



Love in Action

The Newsletter of Maggie Valley United Methodist Church

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FROM PASTOR COLE...

Knowing Christ. Growing Faith. Serving Others.

Those 3 sentences above are the mission statement for Maggie Valley United Methodist Church. I am grateful for those who came before me who worked on this statement, trying to create a vision and organizing principle for us to be faithful to our call to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Like any mission statement, it is only as good as you use it. With that in mind, I want to reflect on each of the three sentences over the next 3 months.

Knowing Christ

My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me (John 10:27).

What does it mean to "Know Christ?" Does it mean that we come to church each week? Does it mean we help out whenever we can around church and town? Does it mean that we just try to be nice, decent people?

Of course it does mean those things, but so much more. I don't pretend to know the only way to "Know Christ." There are many, many ways we can connect with God in our lives and you have to explore what that means for you. But I am convinced it means at least this: we are invited into a personal relationship with Jesus.

I love the passage from John 10 shared above. Jesus is walking around in the temple when the religious leaders asked him to be plain: are you the Christ or not? Jesus, as he so often seemed to do, doesn't give a direct answer. Instead, he tells them that his sheep will know his voice, and he will know them.

I've been thinking a lot about what it means to know Jesus' voice in our lives. Can you hear him? Do you talk to him? Can you see yourself like a sheep in a verdant pasture, cozying up beside The Great Shepherd as he tends to your needs?

Maggie Valley UMC is incredible for many reasons, but one of the reasons is your desire to connect with God and neighbor. The only way, however, that we can deeply connect with others is by starting in that pasture. Walking through life with God. Learning to hear and listen to Christ's voice. Knowing Christ.

God is speaking. God does want to teach us what God sounds like. I want to encourage you to "Know Christ." It likely won't be the first time you've endeavored to know God, but I pray we all renew our efforts to be in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sit by the stream as God tells you how beloved you are. Walk through the valleys of life knowing that God is right there. Be still and know that God is, indeed, God! (Psalm 46:10)

If we can continue living as a church that seeks first and foremost to "Know Christ," the world will change. We will be harbingers of peace, instruments of love, disciples of the risen Messiah. And that changes everything.

I am praying with you and for you that we all might continue to "Know Christ." That we will hear God's voice speaking in our lives. That we will dive deeper into the loving arms of The Good Shepherd and find an intimacy, love and grace that changes everything.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Cole

FROM BARB PLANCHOCK, ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE...

Minutes from Western North Carolina Annual Conference 2021 June 16-19, 2022

Theme: Connect, Imagine, Engage Thursday, June 16th Clergy Session was a closed session and, therefore, not recorded.

Friday, June 17th Annual Conference kicked off with Opening Worship. Sermon provided by Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric, Dean, Duke Divinity School. He said we are called to reconnect with Jesus by sharing in relationship with the one who sent Him (through scripture, prayer, fasting, communion, etc.). He said, "When you reconnect with Jesus Christ, you abide with Him and you go where he goes and with whom He calls." He urged everyone to reimagine missions, remembering how the Father sent the Son into the world: in poverty, not power, in meekness, not might. Help those who are in the margins. "We are called to reengage the Spirit...For John Wesley, there is a close correlation between the anointing of the Spirit, the mission of Christ, and God's design for the Methodists," he said. Rev. Colón-Emeric encouraged Methodists to dream big for those who do not dream. "We need the visions of the young and the dreams of the old for these dreams to come to fruition in our communities," he said.

The Offering to be split evenly between the Stuart Auditorium Restoration and the Both/And funding for small, rural, and churches of color.

Conference Plenary: Business Session

- Rev. Linda Ferguson, Chair of Ordained Ministries, announced the licensing of 32 new local pastors.
- Rev. Sandy Giles welcomed Bishop Ken Carter and his wife, Rev. Pam Carter, back to North Carolina. Bishop Carter has been serving the Florida Conference for ten years and has been also serving the Western North Carolina Conference for almost a year.

- Presentation about Imagining the Future of the United Methodist Church. The UMC will be a spiritual home for all people whether they consider themselves to be liberal, evangelical, progressive, traditionalist, middle of the road, conservative, centrist, etc. No vote is needed to remain United Methodist. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference is set for Nov. 2-4, 2022 at Lake J. General Conference will be in May 2024. The Book of Discipline cannot be changed until 2024. Bishop Carter eloquently shared how Methodists can have a diverse interpretation of scriptures because of traditions, reason and people's experiences. He said the church will not change our doctrines or the scriptures because of (1) who we are and (2) because the restrictive rules in the BOD prevent us from doing that. If you see anything saying otherwise, it's bearing false witness. Bishop Carter noted that having hard conversations is in the Methodist DNA. "If we don't do the hard work, we leave it for someone else to do," he said. He noted that you are never going to find a church where everyone is in 100% agreement. He encouraged everyone to stay, lean into differences, listen, learn to love God more and learn to love other people more.

The conference recognized 60 retiring pastors, representing 1,464 years of combined ministry. Included was the Reverend David Reeves, who served MVUMC, Peachtree UMC, and Cullowhee UMC.

Saturday, June 18th Conference

Plenary: Business Session

- Noted that the UMW is now known as the United Women in Faith.
- The conference voted to approve the 2023 Total Proposed Budget of \$15,574,430 (a 10% decrease of \$1.48M from the 2022 budget).
- Rev. Amy Coles presented Resolutions for Closure of Elkwood UMC, Giles Chapel UMC, Helton UMC, Hodgin Memorial UMC, Nebo UMC and Rockford Street UMC due to declining attendance. Resolution passed.
- Conference Chancellor Greg Huffman presented Disaffiliation Resolutions of 18 churches who have disagreement with the results of the 2019 special session of the UMC Conference regarding the adoption of the "traditional plan". Each church had completed due diligence and were in compliance with ¶2553 of the 2016 BOD. Disaffiliated churches are: Bellview UMC, Bethlehem (Cherryville) UMC, Burnett's Chapel UMC, Carson's Chapel UMC, Cornatzer UMC, Grassy Creek UMC, Gray's Chapel UMC, Lafayette Street UMC, Leford's Chapel UMC, Lineberry UMC, Maple Springs UMC, Martins' Creek UMC, Mary's Grove UMC, Midway UMC, Nesbitt's Chapel UMC, New Union UMC, Pleasant Grove UMC and West Marion UMC. Resolution passed. Bishop Carter offered a blessing releasing each congregation, pledging to never disparage anyone for their choice, and asking for the same in return. He noted this represents less than 2% of our 984 churches in the WNC Conference.
- Petition 17: Process for Congregations Disaffiliating in the WNC Conference. Ruled out of order due primarily to a pending declaration by the Judicial Council on a ruling which could affect the validity of the proposed pathway to disaffiliation.
- Petition 18: Request for a Special Called Annual Conference of WNC to (1) allow for the disaffiliation of churches between regularly scheduled annual conference sessions and (2) to participate in a Worship Service of Lament, Grace, and Healing. Petition was presented, which was met (after debate) with an approved revision which held disaffiliating congregations be responsible for clergy compensation and benefits. After some debate, petition was ultimately voted down.
- Petition 19: Clarify References to Human Sexuality. Petition withdrawn.

• Barby Bowser, Communications Director for the Foundation of Evangelism, awarded the Harry Denman Evangelism Award to Brittany Bethel for her work sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dawn Hand did a moving memorial to 39 clergy and diaconal ministers who have passed.

Ordering of Ministry Worship Service: 57 individuals were Licensed, Ordained, or Commissioned.

Sunday, June 19th Closing Worship: Bishop Carter provided a personal reflection on the theme of Connect, Imagine and Engage. I encourage you to go to wnccumc.org to watch the AC 2022 recorded life stream videos.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Planchock, Lay Member of Annual Conference

THANK YOU'S...

Dear Maggie Methodist,

Thank you so much for providing pens for the Haywood Hands to Heaven Prayer Vigil. The pens were used to write down prayer requests. The prayer cards were then passed out to churches to continue to pray for the prayer requests. This was an amazing event, and we hope to do it again next year. Thank you again!

Love,

The Haywood Hands to Heaven Planning Team

To Maggie Valley UMC,

This is the fifth time I've tried this morning to write a note of thanks to all of you. My brain just won't agree. Thank you for your love and kindness.

God Bless You,

Rena Upright

Dear Maggie Valley UMC,

I can't thank everyone enough for the cards, gifts, and prayers. I especially love the quilt from Clarell Litchford.

Thank you so much!

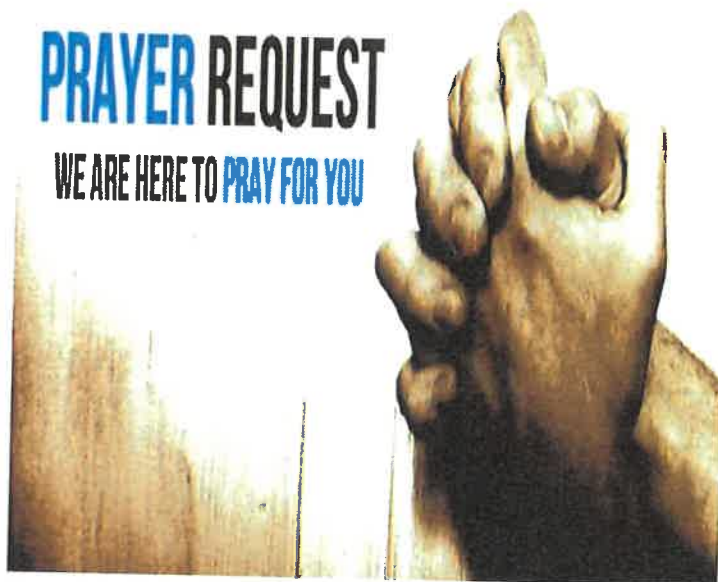
Lisa Rhoden

PRAYER CONCERNS...

Our Kindred Spirits Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays at noon at MVUMC. Come to the Daisy classroom to join this group with your mask and please keep these in your prayers:

Donald Atkins	Bruce Arrow	Jim Bauden	Audrey Baxter	Gary Cormann	Lee Miller
Robert Scott Blackadder	Eileen Bogo	Larry Bogo	Erma Bond	Greg Boyd	Colton
Hazel Bradshaw	Savannah Brigman	Wendell Burchfield	Jonathan Burr	Stockey Caldwell	Connie Dennis
Joe & Mari Conneen	Lance Conway	Jessica Cothorn	Teresa Crocker	Rev. Paul Davenport	Brian Bradley
Anita Desmond	Willard Dockery	Diana Duclos	Kirk Duclos	Earwood Family	Bonnie & Larry Germaine
Cory England	Clarissa Fisher	Vicky Flynn's Family	Carol Gardner	Dorothy Gardner	Michael Hill
Brenda Grilswold	Peyton Gully	Bud Hanselman	Grace Heger	Edith Highsmith	The Ensley Family
Michael Hinebaugh	Carolyn Hobson	Jim Hunt	Holt Isom	Kim Itvere	Seth Smith
Jimmy	Connie Jones	Bubba & Shirley Kelly	Gail Kevenk	Allen Kitchens	Karen
Cheryl & Destiny Little	Lewis Lowder	Lynn Martin	Devoice Medford	Paul Mehaffey	Jim Neely
Brenda Messer	Tom Miller	Ruby Moore	Sandra Morris	Jim Murtaugh	Lisa
Michael O'Gorman	John Planchock	Norann Planchock	Pete Planchock	Mary Ann Vignola	Angela Reid
Pola	Sheila Price	Susan Purvis	Courtney Quick	Scott Reed	Patricia Rowell's Family
Ginger Revis	Charlie & Mildred Rich	Mike Rickman	Rhonda Riley	Gerry Robinson	Dustin Smith
John Saxton	Ron Sellers	Don & Wanda Shoemaker	Elizabeth Smallwood	Sarah Smart	Sammy Sutton
Nan Smith	Annie Smith	Jane Spell	Carolyn Strickland	Betty Sutton	Brian Toole
Hilda Taylor	Kent Taylor	Kim Tilley	Sam Tiger	Pietro Tondini	Janene Young
Martha Bradshaw Trull	Audrey Waters	Ted Watts	Aaron White	Tom Wynch	

Please continue to pray for the following as well: Administrative Board, Bishop Carter, COVID 19 Pandemic, Disaster Victims, All Travelers, Our Choir, Haywood Street Congregation, Homeless People, Open Door, In God's Creation Hiking Group, Haywood Pathways Center, Manna Foodbank & Publix, Men's Group, Missionaries, People looking for Work, Shepherd's Table, Sisters in Christ, Sonshine Recovery Ministries, United Methodist Church, World Events & Peace, Sunday School, Refugees, Food Pantry, Community Garden, Blue Ridge Health, Our Children & Youth, Schofields Ministries-MOM program, "Subject 2 Change" Christian Trio, District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Jae Lee, UMC Grace Circle, Van Ministry



Haywood County School Teachers and Students, College Students, Sunday School Teachers & Subs, Children's Church Workers and also including Bill Chamberlin, Shelly Coker, Anna Coleman, Eddie Ferguson, Clarissa Fisher, Beverly Ketner, Cameron Lail, Kristin Litchford, Jenny McPhaul, Renee Mackey, Wanda Messer, Annie Palmer, Barb, Danny & Megan Planchock, Gail Quick, Lynn & Mark Rains, Shafin & Taylor Ross, Mike & Sue Shirley, and Luke Williamson.

Emergency & Medical Workers, Missionaries & their families including Elizabeth Carmichael, Joe Conneen, Jeff Mackey & the MV Police Dept., Massey Family, Linda Palmer, Lynn & Mark Rains, Susan Snyder and Summer Conneen.

Our Country, Government, Service men, women & their families including Jesse Brestle, Amanda Bryson, Joshua Cruse, Andrew Davis, Clayton Hardy, Samuel Hunter, Ian Hutton, Makenzie Moore, Zachary & Gabriella Moore, Michael Morris, Kane Pinkston, Joe Stroupe, Luke Turner, Camille Tyler, Michael Woodard, 211th Military Police Company, Prisoners of War, Veterans, Injured & MIA, Our Country, The President, and Our Leaders.

Those in Nursing Homes Becky Bender, Jane Cable, Lady Hughes, Betty Sutton → Maggie Valley Nursing & Rehab; Gail Pace → Silver Bluff; Phyllis Jackson → Smoky Mtn Nursing Home; Haywood Lodge, Maggie Valley Nursing Home, McCracken's Nursing Home, Silver Bluff Nursing Home, and Smoky Mountain Health & Rehab.

Those who are Homebound including Tom Bennett, Kathryn Brannen, Joseph Cullen, Wanda Deutsch, Willard Dockery, Helen & Joe Duke, Betty Ferguson, Nancy Lott Gerald, Tom & Vivian Gerard, Zelda Hanson, Bea Hawkins, Mary Beth Johnson, Paul Mehaffey, Hilda Palmer, The Pickens Family, Doug Ramsey, Ken Roach, Linda Rondecial, Maureen Shaw, Irene Sutton, Charlie & Rena Upright, Bill & Mary Ann Vignola, Terri Waddell, David Wagner and Aaron White.

July

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Connections Sunday School (9am) — Grace Room Worship (10:30am)	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	GriefShare (1-2:30pm) — Grace Room	Food Pantry (10-12) Tell Me A Story Bible Study (6pm)	Bible Study (9am) Fellowship Hall	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) — Fellowship Hall	AA (7pm) — Fellowship Hall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Connections Sunday School (9am) — Holy Communion & Worship (10:30am)	Happy Independence Day! OFFICE CLOSED	"Sacred Seeing" (7:30am) — Parking Lot GriefShare (1-2:30pm) — Grace Room	Food Pantry (10-12) Tell Me A Story Bible Study (6pm)	Bible Study (9am) Fellowship Hall UMW Grace Circle (2pm) — Fellowship Hall	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) — Fellowship Hall	AA (7pm) — Fellowship Hall
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Connections Sunday School (9am) — Grace Room Worship (10:30am)	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	In God's Creation Hiking Group (9am) — Parking Lot GriefShare (1-2:30pm) — Grace Room	Food Pantry (10-12) Youth Group (6pm) — Library Tell Me A Story Bible Study (6pm)	Bible Study (9am) Fellowship Hall Love Feast (5:30pm) — Fellowship Hall	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) — Fellowship Hall	AA (7pm) — Fellowship Hall
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Connections Sunday School (9am) — Grace Room Worship (10:30am)	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	Becoming Rooted Book Club (10am) — Fellowship Hall GriefShare (1-2:30pm) — Grace Room One Board Meeting (6pm) — Fellowship Hall	Food Pantry (10-12) Tell Me A Story Bible Study (6pm)	Bible Study (9am) Fellowship Hall	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) — Fellowship Hall	Men's Breakfast (8am) — Fellowship Hall AA (7pm) — Fellowship Hall
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Connections Sunday School (9am) — Grace Room Worship (10:30am) "Back to School Bash!"	Food Pantry (10-12) Shepherd's Table (3:30pm)	GriefShare (1-2:30pm) — Grace Room	Food Pantry (10-12) Youth Group (6pm) — Library Tell Me A Story Bible Study (6pm)	Bible Study (9am) Fellowship Hall	Grace Bible Study Class (9:30am) — Fellowship Hall	AA (7pm) — Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS...



The church Office, Food Pantry and Shepherd's Table will be closed on Monday, July 4th due to the holidays.

We will be having a blood drive on Tuesday, July 5. The blood drive will be from 1pm-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up on the American Red Cross website or contact Belinda at 926.8036. Please consider donating for the worthy cause.

Our Church Food Pantry operates on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until noon. We are asking that everyone in the congregation **bring INSTANT GRITS PACKETS, INSTANT OATMEAL PACKETS, RAMEN NOODLES, and BAR SOAP this month.** Personal hygiene items are appreciated also. Thank you for helping!

The youth group will meet Wednesday, July 13th and Wednesday, July 27th at 6:00pm in the library. Dinner will be served. Anyone 18 and under are invited to attend. **If you can provide a meal, please contact Belinda.**

The One Board will meet on Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All "Love in Action" articles for June are due to Belinda by Thursday, July 21st.

The Men's Group WILL NOT meet in July or August but will have the Men's breakfast on Saturday, July 23rd at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited.

Pastor Cole's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The UMW Grace Circle meeting will meet on Thursday, July 7th at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome!

"Sacred Seeing" is a way of seeing the world with the eyes of the heart. If I'm being honest, that sounds like something that may be hard to do or only for "really spiritual" people (whatever that means), but it's a practice I hope we can all try! **We will meet on July 5th, at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall.** We will begin with a short time of prayer and then you will be invited to walk around the area (inside or outside — your choice). We will gather back together after 30 minutes and share what we noticed, what God shared with us and how it may encourage us all to see with the eyes of our heart and not just the eyes in our head. I hope to see you there on July 5th!

This year's date for the **Holiday Boutique is Saturday, December 3rd. October 1st**, we will begin accepting donations of slightly used men and women's clothing, handbags, shoes, jewelry, scarfs, Christmas, and nice gift items.

This is an important mission here at Maggie Valley UMC with proceeds going to our food ministries. Last year the boutique raised over \$5,000. The money was given to the Shepherd's Table and the Food Pantry.

Please contact Judi Ferris at 828.734.0156 or Pastor Cole for any questions.

Please join us for a moderate-level hike into God's creation on Tuesday, July 12th. Enjoy the fellowship and exercise while we witness the beauty of nature. **We will gather at the Church at 9:00 AM**, take the church van to Blue Ridge Parkway, and hike the Richland Balsam Nature Loop, a 1.4-mile trail. This is an uphill and downhill hike through forests. There are some tree roots, rocks, and a couple of logs to navigate, but we will be going slowly and resting as needed. This hike features mosses and ferns as we witness the renewal of a forest devastated by insect blight. Please bring a lunch for the end of the hike. Drinks will be provided. If you plan to attend, please contact Patricia Rowell (727) 515-3070.

Pastor Mike & Sue Shirley invite you to join them for Sunday School Class. We will meet every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Daisy Classroom. Bring a Bible and join us! All are welcome!

"Restoration in Creation, Earth, Mind and Spirit" There will be a Creation Care Retreat at Lake Logan on Saturday, July 30. The cost is \$20 per person. It's an all-day retreat with free times to enjoy and explore the beautiful area. Grace Episcopal and Waynesville UMC are co-hosting the event for Creation Care Alliance. **To receive lunch (included in the cost) you will need to register by June 30th on the Lake Logan website. If you have any questions, contact Judi Ferris at 828.734.0156**

BILL CHAMBERLIN, TREASURER'S REPORT...

	MONTH		FOR THE YEAR
	MAY		JAN - MAY
PROJECTED BUDGET NEED	\$ 23,085.64		\$ 115,428.20
ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,168.03		\$ 123,066.97
OFFERINGS RECEIVED	\$ 31,910.70		\$ 127,912.42
OVER/UNDER	\$ 12,742.67		\$ 4,845.45



Treasurer Report



CREATION CARE CORNER...

In God's Creation Corner - by Beth Brown

From "Our Daily Bread" – Lisa M. Samra, Our Daily Bread author

In the 1901 hymn "This is My Father's World," pastor and poet Maltbie Babcock wrote of the delight he felt on his frequent outdoor walks, where he was captivated by breathtaking panoramic vistas. Writing of his fascination with the skies, seas, and creatures, he described sensing God's presence and concluded,

"He speaks to me everywhere."

Although creation doesn't have an audible voice, as His handiwork it's one important way we learn about the One who "made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them." Acts 14:15

In creation we see evidence of God's glory (Psalm 19:1), as well as aspects of who God is, such as His eternal nature (Romans 1:20)

When we observe the strength of the wind or the roar of rushing water, creation showcases God's power. Described in the poetry of Job 38, His power is evident in ordering the seasons (VV. 12-13), directing the weather (VV. 22-30), overseeing the cosmos (VV. 31-33), and sustaining living creatures (VV. 39-41).

Creation is also the means by which we experience many of God's blessings. Through creation, He blesses us with food and drink (Genesis 1:29-30), as well as many other necessities that sustain us (Matthew 6:25-33). More than simply a physical blessing, creation is a way that God restores our souls as we experience the peace of gentle pastures and quiet streams (Psalm 23: 1-3).

In all these ways and more, creation is visible and tangible evidence of who our Creator God is, revealing His character, love, and constant care of us.

What Can You Do to Care for God's Creation?

1. *Save on Paper Towels.* Streak Free Microfiber Cloth - "As Seen On TV." For \$9.99 on Amazon, a 6-pack of reusable towels can be used to clean anything windows, mirrors, glass and more. They are washable and will last years. Save money and eliminate the need for paper towels.
2. *Make your own Shower Cleaner.* To save paper I am going to give you the link to look up the article that includes simple ingredients to make your own.
<https://www.bobvila.com/articles/homemade-shower-cleaner/>
3. *Set a daily goal.* I pick up trash along Soco Road 4 times a year. And, I have a personal goal to pick up 3 pieces of trash every day. It's easy and if we all did it, we could make our community cleaner.

BECOMING ROOTED: 100 DAYS OF RECONNECTING WITH SACRED EARTH...

Pastor Cole invites you to join him in 100 days of rooting ourselves to God's Sacred Creation. It is so easy to connect with the beauty of the mountains that surround us. However, we are often too busy to really pause and consider our place, our role, in creation.

Join Pastor Cole in reading Randy Woodley's book, *Becoming Rooted: One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth*. You will read the short reflection each day and then we will join together June 28, July 19, and August 16th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. During the group gathering, you will be invited to share your reflections, questions, pictures and anything else that may be relevant.

If you would like to participate in the book club and didn't preorder a book, you can purchase a copy on Amazon.

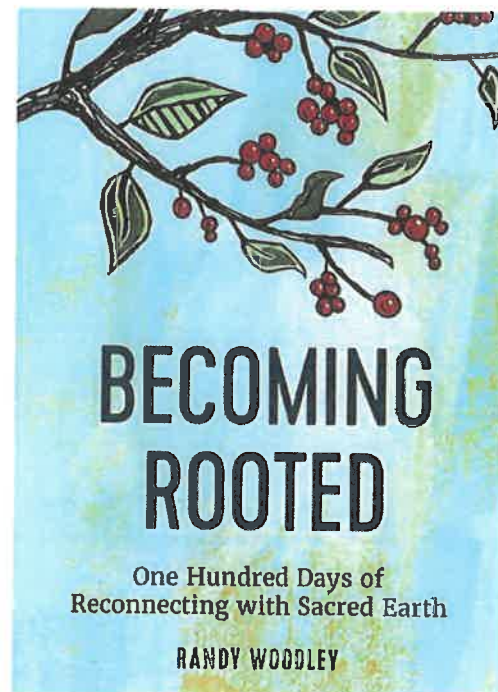
Here is a short description of the book:

What does it mean to become rooted in the land? How can we become better relatives to our greatest teacher, the Earth?

Becoming Rooted invites us to live out a deeply spiritual relationship with the whole community of creation and with Creator.

Through meditations and ideas for reflection and action, Randy Woodley, an activist, author, scholar, and Cherokee descendant, recognized by the Keetoowah Band, guides us on a one-hundred-day journey to reconnect with the Earth. Woodley invites us to come away from the American dream--otherwise known as an Indigenous nightmare--and get in touch with the water, land, plants, and creatures around us, with the people who lived on that land for thousands of years prior to Europeans' arrival, and with ourselves. In walking toward the harmony way, we honor balance, wholeness, and connection.

Creation is always teaching us. Our task is to look, and to listen, and to live well. She is teaching us now.



TELL ME A STORY WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

Join Pastor Mike on Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm in the Grace Classroom. This will be a six-week study of The Parables of Jesus. Everyone is invited to attend.

June 22: "The Sower, The Seed, and The Soils", Matthew 13:1-23

June 29: "The Wheat & Weeds, The Mustard Seed, & The Yeast", Matthew 13: 24-33

July 6: "The Treasure, The Pearl, The Net", Matthew 13:44-53

July 13: "The Good Samaritan", Luke 10:25-37

July 20: "Borrowing from a Neighbor at Midnight", Luke 11: 1-13 and "The Pesky Widow and The Arrogant Judge", Luke 18:1-8

July 27: "The Lost Coin, The Lost Sheep, & Two Lost Boys", Luke 15

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES...

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

2	Harrison Hermida	18	JoAnn Chilakos
6	Debbie Platt	20	Therese Sutton
7	Johnny Williamson	21	Glenda Rountree
8	Pat Miller	22	Tanya Thomas
9	Mitty Courtoy	23	Cailey Bond
10	Peggy Smith	23	Judy Patterson
10	Sam Garvin	24	Kristen Cabe
12	Jack Campbell	24	Charlene Miller
12	Chip Eifler	24	Rachel Montgomery
12	Jerry Hall	25	Larry Teeter
12	Susan Lail	27	Mark Rains
12	Jerry Lindler	28	Gavin Mauch
12	Eli Messer	29	Donna Brailsford
12	Jake Muirhead	30	Margaret Troxler
12	Glen Rose	30	Jackson Charles Kanupp
13	Lenora Shields	31	Sue Kennedy
14	Twila Medford		
15	Tom Armstrong		
15	Michael McCray		
17	Maliki Butler		
17	Rachel Mehaffey		

HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARY!

1	Ann & Nathan Duncan (2007)
2	Pastor Cole & Lindsay Altizer (2011)
3	Mari & Joe Conneen (1965)
3	Susan & Joe Plott (2006)
9	Pam & Chris Montgomery
12	Helen & Jim Davis (1981)
15	Ann & Billy Best
16	Shirley & Gene Saxton (1983)
17	Helen & Joe Duke
24	Margaret & Jeremy Troxler
29	Peggy & Oscar Smith
29	Mary & Carroll Dixon



Maggie Valley United Methodist Church - Worship Service 10:30 am

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Janice Rogers, Organist

Belinda Marr, Administrative Assistant

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