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Guilford College United Methodist Church strives to be a vibrant Christian community that *transforms* lives, *strengthens* believers, and *equips* disciples to *live beyond ourselves* in the light of Jesus Christ.

*Guilford College UMC
Living Beyond Ourselves*

CONSIGNMENT SALE: AUGUST 16-17



We still have space to add consignors!
Spread the word to anyone who may be interested.

Send an email to: consignmentsale@guilfordcollegeumc.org



Also, we need lots of volunteers to help with the sale. Contact Robert if you can help!



Our Sanctuary Series for August:

The tongue is powerful. Because words can heal or harm it is imperative that we consider carefully the words that come from our mouths. How can we insure that the words we use are the ones God wants to hear? The book of James will guide us.

July 28: Words Too Often Unspoken

We communicate through our words, our body language, and our spirit. The third is the most important, for we can say a lot of things even in silence. How can we communicate value through our spirit?

August 4: Words in Judgment

When does God define our words as "judging?" How is it possible to confront wrong-doing without becoming judgmental?

August 11: Words in Excess

Many times in our walk we must persevere through difficult situations. If we can stay positive, the blessings that follow a season of trials are huge.

August 18: Words God Loves to Hear

Have you ever felt like your prayers are ineffective and unheard by God? James tells us that the prayer of a faithful and righteous individual is one that God loves to hear.

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Tom's Note....

In any 12-Step Program of Recovery, the focus is on "surrendering to win." The word *surrender* means "to offer up oneself." The process of surrender is a process of offering up oneself to God. It is this "offering up" that is at the heart of Jesus' call to discipleship for all of us when he said, "if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Lk.9:23) Jesus says that we must die to self in order to be alive to God. The essence of surrender is captured in the first three steps of all recovery programs:

***Step One** – admitting that my life is completely unmanageable by me, and that I need to surrender my grasping control of it.

***Step Two** – coming to believe that there is One to whom I can surrender control; One who can take whatever is left of me and restore me to a condition of wholeness.

***Step Three** – making a decision to surrender my will and my life to the care of One who loves me more than I will ever be able to comprehend; One who wants only the best for me; and One who has the power to make all things work together for good in my life.

Douglas Himes in "Higher Power" writes that the "depth of our understanding of God is not important. What is important is our willingness to surrender, to offer ourselves up to the care of a Power greater than ourselves. In doing so, we cease being our own god, and we abandon all other sources of security in favor of the One God who loves us and sets us free. We cease living in fear and begin living in love." He then summarizes the three steps as "**I can't, He can, I think I'll let Him.**"

This is what surrender looks like for all of us; this is what spiritual maturity looks like; this is what reliance on Almighty God looks like; this is what true disciples do. If we really want to live, it comes by surrendering or offering up to God every day, every hour, every minute so that God can fill our lives in positive and powerful ways we could never imagine before. In many recovery circles there is a well-known prayer for faith that we might incorporate into our lives. It goes like this:

Gracious and loving God, as we turn our wills and our lives over to you, help us to let go absolutely. You have raised us out of the miry pit, and set our feet upon the solid path; and yet we are too often anxious about where that path will lead us. Grant us the faith we need to follow the path that you have set before us. When we walk to the edge of all the light we have and prepare to take that first step into the darkness of the unknown, help us know that by your grace, either there will be something solid for us to stand on, or we will be taught to fly. As much as we prefer an easier, softer way, you call us to leap in faith, as a trusting child leaps into the arms of a loving parent. As we take that leap, may we know in our hearts that we will be truly safe, because we are too precious to let fall. Amen.

Caring

Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Brothers, Frank Easterling, Keith Gunn, Betty Kirkman, Jack Kayler, Lillian Spicer; Ilene Cummings, Carrie Gowen, David Cummings, Nona Fennell, Betty Kirkman, Lisa Shaw, Janel Greer; Jim Frady; Mary Wall,, families facing storms in life, the leaders of our nation and world, and those serving in the military.

Sincere Sympathy is extended to Doug Coley and family in the death of his father, Herman Coley.

Extended Family: Anna Alexander's sister, Nancy; Mike Corcoran's stepmon, Joanne; Ben Brothers' son, Robert; Patty Elkins' nephew, Nicholas; Brenda Frazier's nephew, Blake Wall; Rev. J.C. Groce; Ryan Leach; Helen Phillips' niece, Teresa Dobson; Jackie Morgan's mother, Margaret Watson; Carla Meissner's father, Stewart Myers; Karen Patterson's mother, Joyce Gibson; Bobbye Shelton's son-in-law, Glynn Boyette; our sister church in Kinanduba, Kenya; Shelby Adams serving in Haiti.

In Home and Senior Living Facilities: Dot Acree, Don Beam, David Bowen, Rachel Brawley, Cynthia Brown, David Cummings, Harold & Ilene Cummings; Edna Derrick, Sue Gerringier, Janel Greer, George & Nancy Holmes, Sunny Horner, Barry & Barbara Jones, A.C. Jordan, Betty Kirkman; Dave & Betty Kirkman; Colleen McKoin; Alice Ross, Lillian Spicer, Allene Wakefield, Les and Helen Wray.

Connecting

OUR GUESTS IN WORSHIP

July 28: Kathy & David Cosgrove; Sara Hardin; Dianne Chilton; Nelva Grace; Susan Hope; Greg, Ona & Galen Ellington; Buck & Betsy Buchanan; Ron, Barb & Sarah Arthur; Tom Waynick; R.J. Westphal; Lewey Alexander; Dayton & Katherine Kayler; Scott Lindsay; Charles Davis; Lydie Onangatsengue; Blair Dixon

August 4: Sara Hardin; Candace Hughes; Pamela & Steven Roberts; Ashlyn Hopkins; Peggy Conaway; Ann Murphy; Jacob Klenberg; Anna & Ryan Leach; Steven, Barbara, Joshua & Zachary McDonald; Jodi & Shelton Knox; Malik Mitchell; Abby Brannon; Kyra Erhard; Lewey Alexander; Jessica Dalton; Jackie Hardcastle; Krista Mabe; Maria & Barbara Blust; Ron, Barb & Sarah Arthur; David, Leslie & Ryan Patterson; Conrad & Ann Via; Tina & David Via

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



We're sending GCUMC students and educators back to school with our prayer and blessings! We'll have a time of prayer during the 11:00 a.m. worship on August 25. All students and educators are encouraged to bring their backpacks and briefcases to the worship service to be blessed!

Movies with Matt



We have two more weeks of "Meeting God at the Movies" with Pastor Matt. Childcare and popcorn offered with a concluding discussion for those who can stay. Join Matt on Monday nights at 6:00 pm.

August 12 – The Village (2004, PG-13). Life seems nearly perfect in one idyllic community. The only catch is that you can never leave. From the director of *The Sixth Sense*.

August 19 – E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982, PG) A strange visitor from another world changes the lives of the young people he meets, but the authorities react to him with misunderstanding and fear. We'll ask if this modern classic is a Christian allegory.

Youth News

August 25th UMYF kickoff!

SpiritUS – August 9-11

Thank You Note

Many thanks for the wonderful love and support given me during my recent cancer scare. Food, cards, calls, visits and prayers made it a pleasant experience.

In Christian love, Carrie



American Red Cross

Thank You to all the volunteers and especially all the blood donors for making our July Blood Drive a success. We exceeded our goal and collected 50 units of blood. Our next Drive will be held on October 15, 2013. Thank you for "Giving the Gift of Life".

UMW News....Time to start thinking of Fall. We will be holding our annual Fall Festival on **October 19th**. There are still openings for Crafters so spread the word. Applications can be found in the UMW mailbox. Included in the Festival will be Brunswick Stew, Crafters, Used Book Sale, Jewelry Sale, Gift Basket Sale, Bake Sale, Breakfast and Lunch, Children's activities, and Pumpkins. We're looking forward to your help in making this year a success. Contact Sally Courtney, Jackie Firebaugh or Talmage Durham for ways to help.



DID YOU KNOW.....??

- there is a group of church members that are committed to pray for the staff, leadership, ministries and spiritual growth of Guilford College UMC?
- that we meet weekly in the prayer room for this purpose? (Thursdays at 6:00 pm)?
- that any and all members of the church are invited to join at any time? (weekly commitment is not required)?
- that the leadership and chairpersons of the ministry areas of the church can contact the group to request specific prayer for upcoming events or issues?

Please contact Debbie Inman if you have questions or specific prayer requests related to your ministry. We would love to pray for OR with you!

Contact info: (home 854-9731
(cell)456-1766 (texts are fine, too!)
Email: debchan@triad.rr.com



Interest in Columbarium and Memorial Garden

The Trustees have received a number of inquiries regarding the possibility of having a columbarium cemetery and memorial garden constructed at GCUMC. If you are interested in this, please contact Carol Ingram in the church office at 336-292-5833 or e-mail her at cingram@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

If a number of families express interest in having a columbarium and memorial garden here, the Trustees will schedule an informational meeting and everyone expressing an interest will be contacted. Due to the necessity of having participation by a large number of families for this to become a feasible project, it is suggested that those interested be proactive in encouraging others to contact Carol.

Learning



**-“Friends Indeed!”
Thursdays at 7:00 in the
Fellowship Hall**

Our worship series on “Friends” continues through August at The Porch. Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

- Aug. 8 – David and Jonathan: Unlikely Friends**
- Aug. 15 – A paralyzed man is lowered through the Roof: Impetuous Friends:** John Farmer from Interspersy Christian Fellowship will be our special guest. **Porch will meet in the sanctuary.**
- Aug. 22 -- Jesus and the Disciples: Friends, Not Servants.** Holy Communion served
- Aug. 29 – Paul, Barnabas and John Mark: Friends Part Ways, but God’s Mission Continues**

Looking forward, on September 5th, we’ll celebrate the third birthday of The Porch. We’ll have a meal at 6:00 pm followed by a special service of celebration and hope.



BIBLE DEDICATIONS – We will be distributing Bibles to rising Kindergarten and Grade 3 children during the 11:00 a.m. worship on August 25. Letters will be mailed this week to the children on our rosters for whom we know

birth dates and age/grade. If you do not receive a letter for your child, please call Donna in the church office (292-5833) or e-mail dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org and provide your child’s name and grade to insure s/he receives a Bible.

Serving

Community Garden: Fall Crops

Mid-August to mid-September is the time to plant for Fall harvest. The two beds closest to the door should be ready first for cleaning out of summer plants.

Most of the Summer crops are continuing to go to the Share the Harvest program.

Contact George Bowen at georgedad2@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT INTEREST MEETING

There will be a meeting on Sunday, August 25th, at 12:00 pm (after the 11:00 service) for anyone (past or new) who is interested in volunteering their time (during the day or evening) for Wednesday Night Out. Barbara Lauritano and Alyssa Rice will lead the meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Senior Wheels

Additional drivers are desperately needed once a month on the first Monday to pick up clients and take them to doctor’s or medical visits. This is a worthy outreach and much-needed service for our community. Please contact Gay Fischer at 292-7832 for more information or if you would be willing to volunteer.

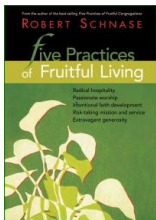


At GCUMC we take very seriously the call of Jesus to feed his sheep. However, when donating food we often have to choose between quality and quantity.

When we donate food it is often a last minute grab from the back of our own cupboard, maybe something that is almost expired or we don’t want to eat anyway. Is this how we give to the least of these? Is this how we would give if we were really giving unto Christ?

If you are interested in talking more about these tensions in giving and issues around access to healthy food, please join Partners in Health and Wholeness and the Partnership for Community Care for ”Healthy Food Pantries: How to Donate to and Create Healthy Food Pantries to Build a Healthy Community” at 11:30 a.m. on Thurs., Aug. 22, at [Starmount Presbyterian Church](#) in Greensboro. Lunch will be provided. Please register online to attend and contact Shannon Axtell Martin at 336-912-0976 with any questions.

Coming in September: 5 Practices of Fruitful Living



Jesus taught a way of life and invited people into a relationship with God that was vibrant, dynamic, and fruitful. He wanted people to flourish. How does that happen? What are the core fundamental spiritual practices that sustained the disciples and motivated them to relieve the burdens that kept people from living into God’s preferred destiny? How do we cultivate a life that is abundant, purposeful and deep?

We hope this will be a church-wide study in small groups, learning groups, and Sunday morning Sunday School classes – as well as the emphasis for worship during the month. Contact Tom or Donna for more information and materials.... And then join us for this time of discovery of 5 essential practices that each of us need to incorporate in our lives;

*Radical Hospitality – Passionate Worship –
Intentional Faith Development – Extravagant Generosity – Risk-Taking Service*

OUR ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, JULY 28,, 2013

Worship.....	425
(8:30 – 122.....Porch – 32.....K.C. Team – 10.....11:00 – 261)	
Sunday School.....	220

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2013

Worship.....	401
(.8:30 - 100Porch - 32.....11:00 –269)	
Sunday School.....	206

Kinanduba Update:

The Kenya team has heard wonderful news from Misheck Kanake, our ground contact with Kenya Partner Ministries.

"It is with profound gratitude that I write to thank and appreciate your moral and financial support you have given to an ever expanding Methodist church in Kenya. On behalf of all the children and adults now gathered at M.C.K. Kinanduba, wish to thank every pastor, leader and member of Guilford College UMC for giving money for the advancement of our Lord's message of salvation to the people of Kinanduba community".

❖ Kinanduba church has seen great growth with 45 adults and 64 children attending on Sunday.

❖ The school has seen such growth that they are now meeting in the church, in the clinic and are looking to add on a new classroom. There is tremendous desire from both the parents and the children to see that education is a priority.

❖ Through funds from GCUMC as well as a minimal stipend from each student, 2 teachers have been paid in full from January to the present with funds remaining for them to be paid through December.

❖ The clinic is gaining root. Maua Methodist Hospital visits the community once a month to attend to medical needs of everyone. The community is demanding for more days.

❖ The three acres of land were bought for the demonstration farm and boundaries have been marked. It is now being prepared for cultivation and tree planting during October – December 2013 rains.

❖ The government... The ministry of Agriculture, livestock and fisheries have launched programs do there to help people do gainful farming – we are looking forward to a prosperous community in the future. Thank you GCUMC for starting us off.

❖ We are hopeful that the local land committee on allocations will give more land for this growing school.

Our contacts in Kenya continue to be excited about the partnership between GCUMC and the Kinanduba community. Please pray as the next team is being formed and seeking new ways for the Lord to build lasting relationships with our Kenyan brothers and sisters.

2014 Kenya Mission Trip Sign-up

When: Tentatively last week of June, 2014, first week of July

Where: Fly into Nairobi, stay in Maua, and serve in the areas surrounding Maua and Kinanduba.

Who: Anyone over 18, with a heart for serving and learning

What: Serve GCUMC's sister church MCK Kinanduba – helping with the health clinic, school and demonstration farm; serve Maua Methodist Hospital through projects such as kitchen gardens, construction, health clinics, or AIDS orphans ministries.

How Can I Sign Up? Email or call Gabby Hukill (334-315-6670, grhukill@gmail.com) and pay your \$500 deposit to the church by August 18th at noon.

**Wanted: Costume jewelry (in good condition)
Used books, CD's and DVD's**



We will be having a jewelry sale to raise money for children's ministry at the Fall Bazaar. If you would like to make a jewelry donation, please contact Talmage Durham in the James Tew Class or call 336-852-6972 for more information.



A used book, CD, and DVD sale is also being held in conjunction with the Fall Festival in October. Boxes to collect these items will be in room B-7, marked for the Fall Festival. For more information, contact Jackie Firebaugh at jaqfire@gmail.com or 336-402-5604.

Volunteers for Sunday, August 11, 2013

8:30 service

Acolyte: Victoria Townsend

Lay Speaker: Clarke Crews

Stephen Minister: Tom Southerland

Ushers: Austin Phillips, Captain; Steve Bull, Dallas Hanover, Dave Saunders, Terry Wert

11:00 service

Acolytes: Zoe Black, Annie Grove

Lay Speaker: Justin Hukill

Nursery: Elizabeth Hepler

Children's Worship Shepherds: H'Ne Enuol, Davir or Juliet Grove

Ushers: Nancy Blackwelder, Captain; Mary Eagle, Nancy Gladwell, Pat Gunn, Meghan Ingram, Debbie Inman, Cindy Johnson, Jean Lojko, Andrea Long, Marion McNeal, Delaney Marion, Beatrice Obiley

Stephen Minister: Florence Hardison

Counters: Sharon Crocker, Bill Dowdy

Van Driver: Mike Garcia

Altar Guild: (Aug. 5-11): Sharon Wert, Marion Sharpe

Volunteers for Sunday, August 18 2013

8:30 service

Acolytes: Rob Kobrin

Lay Speaker: Dee Davis

Stephen Minister: Susan Irvin

Ushers: Austin Phillips, Captain; Steve Bull, Dallas Hanover, Dave Saunders, Terry Wert

11:00 service

Acolytes: Erin Kohn, Lilli Hicks

Lay Speaker: Dave Robson

Nursery: Sarah Brubaker

Children's Worship Shepherds: Travis or Lou Anne Hicks, Jonathan or Kathy Raper

Stephen Minister: Becky Archer

Ushers: Nancy Blackwelder, Captain; Mary Eagle, Nancy Gladwell, Pat Gunn, Meghan Ingram, Debbie Inman, Cindy Johnson, Jean Lojko, Andrea Long, Marion McNeal, Delaney Marion, Beatrice Obriley

Counters: Larry Stevens, Wayne Wright

Van Driver: Bobby Davis

Altar Guild (Aug. 12-18) Carrie Gowen, Martha Fogleman

OUR GIVING

2013 Total Budget.....	\$ 966,265
Needed weekly for budget.....	\$ 18,582
Amount need to date.....	\$ 576,043
Amount received to date through Aug. 4.....	\$ 577,928
YTD difference.....	\$ 1,885
Free to Serve pledges.....	\$ 1,031,343
Received to date.....	\$ 914,647
Loan balance.....	\$ 629,930

CHURCH CALENDAR August 11-24

Sunday, August 11

8:30 am	Early Worship
9:45-10:am	Learning Groups
11:00 am	Worship
7:00 pm	Trustees (A2)

Monday, August 12

6:00-9:00 pm	Monday Night Movies with Matt (C1)
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Tuesday, August 13

9:00 am-1:00 pm	Consignment Sale – Receive items
4:00-7:00 pm	Consignment Sale – Receive items
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers (A2)

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 am-1:00 pm	Consignment Sale – Receive items
9:30 am	James Bible Study (V6)
10:00 am	Alzheimers Support Group (A3)
4:00-7:00 pm	Consignment Sale – Receive items
6:00 pm	ELF Gang Bible Study/Pool Party
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 15

No Receiving Items

4:00-5:00 pm	Super Volunteer Pre-Sale
5:00-7:00 pm	Volunteers' Pre-Sale
6:00 pm	Prayer Ministry (Prayer Room)
7:00 -8:30 pm	Consignors' Pre-Sale
7:00 pm	Porch (Sanctuary)
8:30 pm	Hilltop

Friday, August 16

9:00 am-7:00 pm	Sale Opens to the Public
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Saturday, August 17

9:00 am-1:00 pm	Consignment 50% Off Sale
5:00-6:00 pm	Pick-up unsold items

Sunday, August 18

8:30 am	Early Worship
9:45 am	Learning Groups
9:45 am	Starting Point (Parlor)
11:00 am	Worship
12:00 pm	Haiti Sponsors' Luncheon

Monday, August 19

6:00 pm	Movies with Matt (C1)
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Tuesday, August 20

Wednesday, August 21

4:00 pm	Visit from DS
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 22

6:00 pm	Prayer Ministry (Prayer Room)
7:00 pm	Porch (FH)
6:30 pm	Hilltop

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

9:30 am	Habitat House Dedication
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Memorials

In Memory of Paul Causey

*Bill and Judy Royal
Jimmy and Alice Wilson*

In Memory of Herman Coley (Doug Coley's father)

*Mike and Pam Beck
Randy and Lynne Beck
Donna Bowman
Mike and Ellie Dawkins
Harold and Mary Eagle
Barbara Ebert
Keith and Pat Gunn
Carol Ingram
Roland Sasseville
Polly Scott
Bob and Jimmy Stimpson
Steve and Tina Sumner
Terry and Joe Ann Weatherford*

In Memory of Irene Dixon (Nancy Coley's mother)

Jimmy & Alice Wilson

In Memory of Nan Dail (Jim Wilson's sister)

Doug and Nancy Coley

In Memory of Robert McKoin

Doug and Nancy Coley

In Memory of Ralph Pigue (Margaret Pigue's father-in-law)

*Doug and Nancy Coley
Jimmy and Alice Wilson*

In Memory of Marci Pike

Doug and Nancy Coley

In Memory of Betsy Richard

*Jim and Nancy Baily
Doug and Nancy Coley
Pete and Wanda Eller
Roland Sasseville
Audrey Staruch
Alan and Suzanne Stephenson
Bob and Jimmy Stimpson
Alberta Walters
Jimmy and Alice Wilson*

In Memory of Tom Schultz (Nancy Gladwell's brother-in-law)

*Doug and Nancy Coley
Jimmy and Alice Wilson*

In Memory of Zeaulene Sykes (Ken Sykes' mother)

Mike and Ellie Dawkins

Honorarium

In Honor of Ben Lasley's Eagle Scout Award *Nancy Gladwell*

In Honor of Janet Shepherd's birthday *Margaret Woodrum*

In Honor of Tom and Joy Southerland *Christian Fellowship Class*