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SPRING COMMUNION

There's a touch of Heaven's glory
In my garden spot for me.
Each leaf and bud and flower
Reflects Gethsemane.

God walks with silent footstep
Among these plants today;
As I work with earth and seedlings,
I bow my head to pray.

I feel His loving presence
This dew-wet day in Spring.
The shadow of His cross is here
On every living thing.

*Written by Jean Conder Soule
Taken from Salesian Missions*



In the Spotlight

In House (Church Artist)



Camden Methodist is fortunate to have such a capable artist in attendance. Our SPOTLIGHT feature this month is on Julie Foster, who not only helps create the props and backdrop for the yearly Vacation Bible School, but has also painted the mural depicting God's Creation and His Plan for salvation on the way leading to the Fellowship Hall.

Ask her about It! The scripture text on the top and middle are God's good intent for humanity and the scriptures that are below instruct humanity to be careful in the things we do. It is intended to remind us of God's



mastery and our human need for God's intervention ...Jesus. A tree shaped as the letter "T" is at the beginning... stating that, The Word of the Lord is Good. The same

tree provides the shape of the cross at the end of the mural. Walk along it and note the scripture verses and where they are placed, also count the days of creation.

Julie was born in and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Betty and Robert Jones. Her brother Duane was nine at the time and was like a parent to her, often taking on that role while her parents were busy. Duane was gifted with an artistic hand and would spend time drawing with his little sister. Robert was a hardworking leatherneck and worked in the oil fields and her mother, with a knack for prose, wrote for the local newspaper. When she was two years old, the family moved to Ogden, Utah where both parents were employed as civil servants at Hill Air Force Base.

Julie spent her summers with extended family in Texas and Oklahoma. Her Grandmother Jones and Aunt Myra took her to Sunday school and church. It is in Sunday school that Julie first started learning about Jesus, unconditional love, and forgiveness. This is one of the reasons that she thinks it is so important to teach art at the Methodist Home for Children, using art as a vehicle to break down barriers and show the love of Christ. Children need to learn of Jesus in a loving and kind way to prepare them for life's trails. She remembers acknowledging God as a part of her life even as a young girl and feeling His presence in a beautiful sunset and hearing His voice speaking words of comfort. After one summer when she was around eight years old, she asked her mom to take her to church. Her mother dutifully dropped her off on Sunday mornings. It was at the First Baptist Church in Ogden, Utah that she received an altar call and was baptized the next Sunday.

Her enthusiasm for art and gardening sprang from her grandparents in Oklahoma and there was a great deal of musical talent on both sides of her family. Julie does not remember a time when she didn't sing almost everything all the time, either out loud or in her head. She will often be found singing while she is drawing or painting. Her brother told her that she whistled in her crib when she was a toddler, but she doesn't remember that!

Julie lived in Utah until 5th grade and moved with her mother to Minot, North Dakota after her

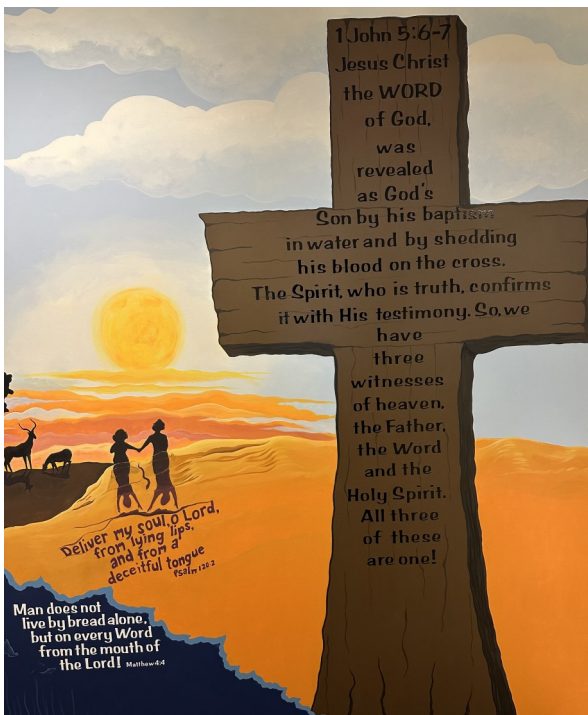


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parent's second remarriage and divorce from each other. Fond of her teenage years in North Dakota, Julie remembers her dog, Buck, (yes, the name is inspired by Jack London's, *Call of the Wild*) and their awesome days playing in the snow. She went to an excellent school in Minot and was encouraged by her art teachers. Unbeknownst to her at the time, her art teacher, Mrs. Brekke, entered one of her acrylic paintings in a statewide competition. Her painting, *Sailing*, won the Congressional Governor's Art Show for North Dakota and was displayed with other national winners in Washington, D. C.'s Congressional Hall. Thank you, art teachers everywhere!

Earning a scholarship to The University of North Dakota in 1990, she graduated with a B.A. in French and Art History, with a study abroad year in Rennes, France.

Her brother at that time had joined the Coast Guard and was living in Mobile, Alabama. She went to stay with him after graduation. It was here that her brother introduced her to John Foster, a fellow Coastie. After a wonderful six month courtship, she married the love of her life and proceeded to follow him to various duty stations: Traverse City where her sons, Jack and Walter were born, Elizabeth City, where Doreen Nash and Theresa Molthen introduced them to Camden (United) Methodist, Air Station Detroit where they lived in Marysville, a great place to raise children, Houston, Texas where they lived for a year and finally back to Camden again. Whew!



Her favorite food is anything Asian, as long as it is gluten free! Her hope for the future of the church is that there would be a continued outpouring of His love to the unchurched community. One of Julie's favorite hymns, *In the Garden*, was also her grandmother's and her favorite scripture is Ephesians 2:10, "*For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, that God has prepared for us in advance to do.*" Amen!

Ways you can SERVE

- Music Director (Paid Position)
- Youth Leader (Paid Position)
- Newsletter Editor
- VBS Assistant, Volunteers (Next Meeting April 11)
- Communication Group (Prayer Chain, Social Media, Power Point, Bulletins, Newsletter)
- Sunday School Assistant Teachers
- Greeters For Sunday Morning Before Worship
- Communion Assistant (Preparing Communion, etc.)
- Acolyte Assistant (Guiding Children)
- PLEASE SEE PAT SEIGH IF YOU ARE CALLED TO SERVE OR HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR ONE OF THE PAID POSITIONS.

CHURCH SIGNS



- ♦ Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case!
- ♦ Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back.
- ♦ Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.



WELCOME

to Our Newest Members!

Meet our newest members: Gary and Debbie Zimmerman and their granddaughter, Avah, who became members of Camden Methodist Church on February 18, 2024.



Gary Zimmerman is a retired Navy Chief with over 23 years of military service. He additionally has served in Afghanistan and in Saudi Arabia as an independent contractor. Debbie graduated from ODU and has worked as a freelance accountant/bookkeeper for over 35 years. Gary and Debbie married in 2002 blending their family of six children and now boast 16 grandchildren! Two of their grands have lived with them almost entirely since they were born, Trevor and Avah. Trevor is 18 and will be enlisting in the US Coast Guard having completed four years in JROTC in high school. Avah is 12 years old. She is in the 7th grade and is thriving in home school. Gary and Debbie's spiritual background is rooted and grounded in a genuine commitment to Jesus Christ and

His Word. Formerly members of a large Pentecostal holiness church nearby, they missed the ability to fellowship with like-minded believers in a close knit community. They state that Camden Methodist feels like family and it is a pleasure to worship and serve here.

Gary, Debbie, and Avah we are so glad you made the decision to become a member of the Camden Methodist Church family!

The Jackie Berry Circle wants to thank everyone who participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Albemarle Pregnancy Resource Center. As soon as all the bottles are returned, they will be delivered to the Center. We will be anxious to report to you how much we raised for this very important mission.

Sue Seigh was our shopper for Easter baskets/goodies for 12 children at Albemarle Hopeline and 7 children at the Methodist Home for Children.



Baskets headed to the Methodist Home for Children

Tammy Munro was our shopper for Easter bags for the Sunday school children at our church.

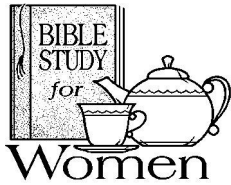


Bags for our Sunday School Children

In addition, a love offering was given to a deserving family, a donation was given to help with expenses of the Women's Bible Time and Tea Ministry, and card were sent to several people.

The Jackie Berry Circle will be responsible for the meal at The Chosen on April 14, and will sponsor a Taco Salad Fundraiser on April 17 from 5:00—6:30 pm. Cost is \$10.00.

Our next meeting is April 10 at 6:30 pm in the Net Room. Please plan to join us.

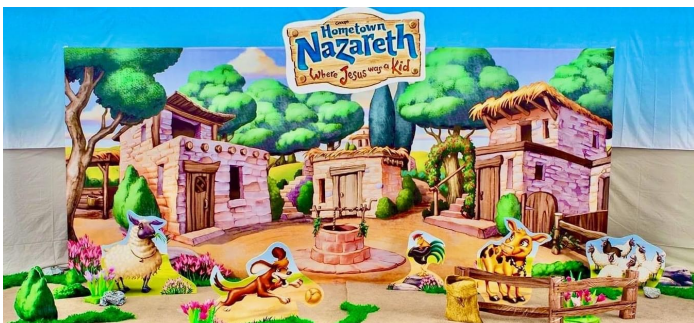


If you haven't joined the **Women's Bible Time and Tea Ministry**, it's not too late. At our last meeting the lesson focused on a woman's Pursuit of God's Priorities-Her Husband. Each lady was given a Marriage Prayer Calendar to use daily while praying for her husband. Those who are widowed or single were encouraged to use the calendar to pray for the men in our church, our pastor, and fathers in our community.

On April 9 we will be focusing on a woman's Pursuit of God's Priorities-Her Children. "There is no greater place of ministry, position or power than that of a mother," as quoted from the book A Woman After God's Own Heart.

Join us on April 9 and share a cup of tea, some refreshments, and your heart with a gathering of like-minded women all trying to have a heart more like God.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the group, see Kellie Berry and let her know you plan to attend.



The theme for this year's VBS at Camden Methodist Church is "Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid". The date has been set for July 31 thru August 2 with a program being held during worship service on August 4. It takes a lot of hands to conduct a VBS. If you can help, please join us at the next planning meeting on April 11 at 6:30 pm. See Beth Upton if you have any questions.



Did you know that Camden Methodist Church has a prayer garden? It is located between the sanctuary and fellowship buildings. The prayer garden is dedicated to the memory of Brian Leary, who attended Camden Methodist Church with his young daughter. It is lovingly tended by his parents. At this season of the year you will find palms, snapdragons, hydrangeas, and tulips decorating the garden. Why don't you stop by and spend a few quiet moments with God, surrounded by His beautiful creations?

BRING THEM TO CHURCH

Saturate their lives with the word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior...because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay to lay out, not pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job.

Bring them to church.

**Monday April 1**

Pastor's Day Off

9:30 am Pre-Bag Food for Food Pantry

Tuesday April 2

8:30 am Minister's Council

7:00-11:30 am Food Pantry set-up, food distribution, clean-up

Wednesday April 3

10:00 am Membership Committee

10:30 am Praying Disciples

4:30-6:30 pm Drive Thru Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday April 4

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Strummer's Practice

Sunday April 7

10:00 am Sunday School

11:15 am Worship Service

Monday April 8

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday April 9

10:00 am-2:00 pm Gloria Wesner Craft Group

5:30-7:00 pm Women's Bible Time & Tea Ministry-Net Room

Wednesday April 10

10:00 am Membership Committee

10:30 am Praying Disciples

6:30 pm Jackie Berry Circle

Thursday April 11

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm VBS Planning Mtg.

7:00 pm Strummer's Practice

Friday April 12 & Saturday April 13

NC GMC Called Annual Conference

Saturday April 13

7:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday April 14

10:00 am Sunday School

11:15 am Worship Service

5:30 pm Dinner & A Movie (The Chosen)

Monday April 15

Pastor's Day Off

9:30 am Pre-Bag Food for Food Pantry

Tuesday April 16

7:00-11:30 am Food Pantry set-up, food distribution, clean-up

Wednesday April 17

10:00 am Membership Committee

10:30 am Praying Disciples

5:00-6:30 pm Taco Salad Dinner

Thursday April 18

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Strummer's Practice

Sunday April 21

10:00 am Sunday School

11:15 am Worship Service

Monday April 22

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday April 23

10:00 am-2:00 pm Gloria Wesner Craft Group

5:30-7:00 pm Women's Bible Time & Tea Ministry-Net Room

Wednesday April 24

10:00 am Membership Committee

10:30 am Praying Disciples

6:00 pm Finance Committee

7:00 pm Administrative Board

Thursday April 25

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Strummer's Practice

Sunday April 28

10:00 am Sunday School

11:15 am Worship Service

Monday April 29



Ray Godfrey (2)	Wrae Collins (24)
Gabby Berry (8)	Landis Neal (24)
Beau Schmutz (10)	Joann Snowden (25)
Linda McClintock (14)	Sarge Hoffman (26)
Kirk Barkley (23)	Laurie Krainiak (28)

TRUST
yourself
 TO THE
Lord
 WHO MADE YOU.



Robert & Tiffany Woodhouse (4)
 John & Julie Foster (8)
 Ross & Tammy Munro (14)

6 Reasons Why You Should Trust God

- 1) He Knows you by name.
But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; You are Mine. Isaiah 43:1 NKJV
- 2) He will fight for you.
"The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." Exodus 14:14 NKJV
- 3) He thinks about you.
How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! Psalms 139:17 NKJV
- 4) He has plans for you.
For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV
- 5) He is your refuge.
He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out you heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Psalms 62:6-8 NKJV
- 6) He is always with you.
"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20 NKJV

To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge, to find the will of God is the greatest discovery, and to do the will of God is the greatest achievement.

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. John 12:26 NIV



If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or in honor/memory of someone, please contact Wrae Collins @ 252-335-7049.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

April 25

Camden Methodist Church

Administrative Board

February 28, 2024

Pat Seigh opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Reports

Pastor's Report	Pastor Wayne reported Sal Scotto Divetta has assumed the Head of the Trustees Committee.
Treasurer's Report	Preliminary February 2024 report was reviewed. In addition to the required payment we were again able to pay an additional \$1,000 toward the principle owed on the mortgage.
Finance Committee	Suzanne Berry reported the committee meets only quarterly now. Discussion about the need for a new laptop for treasurer, as the current one was purchased in 2011. A decision was made to purchase a new laptop and hard drive for the treasurer. The money received from the anonymous donor this month will be used for the purchase.
Staff, Parish, Personnel Relations Committee	No Report
Memorial Fund	Balance today is: \$2,542.36, all designated.
Trustees	Sal Scotto Divetta reported he would prefer emails for work needed. Kids in The God Squad Sunday school class want to have the Net Room painted and tried starting a fund raiser for the paint! The color is to be submitted to the trustees who will take care of it.
Communications	Mike Gall reported the cameras are back up and running. He will be working on getting security cameras and will work with trustees for locations. Discussion about advertising what the needs are in the church: help with newsletter, VBS, communications, etc. These will be listed in the bulletin, online, slides on Sunday, etc. Pat Seigh will be the contact.
Event Coordinator	Rachel Scotto Divetta reported that Global was looking for host churches for mission workshops. CMC will apply to host a workshop on the afternoon of June 8.
Sunday School	Attendance for February is 150.
Food Pantry	Beth Flythe reported we are receiving excess amounts of food from the government which is taking up a lot of extra space in our kitchen;

	Trailer ramp/door needs to be repaired; Pat Seigh will take it for a repair estimate.
Membership Committee	Suzanne Berry reported they are meeting weekly to do data entry.
Old Business	VBS: Beth Upton has asked for volunteers. Floor Wax of Social Hall: Sal will work on this now Parking Lot Drainage: Daryl was here and did some work to improve the drainage. May get stone to improve the drainage.
New Business	A proposal for a Global Methodist sign was presented. After discussion it was decided to hold off on this, as with the pending road construction we will have a new sign and we will look at a Global Methodist sign them. We need someone to monitor the old Camden Methodist Gmail account to forward emails to the specific committees. Beth Woodhouse will monitor it. Mike Gall is to get her the login information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Pastor Wayne closed the meeting with a prayer.

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The Church Record for FEBRUARY

Avg. Worship Attendance	84
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 1,680.00
Mortgage Fund Expense	<u>2,819.93</u>
Net Deficit	\$ (1,139.93)
Mortgage Balance	\$ 317,943.26
Operating Fund Income	\$ 13,935.98
Operating Fund Expenses	<u>10,949.24</u>
Net Surplus	\$ 2,986.74
Capital Improvement Income	\$ 600.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ (3,249.00)

Please be Praying for...

At Home

Ann White
 Paula Ledbetter
 Gladys Clow
 Mike, Janet & Kirk Barkley
 Rose & Pete Kornegay
 Jerry Leitch
 Gail Umphlett
 Ada Sailer
 Pastor David & Myrna
 Stuart Dillon
 Addyson Singleton
 Matt Hite
 Chris Leary
 Diane Ledbetter
 Marsha Beatley
 Lori Hunt
 Maureen Kennedy
 Jimmy Brickhouse
 Tommy & Linda Dilday
 Nicholas Bundy
 Karen Seigh
 Sheila Aldrich

Mary Pritchard
 Family of Kay Pierce
 Gloria Spence
 Callie Barker
 Gary Knudson
 Adelaida Spaulding
 Hannah Stallings

Unable to Attend

Anne Harrell
 Melva Hardison (Hospice)

In Service to Our Country

Owen Games
 Jeff Asper
 Jake Drahos
 Logan Munro
 Cameron Perry
 Drew Latham

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 someone from the prayer list
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GREETER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Sal & Rachel Scotto DiVetta



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

7 Jaxen Schmutz
 14 Beau Schmutz
 21 Bentley Shockley
 28 Avery Holt



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