

Welcome to New Members

Beth McPhaul moved to Burlington in April of 2018 from Red Springs, NC. She is an Affiliate member at Front Street and retains her membership at Trinity United Methodist Church in Red Springs. She retired at the end of March in 2018 after working in the human resources field for many years in various manufacturing facilities. Beth has one son who also lives in this area along with two grandsons.



Hi there! We are the **Kolls Family** – John, Kara, and Owen (2). We live in Mebane with our two fur babies, Savannah and Cooper. John is the Director of Golf at Stoney Creek Golf Club in Whitsett, NC. Kara works for an educational resource company called TE21, where she coordinates the production process for their benchmark products. Owen keeps everyone busy! He loves cars, trucks, and trains. We look forward to meeting other members of Front Street.



We also welcome new member **Tim Laverly** who joined on December 23.

PARTICIPATING IN CHRIST CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

The more effort and energy we put into the church's life, and the more we give ourselves to each other, the more we want to know, the more we want to be together, the more we want to enjoy who God has made each of us to be. In doing this, we reflect the unity of God to the world. *Relationship*, then, is the operative word at work in a life of participating in what God is up to in the world and in our community.

By design, the church is meant to be a community that enjoys one another and serves through our baptism. We're meant to help one another discover our gifts so that we can do life together without fear that we aren't good enough, gifted enough, or haven't been here long enough to play a significant part in our worship and work. Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness: everyone has a part to play — *your piece of the puzzle* — and without all of us working together to make worship and mission happen, the vision and sound and touch of God's presence in this place and this community lacks its full potential. May we participate, so that we may experience life in God to the fullest.

Pastor Patrick

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PARTICIPATING IN CHRIST

“Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all. God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ.”
(Ephesians 4:2-7)

God has designed us to be in relationship. *Participation* is how we share in the goodness God has gifted to us in Christ and the Holy Spirit. There are a lot of definitions we could use, but participation in our context as the Church means we are called to build up “the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of God’s Son,” as Paul declares to the church in Ephesus. We share one faith and one Lord, through the one hope we have in our shared baptism.

Discipleship implies that we are participants in God's mission; we actively live out God's purposes to grow in our knowledge and love of God by showing mercy to the oppressed, welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, and embracing everyone God places in our path as a person for whom Christ has died and risen. It's been said before that Christian discipleship isn't a spectator sport; it's not something we passively consume. When Jesus came he didn't establish a new religion but brought life, and life is always in motion. Participating in the life of the church in worship and mission is how we embody this life. It's not something else to do, but finding joy in the grace of a community that helps us navigate life and listen to God together.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

GROWING IN CHRIST

TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS

The Corridor District will offer leadership training workshops on **Saturday morning, January 26** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Hebron UMC, Mebane and **Sunday afternoon, January 27** from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at Hillsborough UMC, Hillsborough. All church leaders are encouraged to attend a workshop of their choice. Register for one or both days of workshops at www.frontstreet.org/features.



FAMILY WINTERFEST AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Our Family WinterFest and Chili Cook-Off will be on **Sunday, January 27** from 5-7 p.m. Ms. Marcy and the Children's



Council have planned all kinds of fun, winter activities for all ages. Outdoor activities (weather permitting) include a snow machine, frozen turkey bowling, kiddie rides through a winter wonderland of lights, and a *Frozen* movie theater. Inside there will be winter games, winter dramatic centers, and a *Frozen* castle. Enjoy vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, chili, fruit, and cookies.

Think you make some pretty good chili? Enter our Chili Cook-Off and let your Front Street friends be the judge! Visit www.frontstreetumc.org.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Circles 1, 2, and 4 will meet on **Monday, February 4** at

10 a.m. in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. The general business meeting will convene in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. **Circle 5** will meet **Tuesday, February 12** at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. All women are invited to join us. Contact Doris Jefferson at 336-228-0130 for additional information.



Salley Bradford was presented the Special Mission Recognition pin at the January UMW meeting. This pin is presented to an individual in honor of their service to activities of the United Methodist Women. A gift to UMW global missions was given in her honor. Congratulations, Salley.

SHARING CHRIST

JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

Just a reminder that we are in the midst of our January Food Drive in support of our Backpack Ministry! We're collecting specific items which will help feed food-insecure families in our community.



- pasta
- pasta sauce (no glass jars please)
- canned beans
- cans of corn or mixed vegetables
- canned meat
- cans of fruit
- rice
- snack packs (Jell-O or fruit cups)

Please deposit your donations in the Reading Area. This collection will continue **through January 31**.

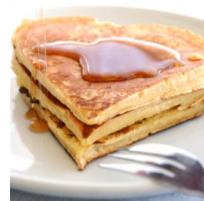
CEREAL SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 3



Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping stock the food pantry at Salvation Army.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY PANCAKE SUPPER Sunday, February 17, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate Hall

Bring all your family and eat your fill of pancakes, sausage and/or bacon. The price is right—\$6 for an individual and \$16 for a family. Tickets sales begin on **Sunday, January 27** and can be purchased from members in the Welcome Center before, after, and between services on Sunday mornings and at the door.



This is the Men's Bible Study big fund-raising event of the year, where the net proceeds increase our annual gifts for mission purposes. We urge you to come and enjoy good fellowship, good food, and contribute to a great purpose.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ON SUNDAY MORNING

Before worship: be a greeter

During worship: serve as assistant organist

After worship: deliver a gift bag to first time visitors

Visit www.frontstreetumc.org for information or to sign up (under ways to serve).

Prayers

- **Dot Barnes** who will have knee replacement surgery on February 12
- **Donna and Bob Bearden** upon the death of Donna's father, Jerrold Fritz, on December 25
- **Stewart Crank** who is recovering from surgery
- **Haiti Team** as they work along side the people of Haiti and for safe travels home
- **Tina Manning** continues to recover from knee surgery
- **Jan Peach** at home recovering from foot surgery

Thank You

I would like to say thank you so much for my gifts. I'm very grateful for everything. Thank you so much.
Client of Our Sister's House

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one: **February 10 and 24 and March 3, 17, 24, and 31**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com



FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

YTD Actual Giving - \$59,521.18

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$106,341.29

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