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We are now well into the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which runs two different times in the year. The first time begins after Epiphany, which is January 6, until Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter. The second period of Ordinary Time runs from the Sunday after Trinity Sunday all the way to the First Sunday in Advent, thus consuming about half of the calendar year. In this season, the paraments are green, so they will be green for quite a few more months this year. The word “ordinary” does not mean that the Sundays are of lesser value than the other Sundays of the year. As used here it comes from the ordinal numerals by which the weeks are identified or counted. It is a season to discover God in the daily rhythm of all our lives. Another emphasis for Ordinary Time is on being united with other Christians around the world. World Communion Sunday, which will fall on October 5 this year, is a part of Ordinary Time. Sometimes, our world seems to be anything but “ordinary,” anything but normal, as disruptions seem to occur in our lives quite often. But let us always remember that, even though we sometimes think ordinary and normal are no more, that we must continue to be servants of God in our daily lives, whether we think they are normal or ordinary or not.

The following persons will be in our pulpit for the month of August:

August 3 David Reeder

August 10 (Communion) Jimmy Chapman

August 17 Brendan McLean

August 24 Stuart Baskin

August 31 Danny Couch

Jimmy Chapman—Moderator of Worship

Committee Members include Lynn, Mary, and Kathy.

FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBER CARE

The July 13th fellowship luncheon was another success. One can hardly go wrong with sharing a meal with people we love and care for. Snowflake catered a sandwich mixture and different summer salads. Peach ice cream was served for dessert.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for **September 21**. There will be a program about our upcoming October church sale. Louise and Jan will lead an informative discussion about our downsizing project to benefit Camp Gilmont. Mark your calendars for this third luncheon of the year.

Please be in prayer for Mary, Steve and family as we all praise God for Bert Lowe's life and her contribution to God's kingdom through the work she did with children of the neighborhood and her beautiful voice. A service celebrating her life was held at our church on July 22. Thanks be to God for Bert Lowe! Continue to be in prayer for Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Margaret Hillin and all those who are in your hearts.

Grace and peace, on behalf of Kathy, Mary, Suzanne and Kelly, Jan

OUTREACH

On June 28 John H, John T, Jan, Kathy, Lynn, and Louise prepared the bags for distribution during the Adopt-a-Block. They also discussed three requests that had come into the church office.

Request one was from the Chamber of Commerce for items to be included in the new teacher bags. We contributed 100 post it notes and pens with the church logo on each.

Request two was for help with the Yates Park school supply drive. Cash donations were accepted during the month of July and \$455 were delivered the week of July 28.

Request three was from the fire department for assistance with the October Paint the Town Pink fundraiser. We will donate \$100 and put up pink ribbons. The proceeds of the fundraiser will go to help local individuals dealing with cancer.

July 1, a sensory workshop was held in the fellowship hall, hosted by the outreach committee.

July 10, Louise and Kathy attended mid-morning coffee with Monica from HIM. Monica invited everyone to come by HIM on **Saturday, August 2** for a free hot dog. Tips accepted. Next mid-morning coffee will be **August 14** at Origins Bank.

Next **Adopt-a-Block** will be **August 23** at 10 AM when we will share cold watermelons with our neighbors and any church member who would like to join the fun.

Louise, John H, John T, Lynn, Jan, Sylvia, Kathy



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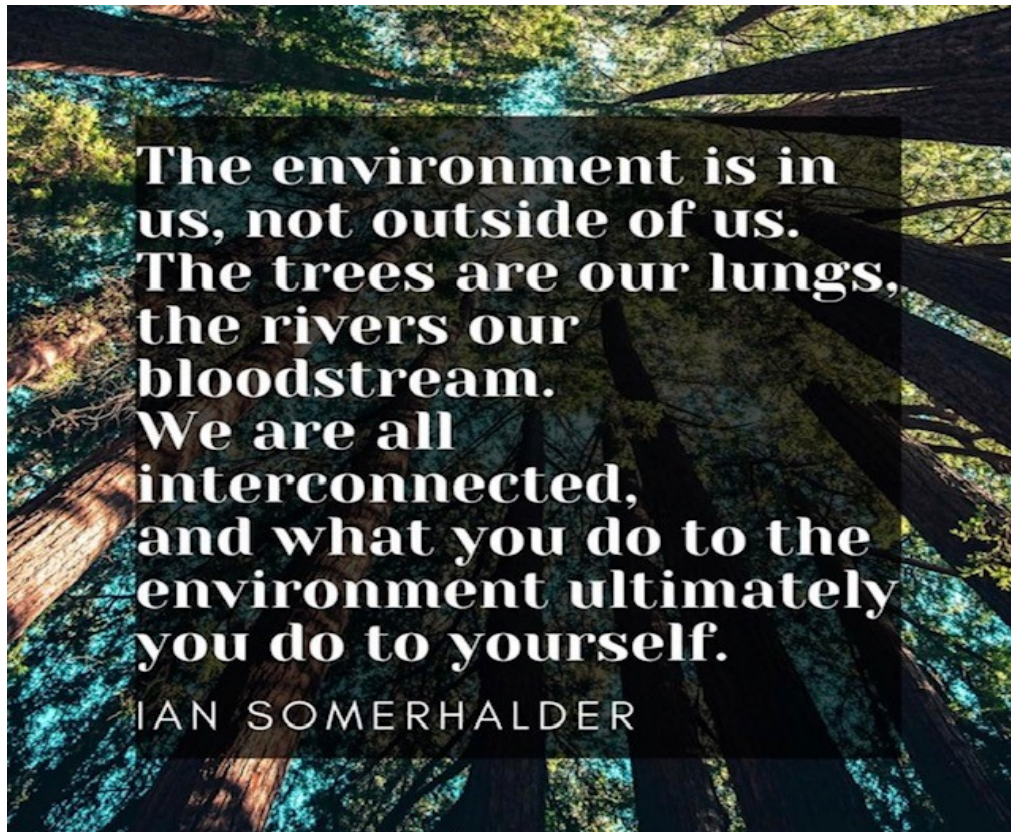
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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



June 2025:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$7,170	\$15,570	-\$8,400	
May 2025:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$7,354	\$6,521	\$833	
Year to Date:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$45,581	\$53,991	-\$8410	

DID YOU KNOW?



C.E. Green Team

BUILDING AND GROUNDS NEWS

Well, we are a little closer to our goals of having the back trees cut and trimmed, gutters in place, a drainage dig, and some new sloped concrete. Lots of plans are being finalized toward getting our property functional and in good order. A sprinkler system check and repair is upcoming and an October church sale is being planned. Your building and grounds team is at work and we would appreciate your prayers for ease and safety in the completion of these projects.

Thank you on behalf of John T., John H., Steve, Charlie, Tom & Kathy, Jan



The **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM** wears many hats within our congregation. We help produce and distribute the monthly "Connections" newsletter, post the weekly church service bulletin and monthly newsletter to the website, update the front page of the website each month, compile and publish an annual church directory, and assist with special submissions to the newspaper. If you have something to include in the newsletter, the submission deadline is the fourth Monday of each month. Please send e-mail submissions to Liz and Louise. We remain resolute, excited, devoted, and honored to serve the congregation. Team Members are Liz, Louise, and Kathy (Suzanne-proofreader).



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—The Sunday School class is continuing its study of *Appreciate These Things—8 Ways to Cultivate Compassion* by Jill Duffield. Reverend Duffield was the editor of The Presbyterian Outlook for several years and is now the senior minister at a large Presbyterian Church in North Carolina. She is an excellent writer; the class has already studied her books on both Advent and Lent, and is enjoying this new one. The book is based on Philippians 4:8: “Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Reverend Duffield has a chapter on each of these things: whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy. Somehow we in the class thought that in today’s world, these would be good virtues to focus on.

Jimmy Chapman—Moderator of Worship/Christian Education

Members of CE include Lynn, Kathy, Sylvia, John H., Steve .

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 11-2 HIM Free Hot Dog Social (bring a food donation)
3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder	4 11:00 Worship Meeting	5	6	7 8 am Stuff backpacks for Yates school supply drive	8 Meals on Wheels	9
10 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship & Communion with Jimmy Chapman Home Communion	11 11:00 Worship Meeting	12	13	14 9:30 Chamber Mid-Morning Coffee @ Origins Bank	15 Meals on Wheels	16
17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Brendan McLean	18 11:00 Worship Meeting	19	20	21 2:30 L.E.A.N. Coalition	22 Meals on Wheels	23 10:00 Adopt-a-Block Watermelon Extravaganza
24 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Stuart Baskin	25 11:00 Worship Meeting Newsletter Deadline	26 Stewardship Pledge Cards due	27	28	29 Meals on Wheels	30
31 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Danny Couch						



Liturgists for August

3—Steve

10—Kelly

17– Carol

24– John H.

31—John T.



August Birthdays:

22—Weldon

27—Charlie

28—Tammy