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Weaverville UMC

September, 2017

Mark 1:“17 Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

It is easy to run through the months of the year trying to keep pause with the false perceptions of life. But, if you allow yourself to stop for a moment, you begin to be thankful for the lessons and blessings of the seasons and remember that life is not limitless.

God often has a way of giving symbolic significance to ordinary concepts. Practically speaking, the month of **September** marks a transition. It signals the end of summer, the beginning of autumn, and the start of a new school year. With respect to the calendar, September seems to be just stuck in between the numbers of one through twelve. Often it is lost in its numerical position in the year.

I have always been fascinated with numbers. September caught my eye, particularly ‘sept.’ According to the internet, *September* comes from the Latin root *septem-*, meaning “seven

It’s God’s number. We learned about it during God’s creation. I recalled the importance of seven. The first use of the number 7 in the Bible relates to the creation ([Genesis 1](#)). God spends six days creating the heavens and the earth, on the sixth; He created humanity, and then rested on the seventh day. The seventh day was “set apart” for Israel as a holy day of rest ([Deuteronomy 5:12](#)).

God’s dealing with humanity, seven challenges us. Jesus told Peter to forgive a wrongdoer “seventy times seven” times ([Matthew 18:22, NKJV](#)). In Revelation, the number 7 is used over fifty times in a variety of contexts: there are seven letters to seven churches in Asia and seven spirits before God’s throne ([Revelation 1:4](#)), seven golden lampstands (1:12), seven stars in Christ’s right hand (1:16), seven seals of God’s judgment (5:1), seven angels with seven trumpets (8:2), etc. In all likelihood, the number 7 again represents completeness or totality: the seven churches represent the completeness of the body of Christ; the seven seals on the scroll represent the fullness of God’s punishment. The book of Revelation itself, with all its 7’s,

is the capstone of God’s Word to man, was complete ([Revelation 22:18](#)). In order for something to begin, there has to be an ending.

Recently in preparation for a new transition, I had to write an autobiography for Dream Work describing my connection with dreams. For me, God is the revealer of hopes and dreams. While pondering, I wrote: “If we are willing, this journey throws us back upon ourselves, inviting us to discover our own deepest natural riches: our soul life. Immersion into nature takes me back into an ancient truth; we are part of the Great Mystery and not the masters. With this understanding, we return to our place in the natural world with humility and gratitude, finding renewal and reflection in the wonder of creation.”



Beginning in mid-September, we will begin a sermon series, on how we can “SOAR” for Jesus. In preparation for us to launch our annual pledge campaign to invest in our vital ministries of worship, children/youth ministries, and community outreach services. Serving God by serving others is about investing in making disciples for Jesus. Helping others to move into their own call, potential, and purpose.

The lesson in September for me is that with every ending, there is a new beginning. We are thankful because we have been blessed. Think of all the great things God is doing in your lives. For us to be bountiful givers, we must first be willing to allow the Great Mystery to speak to us, and help us see those blessings. Then we can go into the entire world and be fishers, making disciples for Jesus. So it seems to me that God’s number is 7, *and He is in our lives to bring thankfulness, health and wholeness so that we can be thankful, bountiful, and soar on the wings of eagles to fulfill the Great Commission and Commandant as we follow Him.*

The Minevia Brittain Circle will meet at the home of Jennifer Hilliard on Wed, Sept. 13th at 7:15.

Church Picnic

Sunday, Oct. 8th, 4:00,

Big Ivy Community Center.

More details coming later about food and activities.



Our next M&M activity will be Thursday, September 21st, at noon at the fellowship center. Theresa and Joe Cipriano will be preparing a wonderful potato bar with all the fixings. Salads and other goodies will also be available and the cost is only \$5.00. Our guest speaker will be Megan Kirby of Mountain Housing Opportunities who will talk about single family housing in WNC. Please sign-up at m&mlunch@frontier.com or call the Foors at 828-484-8680.



Memorials

Received in Memory of Gordon Ramsey:

Jim & Cindy Mayo

Wayne & Joyce Ingle

Elaine Duncan

Asheville Technologies

Kim and Jerry Morelock

Bill & Nancy Shook

Carol Pond

Ramsey Farm

The 23rd Annual Missions Craft Bazaar will be held in the fellowship center on **Friday, November 10th, noon to 6 p. m., and Saturday, November 11th, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.** Are you a crafter? We still have tables available! Do you bake something special for the holiday season? We need baked goods for our dessert table. We



are also planning a "silent auction" table with donated items for this year's Mission Table so donated items are GREATLY needed for this table (gift cards, handmade items, gift baskets, vouchers for services at local merchants, etc). We also need volunteers for set-up/take down of the tables, serving food, and placing and retrieving the advertising fliers and signs. All proceeds will go for Missions and one of this year's Mission projects is OUR CHURCH!!! Please contact Janet Cress at granitesgarden@gmail.com for more information!

*Please join us in wishing
Doris and Julian Palien*

A Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary

On September 3rd, 2017!



WUMC Finances—August, 2017

	<u>August Actual</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offerings	\$25,271.60	\$223,703.46
Expenses	\$28,552.11	\$270,193.67
Difference	\$-3,280.51	\$-46,490.21

September Birthdays

9/1 Rick Broadhurst	9/10 Jon Corbin	9/22 Ann Grose
9/1 Mandy Williams	9/10 David Pressley	9/22 Amelia Pressley
9/2 Stephanie Knox	9/11 Delise Childress	9/25 Lauren Corbin
9/5 Susan Anderson	9/12 Marilyn Clausen	9/22 Maryworth
9/6 Anna Horrell	9/12 Grace Rodrigue	9/26 Katie Cheek
9/6 Brad Horrell	9/14 Randy McKinney	9/26 Meredith Switzer
9/7 Joanne Rzeszotarski	9/15 Jack Keeran	9/27 Shelby Shields
9/7 Monica Weinstein	9/16 Shirley Jones	9/28 Lillian Bell
9/9 Carol Pond	9/17 Dick Simpson	9/29 Shannon McBride
9/10 Evie Chisholm	9/17 Ken Lovelace	9/29 Aubrey Cooper
9/10 Joe Cipriano	9/21 Jeff Pennell	9/29 David Harris
	9/21 Phyllis Lee	9/30 Nicholas Lisenbee
	9/21 Joan Stafford	

Weaverville Wellness Fair



Saturday, September 23, 2017



8:30am to 12:00pm

Weaverville United Methodist Church
85 N. Main Street

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

EXHIBITORS INCLUDE:

Mission Hospital	Mountain Mobility
Weaverville Fire Department	Weaverville Police Department
YMCA of WNC	Buncombe County Sheriff's Office
Foot Rx Asheville	The Vitamin Shoppe
Project Linus	NC Cooperative Extension
Project C.A.R.E.	Jenny To The Rescue
Pisgah Legal Services	The Healing House of Weaverville
Council on Aging	Sally Ekaireb, Certified Healer/Counselor
Buncombe County EMS	Optix Eye Care
Seniors Helping Seniors	Radiation Therapy Associates of WNC
Southeastern Physical Therapy	Publix Pharmacy
Weaverville Yoga	Maureen McDonnell, RN/Nutritionists Choice
Helpmate	Weaverville United Methodist Church
The Preschool Outreach Project	Asheville Heart CPR, LLC
Meals on Wheels	Brian Center of Weaverville

WELLNESS PRESENTATIONS:

- 9:30am 'Gentle Yoga' (with chairs/appropriate for seniors)
Barbara Shauer & Darleen Benson/Weaverville Yoga
- 9:30am 'Meet The Healing House Practitioners' Ann Peterson, L.Ac.
(Neuro-Acupuncturist/Herbalist)/Linda Letourneau, OTR/L,
(Occupational Therapy and Elder care)/Deborah Schuldes, (Reiki Master)
- 11:00am 'Hands Only CPR'—Larry Rowe, Asheville Heart CPR, LLC
- 11:00am 'Strong Yoga' (a sample of Ashtanga & Yoga Inbound)
Jonathan Harrah & Randi Janelle/Weaverville Yoga



**Serving God by
Serving Others.**

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September Dates/Times to Remember!

9/3—Charge Conference Meeting—12pm

9/3—Youth—Fun Depot

9/6—Confirmation—5pm

9/10—Lay Leadership Meeting

9/10—Children's Choir

9/10—Youth Night of Worship

9/13—Breakfast & Bibles—Youth

9/17—Children's Choir

9/17—Youth—Haywood Street Serving

9/18—Trustees Meeting—6pm

9/21—Mature & Methodist Luncheon

9/23—Wellness Health Fair

9/27—Youth Breakfast & Bibles