest in our Summer Programs which will kick off next month.

Upcoming Events:

-Elizabeth's Night -Tuesday, May 19th. This is a great way to raise money to help with the extra expenses associated with the closing and needed cleaning materials during this time.

Please encourage everyone you know to visit or order from there after 4pm and let them know they are from Kingdom Kids. Elizabeth's is offering carry out and delivery during this time!

-Summer Plans- Tours are still on hold at the moment but hopeful to schedule them soon to enroll for our Summer Camp and Summer Preschool.

-Preschool Graduation- Pre-K Graduation will be small, quaint and outside. Each graduate can have 2 guests and they will be required to bring their own chair and keep their distance. There will be no reception afterwards and all children's belongings will be outside so they can leave after the little ceremony.

Praying for everyone's safety and normalcy to return!

Thank you for all your prayers and support of this program!
Fair Grove Kingdom Kids

Preschool/After school

Fair Grove United Methodist Church

"Constructing God's Kingdom one kid at a time!"



Higher Ground Baptist Church Pastor Jimmy Greene
Ed Smith
Edna Coman's family
Steve Swaney
Helen Everhart's family
Sharon Gunderson
Weeks family
Morning Lopp
Abby, Alice Colwell's niece
Darlene Mercer
Donna Miller
Zay, Kelly Aderhold's son (Judy's grandson)
Audry Childress
Dot Russell
Debbie Mayer-Matthews
Jan Boles
Jimmy, homeless neighbor/friend
Sue Barringer
Misti Keatts & daughter Shyanne
Gary Kennedy

Joy Tucker
Bill Walker
Gage Gailey
Kingston Craven
Janet Burkhart
Edna Coman
Helen Bowen
Jeremiah, Judy Black's 2 yo great nephew
Rev. Michael Bailey, Yadkin Valley D.S.
Jo Citrin
Fidel Goodnight
Gail Mitchell
Rev. John Bonebreak
Joe Bales III
Addison Hiatt
Bill Barker
Tom & Lynette Jones Scott
Teresa Miller
Miles, grandson of Sue Senter's friend
Lawrence Russell



2 Ryan Grubb
3 Barbara Harris
4 Deborah Masters
4 Regan Sink
4 Frances Frazier
5 Stephen Easley
7 Susan Wray
8 Ashley Perdue
8 Sharron Key
9 McKenzie Aderhold
9 Derek Sink
11 Hannah Belle Petley

12 Gracie Miller
12 Arnold Fuller
12 Joy Tucker
13 Leland Owens
15 Jimmy Lucas
16 Mary Thomas
16 Janet Burkhart
17 Kailan Fry
17 Mark Myers
18 Gracie Bell
19 Nathan Gibbs
20 Sara Bell
22 Mark Hill
22 Peighton Weaver
23 Tami Rothrock
24 Annette Boone
25 Jim Harris(Beaufort, NC)
26 Dusty Lloyd

26 Alice Workman
27 Haley Bodenhammer
29 Dylan Brooks
29 Chad Hampton
30 Andrew Hart
30 Donna Huskins
30 Darren Smith
31 Carolyn Fritts



3 Chuck & Bobbi Rivers
7 Roger & Candy Thompson
18 Mark & Caroline Hill
18 Darrell & Linda Lee
19 Mark & Evelyn Everhart
19 David & Sharon Keever
21 Brent & Ginny Blair
21 Steve & Pam Sink
24 Gary & Dawn Trotter
27 Rick & Monica Moser
28 Scott & Donna Miller
28 Phil & Jane Gibbs



COVID 19 update for Fairgrove Family Resource Center changes

Our food pantry will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM - 1 PM. Unprecedented need is inevitable due to the crisis and uncertainty each of us is facing. Many children depend on school meals for breakfast and lunch, yet our food supply is limited.

DONATIONS are needed. Breakfast and child-friendly foods are crucial. Protein rich foods, canned meats and beans are also needed due to our low meat supply. Online donations are also appreciated.

Our food distribution process has changed in an attempt to observe the CDC "social distancing" recommendations. We pray for the health and well-being of our community and country. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.



The third Tuesday of every month is Elizabeth's Night!
Please come out tomorrow night,
Tuesday, May 19
for carry-out or delivery only.

A portion of the proceeds will be given back to help with the purchase of school supplies.



Elizabeth's Pizza 1587 Liberty Dr.
Thomasville ~ 336-476-2600



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Pastor's Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00am—1:00pm

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Organization

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**RETURN SERVICE
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We Thank God For YOU!



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1 - April 30, 2020

YTD SS Attendance AVG	25
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	83
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 78,592.05
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 5,613.72
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 5,692.21

GLEANNING

April: 0 Year-to-date: 1919

Non-perishable food items donated to Fairgrove Family
Resource Center

If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!



Have you...

...moved? ...changed your email address?

...changed your phone number?

Or, would you like to be added to our email list to receive the
weekly announcement email?

If so, please call us or send us an email with your updated
information!

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