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Celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ

From the Pastor's Study

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There is a season (a time appointed) for everything and a time for every delight and event or purpose under heaven — Ecclesiastes 3:1

Record of Faithfulness

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In the coming month, we will be saying goodbye to Liz Hounshell as she transitions to serve as the pastor of the Salem/Mt. Carmel Charge near Goldsboro. Liz is, and has been, a blessing to our church and the surrounding community. Each of us has been touched by her gracious spirit, warmed by her infectious smile, and challenged by her prophetic witness. For me, she is a trusted colleague and partner in servant leadership. In more ways than I have room to enumerate, she has helped to bring a steady balance to our pastoral leadership team.

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Record of Faithfulness (through April 30, 2017)

- Operating Budget: \$1,385,000
- Total Contributions: \$413,635
- Total Spent in pursuit of mission: \$451,506
- Total Indebtedness: \$433,835
- Mother's Day Offering: \$250
- Online Contributions from January 1, 2017: \$42,235
- Need furniture? Visit our Facebook page for items for sale to benefit UMW.

In the midst of our farewells, we prepare to welcome Rhonda Grant Jordan to her new leadership role among us as Associate Pastor of Mission and Empowerment. We are excited for her willingness to answer God's call and receive the baton from Liz as she continues to run the race set before her. Please pray for Liz and Rhonda as they seek to be faithful in their callings.

The American Futurist, Margaret Ferguson, once noted:

It's not so much that we are afraid of change or so in love with the old ways, but it's that place in between that we fear . . . It's like being between trapezes. It's Linus when his blanket is in the dryer. There's nothing to hold on to.



In the next few weeks, we will have the opportunity to remind Liz that her ministry with and among us has helped us to grow both individually and as a church. Take some time to convey this to her in the ways which seem best for you. And remember that in God's unfolding drama, everything, even the varied changes we encounter, he has a purpose yet-to-be fully realized. In each change we encounter, including this one, we rest secure in the hands of an Unchanging God. Jesus gives us our best glimpses of God, and he has said, "I am with you . . . always." In the change and transition, we will trust this to be the foundation beneath us.

In Christ,

Jon (the Methodist)

Graduate Sunday

Graduate Sunday is June 11 for our High School Seniors! There will be a luncheon following the 10:55 service for graduates and their families in the Taft Christian Life Center. If your son or daughter is graduating from High School or College, please contact the church office, 752-3101, with their name and information. RSVP for the lunch to: jarvisyouth@gmail.com.

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Sermon Series

This summer our worship themes will center around the theme: Fruit of the Spirit: The Character Traits of God. “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things.” (Galatians 5:22-23) These qualities not only describe God’s character and nature, but become the qualities that describe Jesus’ followers. Join us this summer as we explore each trait.

Library Hours

This summer, the Hooker Library will be open on Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 12 pm. There are over 10,000 items to include picture books, juvenile fiction and nonfiction, adult fiction and nonfiction, and a large DVD selection. Swing by the library for more information regarding the 2017-2018 Battle of the Books. If you are interested in a summer story time, email klanierevans@suddenlink.net.

Pastor Liz’s Progress Report

How can I ever thank you enough for all the ways you have made me the pastor that I am today? Truth is, I cannot do it fully, but I can try! The past three years have been so great, so wonderful, so awe-inspiring, that I can hardly put it into words. Thank you with all my heart for your terrific generosity, your examples of faith, your prayers and your encouraging words. Thank you also for the ways you have guided me and stretched me. God has used you to help me grow, not only as a new pastor, but also as a Christian. Of course, I realize I have not “arrived” yet—in other words, I will always be learning as I go. That’s a part of being a follower of Jesus, right? Indeed, the life of faith is a journey, and YOU ARE a huge reason that I have gotten to this point in my journey. Please know that you have had a tremendous influence on me, and I am extremely blessed and honored to be a part of your lives and this amazing church. I appreciate Pastor Jon and how he has mentored me and modeled pastoral leadership as well.

Now, this is not a farewell letter but only a progress report! There is so much to celebrate as we reflect on the progress we have made, thanks be to God. Some special highlights for me are:

- The Dream Team and our continued involvement in the lives of our Boys and Girls Club members and families.
- The Welcoming Ministry, our four teams and their team leaders, and all the ways we are growing in our practices of radical hospitality.
- Leading the Jonah Bible study for my ordination and how you helped to make it such a good learning experience for me.
- Getting to know our children and youth and learning about God through their witness.
- Preaching in all of our services and seeing your smiles and faces light up with joy.
- Meeting over lunch or coffee and sharing our spiritual journeys.
- Offering and receiving comfort from you in times of sadness and loss.
- Singing and ringing handbells with you and making a “joyful noise” together.

These are only a few of the many, many ways you have made a difference in my life. You have been and are such giving servants of God. I am amazed at your sacrifices, your dedication and your enthusiasm in doing the Lord’s work. Jarvis Memorial, Greenville, and the world beyond reflect more and more of God’s purpose because of you.

And you have taken a “young” pastor and shown me God’s love, grace, power and joy. I will forever be grateful.

I love you all,

Pastor Liz

Future Events: Mark your Calendar

- * **Pastor's Reading Circle** - Sunday, June 4 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. We will discuss Anne Lamotte's book, Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy. Everyone is welcome to participate.
- * **First Chance for White Pants** - Thursday, June 1 from 6 to 10 pm at the Greenville Hilton. To purchase tickets, go www.mhfc.org
- * **UMM Power Breakfast** - Saturday, June 17 at 7:00 am the United Methodist Men will host a breakfast for clergy and lay members who are attending Annual Conference (June 16-18).
- * **Living Out Loud (LOL)** - Monday, July 31st through Friday, August 4. LOL is a mission-focused program for rising 6th graders that helps teach our students to work together for others to the glory of God.

Our Community: Global Leadership Summit



Jarvis Memorial UMC will be a host site for this year's Global Leadership Summit, scheduled for August 10-11, 2017 in the Taft Christian Life Center. We are an official satellite location for The Summit, the Willow Creek Association's annual world-class leadership event, broadcast via satellite from the Willow Creek campus near Chicago. This is one of the most accessible and affordable opportunities for leadership development available anywhere. The Summit is something to which you can bring both veteran and new (emerging) leaders (from your business, church, or non-profit). Many groups use this event as a leadership retreat, building and strengthening relationships, while sharpening their skills and abilities together. This year the theme of the Summit is "Influence." Take a moment to watch Bill Hybels, founding pastor of Willow Creek, as he explains the significance of this year's gathering.

<https://youtu.be/Ipfj3O228f8>

Previous participants in The Global Leadership Summit, can attest to how practical and helpful it will be. The teaching is not exclusive to church or business size, but targets principles of leadership which are applicable to any setting. The Summit, reaches across denominational and ethnic lines. Your participation will link you to an audience of Summit participants totaling over 400,000 world-wide. Yet, this is so much more than a church leadership conference. It is a great opportunity to provide meaning and value to the business community within each of our congregations. In short, every participant will be given the opportunity to strengthen their contribution in the workplace and the world.

Jarvis Memorial UMC is proud to partner with our friends at Practicon in making this opportunity available to the people of eastern NC. Please share this with your friends, co-workers, neighbors, UMW Circle, Sunday School class, etc... The cost for the two-day event is only \$89 to Jarvis Memorial members. To learn more and register to attend, visit the following source: <https://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/>

Congratulations to Liz and David Hounshell upon the marriage of their daughter, Katie Hounshell to Ryan Martinuik. They had a beautiful ceremony on Sunday, May 21 in the sanctuary. Blessings to Katie and Ryan as they begin their life together.

Missionary Community

"It's the first time I feel like I actually know what it means when people say they have a relationship with God." Although this was said by a freshman girl at UNCW this past year, it's something we hear often from students involved with Cru. As students explore what they believe about faith, God, morality, purpose, and life, college provides an opportunity for students to either choose God for themselves, or not. Cru at UNCW provides an opportunity for every student to hear and respond to the gospel in a relevant and meaningful way during their time in college. To accomplish this task, we seek to give students opportunities to explore who God is for themselves, to build them up in their faith, and to send them out into the world as lifelong missionaries in their everyday lives. I, Caitlin Vancott, have been working with Cru for ten years now, and I really believe that if we can effectively reach college students today with the life changing message of the Gospel, that they have the capacity to change the world tomorrow!

<https://www.cru.org/>

The Congregation and Staff of Jarvis UMC wish to extend their sincerest sympathy to: -Wayne and Laurie Godwin upon the death of Laurie's brother, Michael Lee Brooks, who passed away on May 1.



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Fill the House Sunday 3.0

Mark your calendars now for Fill the House Sunday 3.0 - Sept. 10 at 10:55 am. We will join in one combined worship celebration in the sanctuary and welcome our guest preacher, Dr. Roger Owens. Roger is on the faculty of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, serving as Associate Pastor of Christian Spirituality and Ministry. A gifted teacher and preacher, Roger is the author of numerous books including, A New Day in the City: Urban Church Revival. In the evening, we will gather again and Roger will share from his own experiences serving an uptown congregation and the unique opportunities that Jarvis Memorial has to serve our community.

Jarvis Older Youth: Joy Club

The June meeting of the Joy Club (Jarvis Older Youth) will be held in the Douglas Flex Space in the Taft Christian Life Center on Monday, June 5 at 12:15 pm. A delicious luncheon will be served by Chef James Edu. The program will feature the work of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, their prayer shawls, lap quilts, hats for children with cancer, and hats for the Armenian children for Christmas. If you would like to come, please call the church office (752-3101) by June 2 to put your name on the list of attenders.

Calendar Events

May 29	Church Office Closed	June 7	Umbrella Market
	Happy Memorial Day!	5:00 - 8:00 pm	Five Points Plaza
May 31	Umbrella Market	June 9	Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:00 - 8:00 pm	Five Points Plaza	7:00 am	Cypress Glen
June 2	Men's Prayer Breakfast	June 11	Graduate Sunday
7:00 am	Cypress Glen	10:55 am	Sanctuary
June 2	Open Gym (Youth)	June 15	Summer Youth Group
7 pm-9 pm	TCLC Gym	7:00-8:30 pm	Youth Room
June 4	Communion (All Services)	June 17	Power Breakfast
		7:00 am	TCLC Gym
June 4	Pastor's Reading Circle	June 23	Shelter Meal
6 pm	Conference Room	5:15 pm	TCLC Kitchen
June 4	Children's Wing Mtg.	If you are unable to attend a Sunday service, you may listen to the 10:55 am service live broadcast over WAGO-FM 88.7, 91.1, 97.7, 100.5 and 101.1.	
10:15-10:45 am	TCLC Gym		
June 5	JOY Club Lunch		
12:15 pm	Taft Christian Life Ctr.		