



General Conference is over, and that is a relief in some ways. I am grateful that, as a part of my regular continuing education, I was able to attend as an observer. I gained understanding and perspective that would have been impossible without being present. Part of the reason for my attending in person was so that I could bring you first hand reports of what I experienced and witnessed there. I would be happy to share with anyone, or any group, about this. Just let me know.

Although it is a relief to have General Conference behind us, many questions remain and many people on both sides feel disappointed or disillusioned about the result. You are aware that the Traditional Plan narrowly passed 438 (53%) to 384 (47%). A poll referenced by Patheos, an online non-denominational religion website, reported in a conservative-leaning article that 67% of the U.S. delegates supported the One Church plan rather than the Traditional Plan. Other leaders I spoke with pegged the U.S. delegate support for the One Church plan higher than the poll I have cited.

The Traditional Plan was ruled unconstitutional by the Judicial Council, which we all knew last November. Supporters of the plan made modifications to try to make it constitutional. We learned on Feb. 25th that many of those modifications failed. We now know that the Judicial Council plans to review the Traditional Plan for constitutionality at its meeting in Evanston, April 23rd-25th.

I mentioned that many people on both sides are frustrated. Some traditionalists are frustrated that parts of their plan were ruled unconstitutional and other parts are still under review. They are also frustrated that so many United Methodists in the U.S. view scripture differently than they. Traditionalists tend to believe that scripture and tradition are very clear about homosexuality. At GC, several Traditionalists made speeches declaring that although they are accused of not loving LGBTQ+ people, they do indeed love them and feel compassion for them just as they love addicts, adulterers, and thieves, who can all be redeemed and healed through the love of Jesus Christ, if they repent.

Many Progressives are also frustrated. They are upset that even though a significant majority of U.S. delegates favor the One Church Plan, the views of non-Western United Methodists are combining with the minority view of U.S. Methodists to tie American Methodism to theology and policy they no longer agree with. They tend to view scripture and tradition concerning homosexuality as culturally conditioned, much like scripture and tradition concerning the place of women is viewed by American United Methodists as culturally conditioned. Many Progressives believe that viewing LGBTQ+ people in the same light as addicts, adulterers and thieves is hateful, not loving. Thus Traditionalists and Progressives are at an impasse about what it means to love LGBTQ+ people.

Although United Methodists may disagree about what it means to love LGBTQ+ people, we are in agreement that everyone needs Jesus. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. All are in need of the convicting grace of the Holy Spirit. All are in need of repentance. All are in need of forgiveness. And all are in need of the fellowship and sacramental grace of the Church.

As we enter into the season of Lent this month, let us make every effort to put behind us our focus on sexuality, as genuine and important as that may be. Let us instead turn our attention to the redeeming love of our Savior. Let us adore him as he travels the road of self-sacrificing obedience so that we, and all the world, may be redeemed. Let us travel to the foot of the cross together.

In His great love,



John

## Silver Link Luncheon

Wednesday, March 20th • 11:30 AM

Our Silver Link Lunch will be held March 20th at 11:30 AM

in the Fellowship Hall. Seniors are encouraged to come as our program will focus on "senior services" available here on the Outer Banks. Although the services may not be needed at the present time, it is helpful to know what IS available. You just might find there are more services than you thought. Newcomers wishing to attend can make a reservation by calling Lyn Shields at (252) 261-1858. Transportation will be provided if needed.



## Linus

More than 400 quilts will be on display on Saturday, March 9th from 10 AM to 3 PM and also in church services on Sunday, March 10. This mission reaches out to members of the community, as well as our church women.

The Methodist ladies involved are Autumn Melson, Ann Stafford, Carol Powell, Debbie Whitham, Elizabeth Martinus, Joyce Hannan, June Forlano, Kathy Batenic, Kay Ross, Lynda Park, Morag Nocher, PJ Hall, Paige Spruill, Pam Cotter, Shirley Ruff, Sally Kole, Suzanne Palmer, Eleanor Wesenberg, Joyce Wells, Lyn Shields, Sally Ketcham, Pamela Peters, Denise Guard, Lucy Worley, Lorraine Elkerton, Pat Fields and Sally Meagher.



American Red Cross



## Blood Drive

The United Methodist Women are collaborating with Holy Redeemer Catholic Church to hold a Blood Drive on April 3rd, at the Catholic Church from 12:00-6:00 PM.

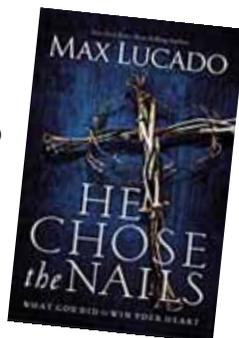
We will be staffing the sign-in table and cafe and providing cookies. We'll ask for blood donations later, hoping many Methodists will support this drive.

## Lent Bible Study

The United Methodist Women weekly Lent Study will start on Tuesday, March 12th at 2PM at the Church (either the Fellowship

Hall or the downstairs Bible Study room, TBD). The book is "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. Please contact Pam Cotter if you plan to participate and if you want

Pam to order the book for you. Contact her at 255-0334 or jimandpam1@mac.com.



Thursday,  
March 7th  
9:30AM

The United Methodist Women on Thursday, March 7th to hear our guest speaker Debbie Breit.

Coffee and snacks will begin at 9:30 AM; program will begin at ten o'clock. Please join us, and bring a friend!



## March BIRTHDAYS!

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 3/3- Cynthia Ahrens  | 3/20- Pat Garrett   |
| Joy Hood             | 3/21- Lee Morrison  |
| Larry Milburn        | 3/25- Nicki Johnson |
| 3/4 - Allie Stafford | Greg Wills          |
| 3/6- Jason Denson    | 3/27- Bon Brennan   |
| 3/12- Tom Davidson   | Shelby Hines        |
| 3/14- Paige Spruill  | 3/28- Don Sowder    |
| 3/16- Mike Powers    | 3/31- John Tyson    |
| 3/17- Pam Cotter     |                     |

*Happy Birthday to All of You!*

If your birthday is this month but not listed, please call the church office to be included next year.

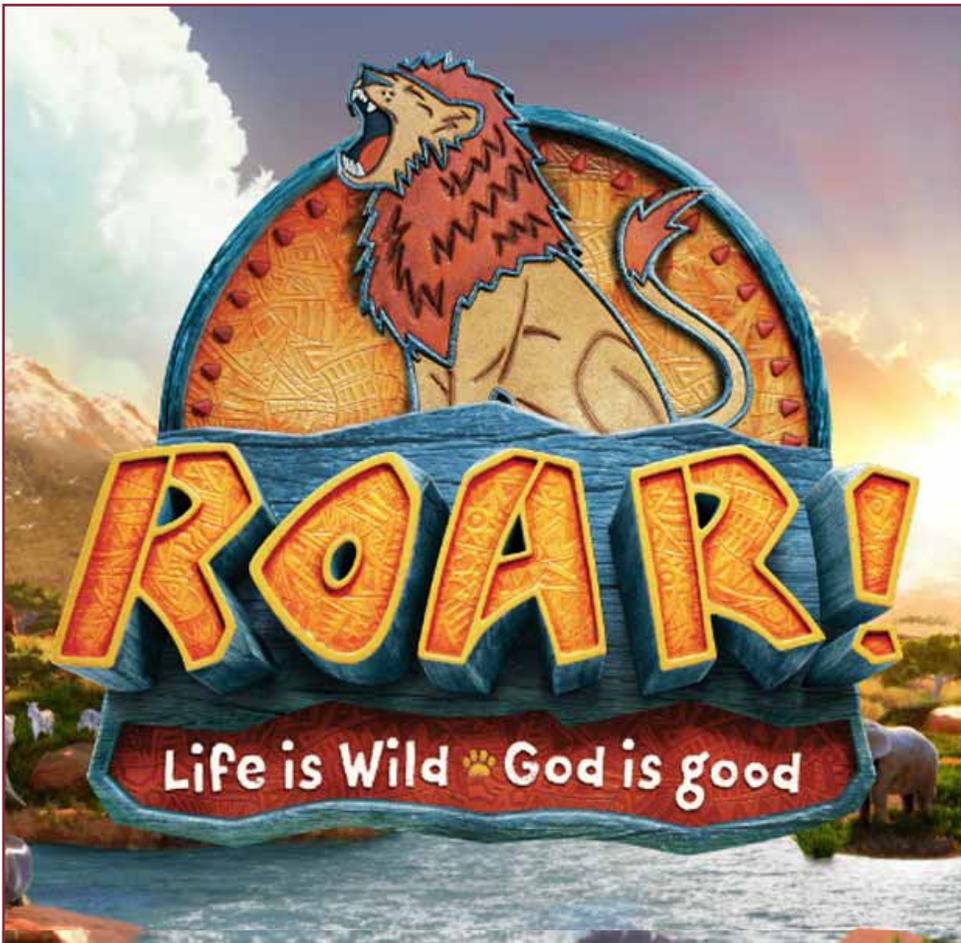
## Take The Time to Welcome Our Guests.

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2*

## Altar Flower Information



If you have signed up to provide flowers for the altar, please contact the church office at 252-261-1525 by Wednesday prior to your flower Sunday to give your dedication or remembrance. You can arrange your own flowers, use a florist, or Gail can arrange and deliver your flowers for free. If you choose to use Gail's services, please contact her 2 weeks before your Sunday to get the flower order in time. If you have any questions, contact Gail at 757-735-3522 or Janet Pierce at 252-261-2034.



## Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

June 24th - June 28th

For additional information or to sign up to volunteer

Please Call Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042



## CHOIR NOTES from Cezette

Bravo to all of our faithful choir members for their much appreciated time and talents. Recently we have enjoyed vocal solos and descants by several of our choir members, as well as favorite hymn tunes.

We have also been blessed with the talents of a new member, Scot Brown, a junior at First Flight High School. He not only sings, but he is an accomplished pianist. Thank you, Scot, for your lovely preludes and

your contribution as a bass. We also welcome Scot's brother, Jack, an 8th

grader at First Flight Middle School. Another newcomer is joining us for several months--

Nancy Timm is visiting from Pennsylvania. *Welcome!*

Nancy Terry joins us as flutist when she and husband, Michael, visit from Charlottesville, and Sharron Young has recently updated her status from "guest choir member" to "resident choir member". She is now a full-time, permanent OBX resident. We welcome our newcomers and salute our veteran choir members for their musical contributions.

Please accept our invitation to join our choir. We are approaching the Lenten season and will soon be preparing new music. This is a good time to join our awesome choir. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. No audition required; however, sight-reading skills are helpful.

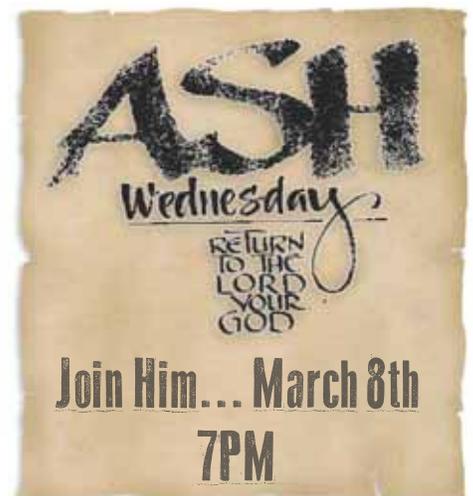
Please contact Cezette Barnes-Tyler, choir director, for detailed information. 252-619-1517

## Prayer Corner

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word,

Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, U.S.A., 1979, p. 166., ALT.)



## T•H•E LOUISE ALTHOUSE BOOK CLUB...

will meet on Monday, March 11th at 9:30 AM in the home of Nancy Klahre, 40 Fairway Dr., Southern Shores. The book discussion of When the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, will be led by Paige Spruill.

Guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

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## Empowering Orphans in Africa through ZOE Ministry

Duck United Methodist Church is committed to transforming the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in Rwanda. Through ZOE, children are empowered to grow their own food, learn about health and hygiene, start small businesses, enroll in school, and strengthen their relationship with God.

In February, Debbie Breit, Noah Breit, Debby Lucast, Mystie Lucast, Debbie Stanchina, and David Thompson traveled to Rwanda.

They visited orphans already sponsored by Duck UMC, and they met the new group of orphans that we hope to sponsor this year. If you would like to sponsor a ZOE orphan, it only costs \$350 for one child to go through the entire 3 year program, and they will graduate empowered to care for their own needs.

Please prayerfully consider making a commitment. You don't have to pay in full until the end of the year. If you would like to sponsor an orphan, you go to the "Give" tab at the top of our web page, [www.duckchurch.org](http://www.duckchurch.org) or contact Debbie Breit, [education@duckchurch.org](mailto:education@duckchurch.org) or 252-261-1525 x106.





The Connect Seminar will meet in the church Fellowship Sunday School Classroom on March 17th, from 3:00-6:00 PM.

The Connect Seminar is the first of our series of four Discipleship Seminars. It is intended for all of our people: those who are already members, those who would like to become members, and those who would like to be active in Duck Church while leaving their official membership at another church.

Hope you can join us! Please confirm your attendance by contacting Laura at the church office (261-1525) by March 14th.



## Join in All the Fun of Our Annual Duck United Methodist Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 14th • 12:15 PM

(after the contemporary church service)

We will eat Lunch in the Fellowship Hall and then Walk to Duck Park for the Easter Egg Hunt DUMC Children's Ministry will provide Fried Chicken, Dessert and Drinks. Please bring a "Kid Friendly" side Dish. For additional information call Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042

## A Seed for Thought

"Then he said  
to them all:

'Whoever  
wants to be  
my disciple  
must deny  
themselves  
and take up  
their cross daily  
and follow me."

*(Luke 9:23)*

# March 2019 *A Season of Renewal...in Christ!*

Sunday   Monday   Tuesday   Wednesday   Thursday   Friday   Saturday

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
 Traditional Sunday Worship Services - 8 & 9:30 AM  
 Contemporary Sunday Worship Service - 11AM  
 Sunday School - 9:15 & 9:30 AM

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3 Worship Youth Group 5-7 PM	4 <b>EVERY MONDAY</b> Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM	5 Operational Team 12:00 PM Joshua's Men 6:30 PM	6 Trustees 8 AM	7 United Methodist Women - 9:30 AM <b>ASH</b> Wednesday Service 7 PM	8	9 Linus Quilter's Open House 10 AM-3 PM Linus Quilters 
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Forward!) Worship Youth Group 5-7 PM	11 The Louise Althouse Book Club - 9:30 AM	12 Joshua's Men 6:30 PM	13	14 <b>Duck Call Deadline</b>	15	16 United Methodist Men - 8:00 AM
17 Connect Class 3 - 6 PM Worship Youth Group 5-7 PM	18	19 <b>EVERY TUESDAY</b> Mom's Bible Study 9:30 AM UMW Lenten Study 2 PM (begins on March 12) Couple's Bible Study 6:30 PM Circle of Friends 6:45 PM	20  Silver Link Luncheon 11:30 AM	21 <b>EVERY THURSDAY</b> Prayer Shawl 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 - 8PM	22	23
24 Worship Youth Group 5-7 PM	25	26	27 <b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b> Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM (not meeting March 20th) Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM	28 Finance 8 AM	29 <b>EVERY FRIDAY</b> AA 7:00 PM	30
31 Worship Youth Group 5-7 PM						

*Mark Your Calendars...*

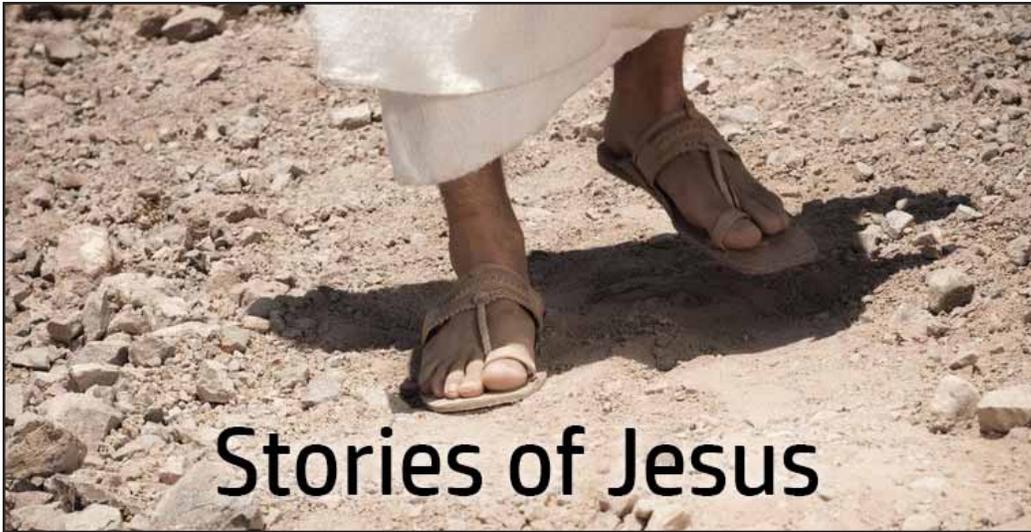
- Ash Wednesday Service ..... March 7th • 7 PM
- Linus Quilters Open House ..... March 9th • 10AM - 3PM
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS! ..... March 10th



# DUCKUMC YOUTH



**CHECK OUT  
WHAT'S GOING ON  
AT YOUTH GROUP  
THIS MONTH:**



## Stories of Jesus

THE SEASON OF LENT IS A TIME TO GET BACK TO THE BASICS. SO STARTING AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH, WE WILL FOCUS ON SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS STORIES FROM JESUS' LIFE. BY LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENT THINGS JESUS DOES, WE'LL DISCOVER MORE ABOUT WHO HE IS AND WHO WE ARE.

- MARCH 3RD ..... JESUS CALLS: THE FIRST DISCIPLES (LUKE 5:1-11)**
- MARCH 10TH ..... JESUS HEALS/CARES: THE WOMAN WHO TOUCHES JESUS' ROBE (MARK 5:24-34)**
- MARCH 17TH ..... JESUS FEEDS: FEEDING THE 5000 (MARK 6:30-44)**
- MARCH 24TH ..... JESUS FORGIVES: ANOINTED BY THE SINFUL WOMAN (LUKE 7:36-50)**



### BUS SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH GROUP

AS ALWAYS, OUR CHURCH BUS, WADDLES WILL PICK UP AND DROPS OFF.

**LOWES IN KILL DEVIL HILLS**

PICK UP 4:30 PM + DROP OFF 7:30 PM

**MARKETPLACE BY MATTRESS STORE**

PICK UP 4:45 PM + DROP OFF 7:15 PM

We may not have it all together, but together we have it all! 😊



Empowering People to  
Change Lives. That's...





POST OFFICE BOX 8010  
DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
27949-8010

### Prayer Requests

Please call the church office if you do not have e-mail and would like to receive notices of prayer requests.

To Communicate ~

Call us at 252-261-1525

Monday through Friday or

Email anytime at:

office@duckchurch.org

### Office Hours:



Monday through Thursday – 9:00 to 5:00 PM

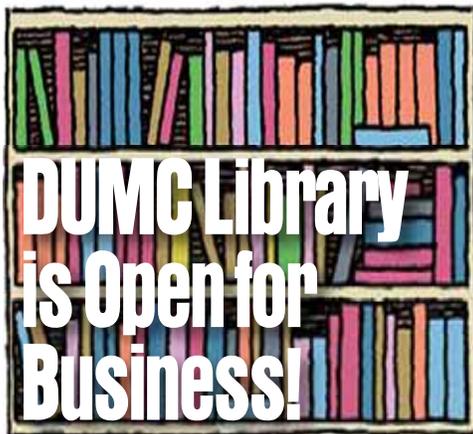
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## ***The deadline for the April Duck Call is March 14th. Thanks.***



You'll find something for everyone at the your DUMC Library!

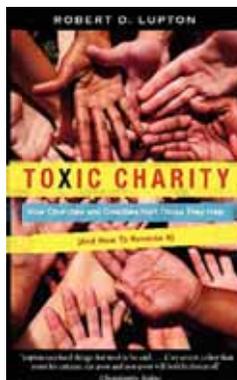
*Check it Out!*

### **Check Out DUMC on the Web**

Go to [www.duckchurch.org](http://www.duckchurch.org). You will find sermons from Pastor John, opportunities to serve, Mission activities, ministry for children, youth and adults, the latest newsletter, and you can even donate online. Check it out!

## B O O K R E V I E W

Robert D. Lupton,



### *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It).*

(HarperOne, 2011) 191 pages.

In charitable work what matters more – intentions or outcomes? What if well-intentioned missions actually produce negative results? What if missions benefit the volunteers more than the

intended recipients? Can we distinguish between immediate critical needs and long-term problems? Illustrated with numerous cases, this book challenges our assumptions about how to fulfill the Christian mandate to help others. Lupton offers an eight point “oath for compassionate service” and tips for transforming our charitable giving. This small book should be mandatory reading for church mission committees.

Reviewed by Doug Brook

Available in the DUMC Library