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### Kingdom Kid News

WOW!!! VBS was a YEE HAW good time!! I sure had a lot of fun and hope you did to!!! We learned about “God Gives Good Gifts” YEE HAW!!! I want to thank everyone that helped to make this VBS the best!!! It takes our whole congregation and each of you “stepped up to the plate”! Don’t forget to check out the pictures of VBS on our webpage. It is hard to believe that it is AUGUST!! That means that school is just around the corner. I hope you enjoy your last days of summer break as you prepare to head back to the classrooms!! But don’t worry, the fun is NOT over at FUMC. We will be planning some more fun “stuff” very soon.

Attention all young ladies, we are already making plans for our liturgical dance group – Gracepointe!!! We will dance during the Christmas season and we are hoping to work on more of a fun dance to perform before Christmas. Please let Ms. Susan know if you are interested!!!

Each Sunday in our Sunday School and Kingdom Kids, we have been learning about the Foundations of Our Faith. We have been learning about some really cool stories about Jesus! We have learned about God’s love, forgiveness and faithfulness! We hope to see you Sunday!!

GOD GIVES GOOD GIFTS!! YEE HAW!!!!!!



*Follow Jesus.  
Make Disciples.  
Change the World!*

## The Messenger

*August 2025*

**FIRST  
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NC**



- ♦ Reverend Dr.  
Brad Hinton
- ♦ Director of  
Music  
Nancy Epley
- ♦ Organist  
Nancy Epley
- ♦ Secretary  
Joan Hogan
- ♦ Custodian  
Pat Pons
- ♦ Groundskeeper  
Larry Holden
- ♦ Youth Pastor  
Tamika Garrison

*Greetings, First UMC!*

*I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. July has been a month of transition and of on-the-ground ministry. We have worshiped together, hosted VBS together, grieved together, and begun a new shared ministry together. Thank you for welcoming me. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement. Thank you for your care. As we look toward the end of Summer and the upcoming Fall, we will continue to listen to the guiding of the Holy Spirit about next steps.*

*Please continue to introduce yourselves to me and share your story. I'm honored to serve as your pastor.*

*Peace,*

*Rev. Dr. Brad Hinton*







## Dinner Church August 5 & 19 @ 5:30

Our table settings continue to increase, as does the love that fills the fellowship hall. If you haven't joined, prayerfully consider it, we have a plate waiting for you. -Jen Boggs

### New Addresses!

Brad Zimmerman  
560 Abbott's Landing Circle  
Apt. L  
Fayetteville, NC 28314

Zakk Heile (new address effective 8/23)  
Box 98701  
315 Towerview Dr.  
Crowell CC, Room 307  
Durham, NC 27708-9979

### Backpack Program News

We're 'smack-dab' in the middle of our summer feeding program! Three times over the summer months, we are providing non-perishable food items to 32 kids from our Valdese area schools. Along with bread donated by Bimbo Bakery and snack items donated by local caring groups, families receive breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack items. We've also sent a bag of potatoes in June and apples in July. Many thanks to Bud and Phyllis Sweezy for reminding families of pick-up dates & times and their efforts to deliver boxes to families who aren't able to make it to Saturday pickup dates. Gary Mast and Pat Z. have also lent helping hands to pack boxes. School starts in late August so our weekly backpack ministry will get underway in early September. Thanks for your prayerful and monetary support of this ministry!



*Blessings, Melinda & Phyllis S.*

### A message from Beth Heile and Friends of the Valdese Rec (FVR)

FVR is hosting free Lunch & Learns for Adults in our fellowship hall. These occur the **3rd Thursday of each month.**

### August 21, 2025 Walkin' Roll

An organization that supports and nurtures individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages by providing team building opportunities through various sports, dance and other activities.

To RSVP for lunch, email [friendsofthevaldeserec@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthevaldeserec@gmail.com) or call church office 874-0006 by Tuesday before the event.



You may attend if you do not RSVP, but lunch is only guaranteed for those who reply.

The United Methodist Men have their monthly breakfast meeting on the first Sunday, of each month at 8:30 am. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Check out the gallery page on our webpage at:  
<https://www.valdesefumc.org/gallery>

### United Women in Faith (UWFaith) August Meetings

August 11th @ 1:00 pm: UWFaith Circle #3  
August 11th @ 6:00 pm: UWFaith Circle #2  
August 11th @ 6:30 pm: UWFaith Circle #6

Catawba Valley District Annual Celebration  
Messiah United Methodist Church  
4102 W. Highway 27, Vale NC  
August 23, 2025  
Gathering begins at 9:30 am  
Program begins at 10:00 am  
Speaker: Linda Reep



### Fellowship Meals will resume in September!

Chef's Melinda and Jen are currently working out menus and schedules, so be on the lookout for more information in the upcoming bulletins!



Do you have a FaceBook account? Do you follow First United Methodist Church-Valdese? If not, consider following our page, inviting your friends to follow our page, and please share events that we create for the amazing ministries, fellowship and fun we have at FUMC-Valdese.



**Lemonade on the Lawn**  
**August 3:** Karen Hall & Mary Reid  
**August 10:** Jen Boggs  
**August 17:** Joann Bollinger & Elaine Shook  
**August 24:** Melinda Zimmerman  
**August 31:** Bobbie Seagle

### The Pass Along Box

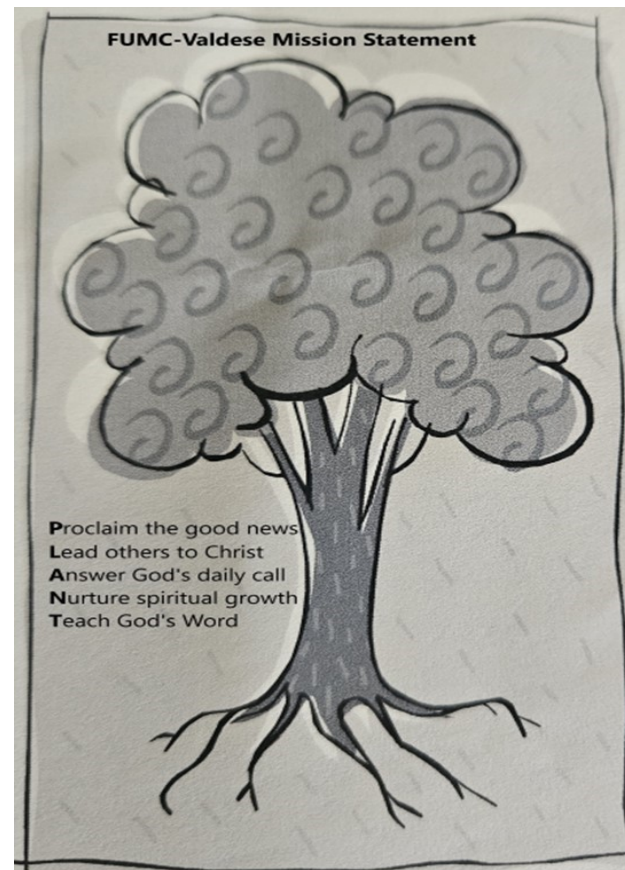
Please continue to bring devotionals, Advent booklets, and other reading materials for the Pass Along Project.  
-Norma Rains

### Youth

Our August meetings are on the 5th & 19th beginning at 5:30 pm.

Join these young folks and listen to their thoughts, ideas and love for our Lord!

Grace & Peace be with you,  
Tamika Garrison



### Unified Mission Churches

Waldensian Presbyterian Church  
Food Pantry Ministry  
Collection for  
August: Crackers



Operation Christmas Child  
August: School Supplies



Change the World Offering  
August 17

All Operation Christmas Child items can be given during our Change the World Offering Sundays (red wagon) or left in the tote in the Narthex.

### First Baptist Church-Valdese Twice Blessed Closet

Donations needed for gently worn clothes. Most needed are baby clothes, children clothes and young adults; however, all clothing items are greatly appreciated. If you have items to donate, please bring to the church office and we will get the items to FBC-Valdese or if you want to take them to FBC, they take donations on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm.

East Burke Christian Ministries  
August: Dried Beans

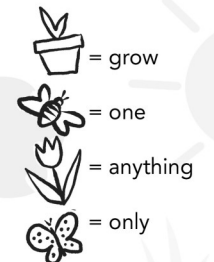


## PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

### KEY



I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, Apollos \_\_\_\_\_ it,  
but \_\_\_\_\_ has been making it \_\_\_\_\_.  
So neither the \_\_\_\_\_ who plants nor the  
\_\_\_\_\_ who waters is \_\_\_\_\_,  
but \_\_\_\_\_, who makes things \_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, God, grow, watered, only, anything, one, one, grow, God, grow



### There are



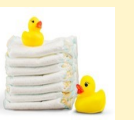
### Committee Meeting Changes!

Beginning in August, the following committees are making the following changes to meeting times!

- \*Trustees will move to the **2nd Monday of the month** at 5:30 pm.
- \*Finance Committee will move to the **4th Tuesday of the month** at 6:15 pm.
- \*Church Council will move to the **4th Tuesday of the month** at 7:00 pm.

### Dry Bottoms Ministry Update

Greetings from the Dry Bottoms Team!  
2nd Tuesday each month @ 4:00 pm



Our date for Dry Bottoms Ministry was July 8th. We were very pleased that Pat Zimmerman came by to help. We were also glad that she did, we would have been in trouble (bad shape). We served 25 adults, with 38 children. Again, thanks Pat for showing up to help.

*Love and Blessings to you all, Sharon Aikens*