



Cullowhee United Methodist Church

A Christ Centered Community Growing Together

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"The Last Sermon"

David gave his last sermon at Cullowhee UMC on May 1. We had a packed house, and many Wesley Foundation alumni were in town for the Wesley Foundation 75th Anniversary and helped celebrate David and Della's retirement. View the sermon on the church's Facebook page or click here, <https://www.facebook.com/cullowheumc>

Jay Hinton, Director of the Wesley Foundation made a special David and Della thank you video that you can [view here](#), or click or insert the following link in your browser,

David Jons wrote a song, (click here, ["You Got This"](#)), in honor of David Reeves and played it with the 9:05 Band on Sunday.

We thank David and Della for their 19 years of ministry to Cullowhee UMC.
They will be greatly missed.



Also, on Sunday, May 1, Camden Myers was baptized, and Alan and Kathy Farmer joined the church.



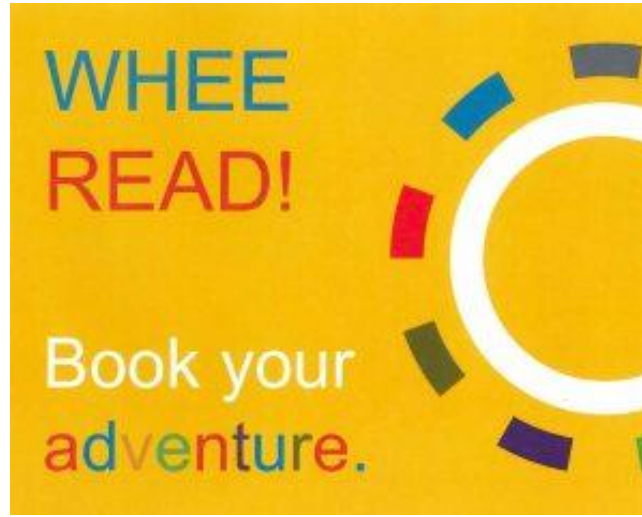
Graduating High School Seniors

Congratulations to our 3 high school seniors who are moving on to greater things and new life experiences. We are proud of you. We will recognize them in the worship services on Sunday, May 22.

Please send them a congratulations card!

Tripp Grube, 203 Star Dance Ridge, Sylva, NC 28779
Emilia Haney, 1500 Pressley Creek Rd. Cullowhee, 28723
Camden Myers, 72 Sawbriar Dr., Sylva, NC 28779





WHEE READ!

Summer Literacy Program at Cullowhee UMC returns for its 4th year.

The Duke Endowment is working with rural congregations in North Carolina to combat learning loss in their communities through evidence-informed summer literacy programs for rising first- through fourth graders. The goals are to improve literacy outcomes for students who are at risk for reading failure and encourage churches to play an effective role in helping children and families.

The Whee READ Summer Camp at Cullowhee UMC will run June 28- July 22, 2022, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with 25 students enrolled. The children are provided 3 hours of reading instruction each day, led by master teachers and assistants hired from local elementary schools. Afternoon enrichment opportunities may include music, art, science and engineering, physical activities, etc. This program is funded by a grant from the Duke Endowment as well as contributions from local organizations and Cullowhee UMC.

The grant money will fund the teachers, but there is much more to running this program. It will take a LOT of us to make this project a success. Areas where we need YOUR help include:

- **Reading Buddies** on Thursdays and Fridays only, 12:15-12:45 p.m.
Click here to [Sign-up for Reading Buddies for Summer Literacy Program](#)
- **Playground Volunteers** everyday 1:30-2:00 p.m. Click here to [Sign up for Playground Volunteer.](#)
- **Food scholarships**, full or partial. The cost for lunch for the 6 weeks for a child is \$270. Hope you can help. Please make a check out to the church with SLP food scholarship in the memo line. or donate via the [church website here.](#)

Please think about how you can volunteer or support this program and thank you for your consideration.



Save the Dates for Church Summer Picnics

1. June 2, Thursday, East Laporte Picnic Shelter, 4-7:00 p.m.
2. July 28, Thursday, East Laporte Picnic Shelter, 4-7:00 p.m.

Camp Tekoa

Camp Tekoa, a United Methodist Camp in Hendersonville, NC, offers Mini-Camps for short over-nights for 7-9 year olds, week long camps for Elementary (8-11 year olds), Middle and High school students and day camps for Elementary students (5-11 year olds). They offer tons of fun activities like ziplining, Slip-n-slide, arts and crafts, swimming, evening devotionals and campfires, etc. Youth can add swamp canoes, mud pit, camp-out, high rope activities. Lots of Youth and Children from CUMC have attended Camp Tekoa over the years and speak highly of their camp experiences. Some go back to be summer camp counselors. Check out www.TEKOA.camp.



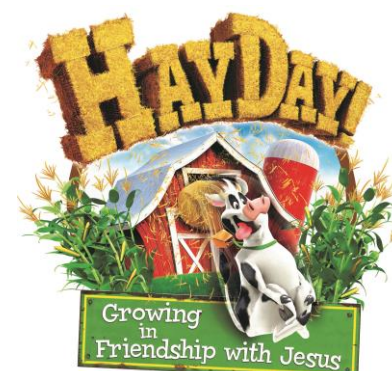


May:

- 15 5-7pm GATHER night at East LaPorte (bring swimsuits, yard games, etc.)
- 22 Graduation Sunday during both worship services. Closing celebration for a great year that evening. Time: TBD.

Come join us at Cullowhee UMC, Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 for songs, fun, games, and Bible stories with Hay Day VBS.

Registration coming soon.



Sunday School Classes

The Serendipity Sunday School Class meets in the Weekley Library (Room 117) and by Zoom from 10:00-10:45 a.m. They are discussing the audio book *Hinds Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard. For more information, contact Adrienne Stuckey at aastuckey@wcu.edu

The Contemporary Issues Sunday School Class meets in Room 207 on the second floor across from the Choir Room. They will be watching and discussing a DVD entitled *Comparative Religion*. If you are interested in how Christianity is similar and different from other religions, you will find this series beneficial. All are welcome. The class starts at 9:50 a.m. or after the first service is over. All are welcome. Please contact Ed Taylor, edtaylorpottery@yahoo.com for more information.

The Faith and Family Sunday School Class meets in the Wesley Foundation on Sundays from 10:05-10:45.

The Middle and High School Youth Class meets from 10:00-10:45 in the Youth Room (Room 206) to do video studies and mission projects with Adam Mottershead and Ashely Perkins. All 6th-12th graders are invited to join this class! For more information, contact Adam at acmottershead1@catamount.wcu.edu

All children K-5th Grade will meet in the Small Fellowship Hall from 10:00am-10:45am a workshop rotation model curriculum. Children will dive deeply into a Bible story, first gathering together for an opening hands-on activity before breaking off into age groups and traveling to a rotating station each Sunday. For more information, contact Scarlett Pless at scarlettepless@gmail.com

Infants and Toddlers will take their first steps in faith with Victoria Inman and a volunteer in Room 125.

May Birthdays

1	Melissa Rose Bauguess	25	Wallace Anne Cloud
2	Samantha Leclair, Kristina Davis, Margaret Spilker	27	Julia Macaulay
3	Linda Winter, Pam Buskey	28	Jo Ann Black
4	Matt Wike, Logan Mayes	29	Carol Paulson, Tim Osment Jack Ridenour, Keith Haskett
5	Bradley Lewis	30	Paul S. Heckert
6	Marcus Metcalf, Bo Webb, Nate Travis	31	Jennifer Williamson, Brittney Haney
7	Juanita Phillips, Heather Hyatt Cadence Railsback, Gabito Saucedo Heckert		
8	Jay Hinton, Linus Huffman		
9	David White, Justin Railsback		
10	Nancy Smith, Christy Rowe Norman West, Ben Ogletree		
11	Mark Holliday		
12	Sarah Forbis		
14	Cori Debnam Cole, Scott Hotaling		
15	Jonathan Scifers, Robert Webb		
17	Roger Bacon		
19	Kathy Wooten		
21	Deborah Cochran		
23	Avery Hester		
24	Emily Crites, Tucker Stone		

May Anniversaries

4	Jack & Gail Debnam
8	Mike & Brenda Smith
14	Wes & Suzanne Stone
17	Paul & Julia Heckert
19	Steve & Elaine White, Dawn Gilchrist & Tim Osment
21	Sam & Heather McGuire
23	Roger & Sheri Turk
24	Ron & Bonnie Stephens
27	Wally & Anne Bembry
31	Paul & Sue Heckert

Online Giving

Are you new to on-line giving? On-line giving is a very easy way to make a gift to the Church; however, there is a transaction cost associated with this service and our hope is that people who chose to take advantage of this option will also consider increasing their gift to cover the cost. The system can be accessed on the Church's website, <http://www.cullowheeumc.org/> with a **Donation Button** where you will find a tutorial video and a list of frequently asked questions. Obviously, we are happy to continue receiving gifts by check or cash and this service just provides another giving option. If you have questions about online giving, please contact Chuck Wooten or Sue Heckert.

HIGHTS May Fundraiser



SAVE THE DATE!

**MAYDAY! MAYDAY!
FUNDRAISER EVENT**

We need your help to have the **BEST SUMMER EVER!**

Saturday, May 21st • 11:30am-2:30pm
Monteith Park, Dillsboro

**SPECIALITY
T-SHIRTS** **BBQ** **HIGHTS
HONEY**

The poster features a purple gradient background with a stylized mountain range at the bottom. A large yellow sun is positioned behind the mountains. The text is in various fonts and colors, including white and black. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'HIGHTS' featuring a tree silhouette.

Raft for free!

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 10AM-2PM

AT THE DILLSBORO RIVER COMPANY



Bring 10 cans of food (per person)
and raft for free!

All food donations will go to
United Christian Ministries

*Located at 18 Macktown Road, just over the bridge
from Dillsboro. For more information, visit
<https://www.northcarolinarafting.com>.*

Located on the campus of Western Carolina University