

All Small Groups starting Up/Continuing this month.

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I challenge you to join a small group this month! Come and learn from each other as we seek to learn more about Jesus and grow in our relationship with him.

Adult Sunday School will be starting **Sunday, August 23 at 10 AM.** (S) meets for 30 minutes), led by John Colclough. In this class, you will explore the Book of Acts (second half). Come and participate in discussion and learn more about the beginnings of the early church!



Wednesday Evening Study Group will be starting up on **Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 PM.** (FH meets 1 hour), led by Rev. Kathy. In this class, we will read and discuss a book by Henri Nouwen, *Adam: God's Beloved*, where we will look at the Apostle's Creed and how the author learned more about its meaning through a relationship with Adam, a person with profound disabilities.



We also have other small Groups:

Andrews Chapel Women of Faith, first Thursday of the month 1 PM (FH 1 hour)
Men's Group, 8:30 AM (FH 30/45 minutes) last Sunday of the month.
Chat with the Pastor, first Tuesday of the month 10-12 AM
Panera Bread in Brier Creek
Choir every Wednesday 7 PM (S)
Chair Yoga on Thursdays at 11:15 AM (FH) (donation)
Game Night the third Saturday of the month 6 PM (let the Rings know if you need a ride..).

Wednesday Prayer Group continues to meet on Wednesday mornings (FH 1 hour), led by Dolores Crowthers. In this group, you will share a devotion and then pray the names/situations on our prayer list. It is a personal time of prayer and reflection and fellowship.



You have so many opportunities! Come Grow in your faith this August.



Blessing of the Backpacks and Bible Sharing

August 16
All students bring your backpacks and let's bless them as you begin this school year!

To submit a picture or story.
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Ice Cream Social

August 16, 4-6 PM Pavilion
Bring your favorite ice cream or dessert!
Come and enjoy music from the string quartet and some yummy treats, bring a friend!

New Sermon Series

Sunday, August 30
Find God on the Journey
In this series we explore the places in our lives and around us that we can find God. Invite your Friends as we seek God in all kinds of places around us and in us!



Communion is served the first and third Sundays.

Rev Kathy will be away on vacation Wednesday, August 5 through Friday, August 14. Rev Laura Hamrick will be preaching/leading worship on August 9. Laura is an ordained UM clergywoman who works at Duke Clergy Health Collaborative at Duke University/Divinity School. While Rev. Kathy is away, you can call John & Sandy Colcough if there is an emergency. They will call a pastor, if needed. (Sandy 919-491-9858 or John 919-491-9844).

Event Calendar

August 4 Chat w/Pastor 10-Noon Panera Bread Brier Creek

August 6 Women's Group Meeting 1 PM (FH)

August 15 Farmer's Market 9 - Noon

August 16 Ice Cream Social 4-6 PM Pavilion

August 18 Nominations/Lay Leadership 11 AM (FH)
Trustees, 6:30 (FH)

August 23 Adult Sunday School Begins (S)
Church Council 6:30 PM (FH)

August 26, Wednesday Evening Study Group, 5:30 PM (FH)

August 29 Prayer Retreat 10 AM (FH)

Planning Ahead

September 15, SPRC 6:30 (FH)

September 22 Church Council, 6:30 (FH)

September 27 Homecoming

Come and celebrate the life and history of the congregation during our worship and then share in a potluck lunch following worship. Bring your favorite dish to share!

October 3 Health Fair

October 4 Blessing of the Animals

October 24 Bazaar, Bake Sale & Breakfast

Leadership Teams need to start thinking ahead for our annual Charge Conference held in the Fall.

*Sunday, October 25, 3PM
Fletcher's Chapel UMC.*

Help the Ronald McDonald House of Durham

Please save your pull tabs from cans. A jar is available in the Narthex.

Prayer Retreat

Saturday, August 29, 10 AM-Noon (FH)

We will explore what Celtic Christianity can teach us about being a pilgrim through life, especially as we learn about circle prayers (no walking required). Come and learn this Celtic Christian prayer practice and prepare yourself as we begin our new sermon series the next day based on Celtic Christianity's idea of journey/pilgrimage.



Ongoing Events

Upper Room Prayer Group

Wednesday 10:30 AM Fellowship House

Adult Book Study

Wednesday 5:30 PM Fellowship House
Starts 8/26. Books available in Foyer (Adam: God's Beloved, by Henri Nouwen)

Choir Wednesday 7 PM

Adult Sunday School

10 AM Sanctuary- John Colclough leads in the study of Acts. Resumes 8/23.

Sunday Service 11 AM

Chat With the Pastor first Tuesday of every month - Panera in Brier Creek 10 AM - Noon.

Women's Group (Women of Faith) meets the first Thursday of the month 1 PM Fellowship House

Chair Yoga meets on Thursday 11:15 AM Fellowship House. Fee by donation.

Men's Group meets last Sunday of the month 8:30 AM Fellowship House

Game Night meets the third Saturday of the month at 6:30 PM

Rev. Kathy Barba Pierce, Pastor

Sandy Colclough, Music Director/Pianist

John Colclough, Lay Leader

Dolores Crowthers, Wednesday Prayer Group Leader

Nancy Lee, Women of Faith Group Leader

Jim Craig, Men's Group Leader