

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Spencer Goodman	10	Adam Brewer	18	Chelsea Johnson
2	Madison Peterson	10	Beth Cowling	18	Kim Schmidlin
5	Ric Anderson	13	Elizabeth Bond	21	Cooper Pate
5	Lois Dail	14	Anne Johnson	22	Asher Tyndall
5	Dal Snipes	15	Hank Bethea	23	Kenneth Collins
6	Kristina Ronnfeldt	15	Christopher Ennis	28	Rhonda McLamb
7	Hayes Snipes	17	Jake Hamilton	30	Pete Bynum
8	Thomas West	18	Whit Brewer	30	Teeny Perry

Easter Bible Study “This Risen Existence: The Spirit of Easter”

Join Pastor Beth as she begins a five (5) week Easter Bible Study on Tuesdays in May. We will meet in the Visioning Center at 7:00pm each week.

Date	Topic
May 2	Loose Ends: The Resurrection and Mark’s Gospel Dramatic Events: The Resurrection and Matthew’s Gospel
May 9	On the Way: The Resurrection and Luke’s Gospel Lifted up: The Resurrection and John’s Gospel
May 16	Life and Death: Epistles
May 23	At the Right Hand of God: The Ascension
May 30	Spirit-filled Lives: Pentecost

Outreach Thanks YOU!

The Outreach Team recently delivered Easter gift bags to residents at a local nursing home. The residents were thrilled and touched by “your” generosity. Thank you for supporting the Outreach team with needed supplies and donations!

UMW BBQ Meal is Wednesday, May 3 at 5:30pm

Come on out to Divine Dining Wednesday at 5:30pm to support the UMW with their BBQ Supper fundraiser. The menu is BBQ, Slaw, Baked Beans, Sliced Bread, Sweet Tea and Water. Please bring your delicious desserts. Yum! Yum!

Bookworms Discussion Date Changed to May 3

The Bookworms’ April 26 discussion date was moved to Wednesday, May 3 at Noon in the Visioning Center. The discussion will be based on the most recent read, “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” by Robert Schnase.

The May book is “Five Practices of Fruitful Living” also by Robert Schnase. Bookworms will meet on Wednesday, May 24 for the discussion.

Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast – May 4

The annual National Day of Prayer Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast is being held at Gospel Tabernacle on Thursday, May 4 at 7:30am. DSUMC choir members will be joining in the DUMA Combined Choir. A limited number of tickets are available in the church office and are \$10.00 each. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Divine Street Note Cards For Sale

The UMW are selling Divine Street note cards and envelopes. The notecards have the picture of the church on the front cover and are blank inside. They come in packets of 20 cards/envelopes for \$10.00. See Lois Dail, Huntsie Strickland, Joyce Draughon or Susie Creel to purchase, or stop by the church office Monday-Friday during office hours.

Guest Speaker at UMM Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of Methodist Men will be held after Divine Dining at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 10. After a short business meeting, Wally Mills, President of the Capital District UMM and nominee for 2018 Conference President of UMM will be speaking to the group.

Mr. Mills grew up in Lumberton, NC and moved to Lake Waccamaw during high school. Following graduation from NCSU, he stayed in the Raleigh area. He has served on the Capital District UMM, Missions Strategic Planning Committee and also served on the NCCUMC Missions Committee. He is working with our Methodist Men and jointly sponsoring and planning a joint UMM retreat which will be held at Campbell University on November 4.

The BLG Wraps Up 2017 with Spring Luncheon

The BLG has plans to wrap up the year’s events with a Spring Luncheon at Triangle South Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 16. Watch the bulletin for the announcement of time and cost per person. The menu will feature a variety of fresh and delicious dishes that everyone will enjoy. Highlighting the afternoon will be a special program provided by the talented musician, Michael Dermott, Patsy Coats’ grandson. For more information or to sign up for the event if you are not on the calling list, contact the church office at 910-892-2339.

Scholarship Deadline is May 20

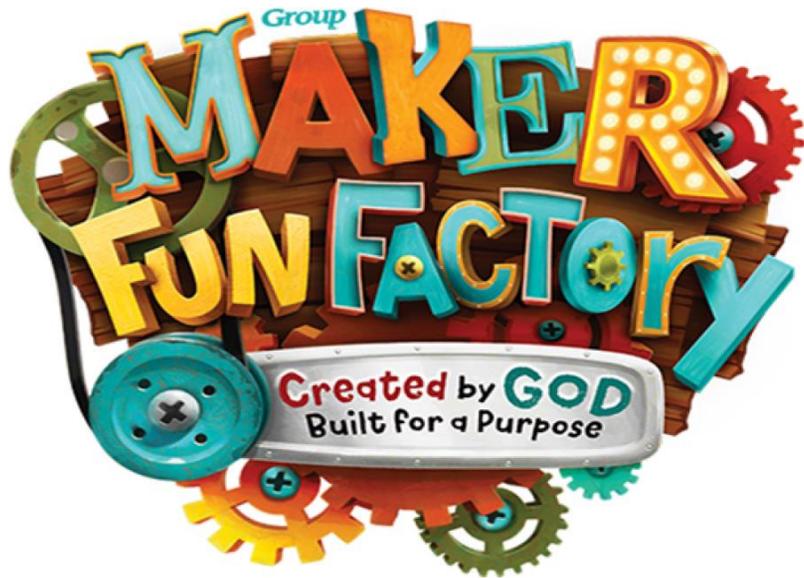
We are accepting applications for the Chip Johnson Memorial Scholarship through May 20. The applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the spring with the intention of full-time student status following graduation. The application and full policy may be found on the church website www.divinestreet.org, or paper copies are available in the church office. The scholarship will be awarded on Graduation Sunday, June 4.

Divine Street Tshirts are Coming to Divine Street

Our Outreach Committee has been busy designing a new Divine Street UMC tshirt that will be sold to raise money for Outreach missions. We need your input please! We plan to order all sizes AS – 6XL, with the majority of shirts ranging AS-XL. If you think you would be interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact the church office to let us know your specific size so we ensure to get enough of the sizes needed for everyone interested, especially if you wear a XL or larger. We plan to place the order on Monday, May 22 to take advantage of sale pricing. Shirts will sell for \$15.00 each.

Save the Date for VBS – June 25-29, 2017

We are trying something new this year! VBS will be held in the evenings from 5:30 – 8:00pm, Sunday – Thursday. We are hoping it will be very successful and will allow more children the opportunity to attend and experience all the fun we have at Divine Street VBS! We also hope an evening VBS will allow working parents the opportunity to volunteer during the week.



If you like children and want to help them grow in their relationship with Christ, you have all the qualifications needed to serve in VBS. We are seeking volunteers to be Crew Leaders, Station Leaders, and Youth Helpers. To volunteer or for more information, please email Pastor Kristina at the church at dsumcyouth@nc.rr.com, give her a call on her cell at 919-332-9335, or contact the church office at 910-892-2339.

VBS Registration forms may be found on the church website beginning May 7. Paper copies will also be available in the church office. Pre-registration is recommended to help in the planning for supper, activities and volunteers.

Greeting Native American Ministries Sunday

One: Every part of this earth is sacred.

All: Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy.

One: The rocky crest, the meadow, the beasts and all the people, all belong to the same family. Teach your children that the earth is our mother.

All: Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth. We are part of the earth, and the earth is a part of us.

One: The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst.

All: The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the air is precious, for all of us share the same breath.

One: The wind that gave our grandparents breath also receives their last sigh.

All: The wind gave our children the spirit of life.

One: This we know, the earth does not belong to us.

All: We belong to the earth.

One: This we know, all things are connected.

All: Like the blood which unites one family, all things are connected.

One: Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

All: For we did not weave the web of life. We are merely a strand in it.

One: Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.

All: Let us give thanks for the web and the circle that connects us. Thanks be to God, the God of all.