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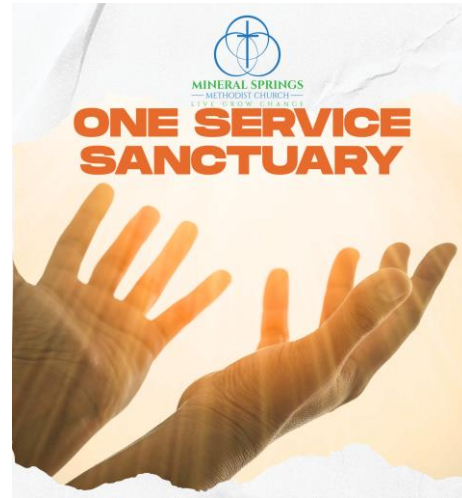
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Mears' Meanderings



July 6th Join Us for a Special Worship Service in our Sanctuary with Special Guest:
World-Renowned Clay Artist, Peter Rubino

We are thrilled to announce a unique and unforgettable worship experience in the sanctuary, where our entire church family will gather as one body to celebrate God's presence in the Sanctuary.

What makes this Sunday even more extraordinary is our special guest, Peter Rubino, a world-renowned clay sculptor whose inspiring work has been featured internationally. Peter will join us during the service and share a live clay sculpting experience that visually expresses the Gospel message. His artistry has moved audiences around the world, and we are honored to have him with us for this one-of-a-kind moment.

You will not want to miss this!

Date: July 6th **Time: 9:45am** **Location: Sanctuary**

Spring Kids K-5 will attend worship.

Childcare will be provided for PreK age and younger.

Let's come together—one body, one Spirit, one Lord—and celebrate the creative and life-giving power of our God!

Your brother in Christ,
Rev L Alan Mears



AIR FORCE

Jay Connelley, Bradley Little

ARMY

Cody Guion, Marshall Little, Zack Wolfe
Staff Sergeant Ryan Toth, Army National Guard

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Lana Lamkin, James Helms, Barry Roberson, Elizabeth
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Myckle Griffin, Greg Horton, Sue Thornton,
Cindy & Kate Zidanic, Chris Lemmond,
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Smith, Kent & Nancy Shoe, Dale Hopkins,
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Shannon Gray, Cooper Knowles, William Miles,
Marsha Cundiff, Brandon Carver, Mark McSheehan,
Martha Robinson Kiker

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please contact church office with any changes or
information.*

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METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday July 10, 2025 in the church office. Fellowship at 9:30 with the meeting following at 10:00. All ladies of the church are invited.

A big thank you to all who worked so hard on our Spring Luncheon. Thank you, a job well done.

July is a special month for our Fellowship. This month we celebrate special members of our congregation. Christmas in July! We present a "goodie" bag to these special loved ones. Individual packages of applesauce, mixed fruit, puddings, raisins, small packs of tissues, breakfast bars, game books, etc. Just to give several suggestions. If you as a member of the congregation would like to contribute, you may leave your goodies in the FLC, Office or Sanctuary breezeway. Currently, we have 16 individuals on our list. If you know of someone who should be recognized, please contact any member of our Fellowship.

Our next Blood Drive will be October 6, 2025. Thank you for your support of previous drives. We will see you in October. "Roll up those sleeves!"

At our June meeting we were introduced to Jasmine Lindsey. Jasmine gave an inspiring message of the organization, "Monarch". Monarch serves Cabarrus and Union Counties. They provide help to our less fortunate people. Monarch is one of the Missions that our Fellowship supports.

The Back Pack Ministry is slowing down for the summer months. We will begin collecting again next fall. Back Pack provides for Parkwood Middle School. Don't forget us over the summer. Watch for those BOGO specials. Please join us to provide for those who are in need. A reminder, no glass containers, please.

A reminder, we sell the best knives in the world along with flavoring. These things help us support our Mission Projects. Any time is tomato season....try our tomato slicer.

Best in the world. Honest!

Thank you for your support.



Bill Howie

Lindsay & Patsy Ballard
Thomas & Kay Hinson
David & Donna Nickel
Springers
Wayne & Becky Geddings
Robert McCain

Erica Bernas

Rodney & Janet Little



We express our sympathy to Family and friends of Bill Howie.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who helped make this VBS a glowing success! From songs to stories, crafts to snacks—you lit the way with love and joy. Because of you, little hearts are burning bright for Jesus!





Note from Chris

Hello all! Hope your summer is going well. Quick shout out to Kristen Mothershed, all the youth, and other volunteers who made VBS a huge success! We will be having a combined service on July 6th in the Sanctuary.

We would like to welcome McKenna Bovender to the tech team; she's doing an awesome job on lyrics. Hope to see you on Sunday!

In His Service

Chris



We are grateful for our volunteers who have stepped up to help teach Sunday School to our children from babes to 5th grade. We need more individuals with the gift of teaching children to help; once a month or just once every quarter. If you are able to serve in Babies-PreK, Grades K-3 or Grades 4-5 contact Miranda Young at Springkidsmsmc@gmail.com or 980-721-7162.

July 6th we will have one combined worship service. Sunday school will be available for ages PreK and younger only this Sunday. Elementary age kids will worship with their family.

August 24th is Promotion Sunday when Bibles will be presented to children in Grades K-5 in worship. Sunday school will be available for ages PreK and younger only this Sunday.

Parents, please pickup your children ASAP after worship. We understand a time of visiting and fellowship after worship is important. Our teachers arrived early to prepare to teach and we want to be mindful of their time commitment. Thank you.

2025 Vacation Bible School





JULY Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

2 Camden Okada, Mariah Wlodkowski, Katie Walker
 4 Herman Hodges, Hilma Schakel
 5 Brian Parker, Gillian Bernabe, Benjamin Dyer
 6 Landon Ballard, Michael Goodwin
 7 Annette Crews, Kay Hinson
 8 Rick Allen, Cody Lewis, Adele Whitaker
 10 Wayne King, Ryan Mothershed
 12 Ali Blythe, Connor McCann
 14 Morgan Eller, Barbara Lemmonds
 17 John Bruschi, Chandler Johnson
 18 David Hornberger
 20 Rich Catalano, Jeffrey Salyer
 22 John Blair
 23 Conner Dobbins, Pam Riley
 24 Linda Broome, Leann Geddings, Fred Roach
 25 Jay Hammerstone, Corey Metz, Cam Nichol,
 Caden Salyer
 26 Chris Linthicum, Rebecca Brody-Parker,
 Fletcher McLaurin
 27 Rich Wilson
 28 Samantha Blythe, David Erps

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 Richard & Marilyn Watt
 13 Josh & Ashley Lee
 14 John & Amanda Mohor
 24 David & Donna Nickel
 27 Jerry & Alyce Griffin
 30 Wayne & Kay King

If your birthday or anniversary has been overlooked or you know someone whose name needs to be added, please call church office 704-843-5905 or email: mineralspringsmethodistchurch@gmail.com Thank you.



Summer is in full swing, and for most of our parents that means the kids are home full time. Though summer break is a great time to spend more time together as a family, it can also be challenging to find engaging activities for kids to keep them engaged and their brains active during this down time. In this article, I wanted to focus on some ideas I have gathered that can help support you as a parent, grandparent, or caregiver, to keep them engaged and having fun all at the same time.

One of the biggest changes for kids during the summer months is the lack of structure. Kids are like all of us and need structure to keep them focused and in balance mentally. Having some downtime/free, time is important to relax, but too much is not healthy. Professionals encourage parents to post a routine somewhere in the house for everyone to see. It can be flexible, but could include things like times to wake and go to bed, mealtimes, screen time rules, chores, and a list of fun options for downtime. It can be important to include time for creativity and artistic projects as well. Remember to not be so structured it becomes a burden or overwhelming. Sometimes less is more.

Early preparation is key when there are shifts in schedules or routines. Camps, Bible School, athletic activities, vacations, and other scheduled activities should be discussed well in advance to give the child transition time to prepare. This is not as hard as it sounds, as it's simply a conversation/reminder of upcoming changes. This can help the child transition smoothly and avoid resistance.

Sometimes we must remind our kids to eat and stay hydrated, especially if they are outdoors or at the pool frequently. Kids have so much fun they can forget to eat and drink, so it's up to us to remind them. Healthy snacks and water are great for filling the gap between meals.

For others who are more sedentary or engaged in indoor activities such as reading and art projects, it can be important to remind them to get up and move their bodies every hour or so. Kids can become so engaged they lose track of time and end up sitting for hours without moving. Taking a short walk or playing outdoors just 10 minutes can rejuvenate our bodies and brains for the next task. As caregivers, don't forget to set the example by following some of these same rules. We too can get so focused on projects we forget to move. It's good for all of us.

I hope these simple reminders will set the stage for a great summer full of family fun and activities, and as always, if you want more information, or someone you know is struggling with a mental health issue, or needs emotional support, please contact our church office, and I will make a time for us to talk. Remember, support is all around us, just reach out and let someone know you are in need.

Blessings, Rodney Little,
 Congregational Wellness Coordinator

**2025 Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting
Schedule, Mineral Springs, North Carolina
Schedule of Ministries and Worship**

SUNDAY, JULY 20 11:00AM

*OPENING SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
LITTLE SUNDAY*

Butch Byrum

SUNDAY, JULY 20 3:00PM

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev L. Alan Mears

Mineral Spring Methodist Church

EVENINGS: JULY 21-23 8:00PM

EVENING SERVICES (SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY)

Rev. Brad Kelly, Shiloh Baptist

EVENINGS: JULY 24-27 8:00PM

EVENING SERVICES (THURSDAY-FRIDAY)

Rev Mark Carnes

He's Alive Church

SATURDAY EVENING: JULY 26, 8:00PM

Rev L. Alan Mears

Mineral Spring Methodist Church

SUNDAY, JULY 27 11:00AM

BIG SUNDAY MORNING

Rev L. Alan Mears

Mineral Spring Methodist Church

SUNDAY, JULY 27 6:00PM

CLOSING VESPERS- SENDING FORTH SERVICE

Lay Servant, Butch Byrum

Union UMC, Wesley Chapel, NC

**MORNING SERVICES – 10:30AM –
MONDAY-FRIDAY**

MONDAY, JULY 21 10:30AM

Rev Doug Hines, New Hope SMC

TUESDAY, JULY 22 10:30AM

Rev. Charles Hines, Prospect SMC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 10:30AM

Rev Marsha Tillman

THURSDAY, JULY 24 10:30AM

Chuck Schermerhorn

FRIDAY, JULY 25 10.30AM

Rev. Carroll Anthony

Youth events for July 2025.

Open Gym- 6-8pm Wednesdays, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Sunday Night Youth 6-8pm Summer Pool parties

July 6, 13 & 20th

July 27th High school dinner from 6-8pm.

Summer Pool Parties

Every Summer Mineral Springs Youth Group likes to spend our Sunday evenings together by enjoying a nice swim to beat the heat. Each Sunday we try to travel to a new host that opens their pool and home to us for 2 hours. If you have a pool or know of a pool that would be available for use, please contact Josh Hammerstone @ 931-206-2624 to schedule.

High School Lunch/Dinner -Sunday, July 27th.

All 9th-12th graders are invited to come out once a month for a Lunch or Dinner outing as a group. This month's destination hasn't been chosen yet but will be discussed during regular youth. Plan to bring money for your food, drink and tip. This is a great time to get together as like-minded young people to fellowship and share around the table.

Open Gym Wednesdays, July 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd & 30th

Join us on Wednesday night for an open gym. This is a time where we simply play games and fellowship with one another. During this time, we play an organized game for half of the time (volleyball, kickball, dodgeball, etc.) and the remaining time is your choice. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come check us out! This is open to ALL 6th-12th graders.

Sunday Night Youth Group, July 6th, 13th & 20th

Join us Sunday nights from 6-8pm in the FLC for Bible study, dinner and games. This is a good time to be challenged and uplifted in your walk with God. This is open to ALL 6th-12th graders. Summer is here so some Sunday Nights will be our Pool Parties!

On Fire for Jesus,

We will continue our Wednesday and Sundays night lessons and music at the fire pit. It is a great setting for spiritual conversation and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we learn and grow together

**2025 North Carolina Annual Conference of the
Global Methodist Church, June 25-28, 2025**

Benton Convention Center
301 W 5th St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Our 2025 NC Annual Conference session, June 25-28. We are excited about our worship time together and look forward to seeing you! We have a fabulous line up of speakers. The complete Conference Schedule is in the 120 page NC Conference Work Book. The Conference Workbook is available for download. The Workbook will be your on-site tool to guide you through your Annual Conference experience.

[2025-Conference-Workbook-Final.pdf](#)

The Annual Conference will be livestream!

Please invite your congregations, family and friends to join us virtually if they are unable to attend Annual Conference in person.

Go to ncglobalmethodist.org and click the livestream link on the home page June 25-28!



2025 VBS Bibles Mission Project

The NC Global Methodist Church is in a partnership with the Uganda-South Sudan Global Methodist Church.

Mineral Springs Methodist Church collected 25 Bibles to send to Conference and monetary donations received for Bibles for Uganda of \$900.00; this will provide the ability to purchase an additional 90 Bibles for Uganda for a grand total 115 Bibles for Uganda. Thank you!



Grief Support Group

The Grief Group will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, July 28th, in the Wesley Room in the church office.

SPRINGERS.....SPRINGERS.....SPRINGERS

Summer is here and we have fun things planned. On June 22nd, we enjoyed a cookout. July 1st, we will get on the church van and head to McLeod's Farm for our day getting peaches, enjoying lunch and the special "peach ice cream." Then July 13th, will be our "Homemade Ice Cream Supper." Come join us on the 4th Sunday of the month (unless notified) at the CLC at 5:00 p.m.

Here is a photo from our special musical guests in May, the Award winning quartet from the Sweet Adeline's.



CHILLAXIN & FUN



The Men's and Ladies Bible Studies have taken a break for the summer. They will resume in the fall. Details to come.

Congratulations Graduates

Michael Bernas
Sean Callahan
Taylor Cameron
Laikyn Carter
Bella Davis
Tyler Harrell
Kyle Simpson



Confirmation Class



Kyle Arant
Piper Linthicum
Braylan Mears
Katelyn Mears
Carter Metz
Brandon Mothershed
Evan Mothershed
Ryan Mothershed
Colt Nichol
Camden Okada
Colton Salyer
Aubrey Tyson
Chase Tyson
Derrick Welch
David Votaw





Wreaths across America Event for December 2025

First highlighting a Veteran Buried at Mineral Springs.

Raymond E. Robinson

Served as a PFC in Headquarters Company 317th Field Artillery Battalion 81st Division in World War I.

The 81st Division is an Olive drab circular patch with a Black silhouette of a Wild Cat derived from Wild Cat Creek at the Camp now Fort Jackson, SC. He was born April 12, 1893 then died January 22 1977.

Moving forward the plan is that we will have Mineral Springs Cemetery Registered with Wreaths Across America thus covering the cost of each Wreath being \$17. Bill Howie was a WWII Veteran and as most know, he recently went home to be with the Lord, so our known count of Veterans in our Cemetery is now 27 Wreaths.

At a minimum the Pack and Troop would like to cover the cost of 27 Wreaths. If additional family members have Veterans in our Cemetery or you have one buried in a local Cemetery that doesn't also participate in Wreaths Across America, please identify those Veterans so we can order additional Wreaths. Since it's our first year establishing I don't foresee any issues.

If you just want to donate money towards a Veteran in General or in honor of one buried somewhere else, please provide their name and a little data about that loved one, Branch of Service at a minimum.

Now how to contribute. Either write a check to the Church with the Memo section marked Wreaths Across America, WAA, or Vet Wreath. If you want to give a check or cash directly to Stephanie Okada or I, **make the check out to Pack 18** (Troops involved just easier to deposit in one account).

We can start accepting in July. Will update status in future Pipelines.

If you have any further questions please contact Stephanie Okada or John Mohor, Email: jmohor@usg.com or call 704-400-9687.

Listed are the known Veterans currently identified in our church cemetery.

If anyone isn't on the list, please let us know so we can add them (details of their branch of service, if not specified on the gravesite, respectfully requested).

William Cameron Coan
Wilson Alexander Coan
George Geddes
W.T. Wolfe
Warren S Coan
Ray Calvin Shields
Thomas Roland Doster
Isaac McGuirt Jr.
Mark Leon McDonald

Warren Dover
Callie Franklin King
Raymond E. Robinson
Jerry A. Rodgers
Archie A. Tyson
Michael Hilton White
Robert Lee Steele Jr.
Dewy Nall Robinson
Drew Harris

Henry Kelly McManus Jr
Harold L. Carter
James Oscar Wooten
Donald Lloyd Carter
E.B. Wallace
Alex Haywood Jackson
Charles Patrick Connelley
John Will Newell
Bill Howie

Mission Committee Activities for May and June.

Meals at Operation ReachOut

Two Mission Teams from the **Home Improvement Adult Sunday School Class** have served the May 9th and June 13th meals at Operation ReachOut. They agree it's a rewarding experience to serve others. A special thanks goes out to other class members who did some of the prep work. It's a great way to spend a couple of **hours** working together with Christian friends.



L: Robin Connelley, Jack & Marcia Bruschi
R: Patti Goodwin, Robin Connelley & Becky Geddings
Representatives from the **Young Adult Sunday School Class** will be serving in July.

Common Heart Food Pantry

Once again, Mineral Springs Methodist Church partnered with Amazing Grace Lutheran Church to sponsor another Food Pantry. Mark your calendar and plan to join us at our next event on **July 8th**. Contact John Worley at worleyjmmba@aol.com with questions or to participate.



Proverbs 11:25 "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

BAPTISMS



Kyle Arant



Evan Mothershed



Carter Metz

2025 JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Springer's Van reserved all day 5-9pm Men's BB FLC 6:30pm AI-Anon CLC 7pm AA mtg/CLC	2 9am Sew Blessed/Epworth 6pm Open Gym	3 <i>Church office closed</i>	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 7pm AA mtg/CLC	5 9:30am Yoga
6 9:45am worship Sanctuary 9:45 SPRING Kids/CLC 6-8pm Youth/FLC	7 6:30pm Pickelball FLC	8 8-12 Common Heart parking Lot 5-9pm Men's BB FLC 6:30pm AI-Anon CLC 7pm AA mtg/CLC	9 9am Sew Blessed/Epworth 12-6pm Chillaxin & Fun CLC 6pm Open Gym	10 9:30am MSMW/Asbury	11 7pm AA mtg/CLC	12 9:30am Yoga
13 9:45am worship Sanct FLC 9:45 SPRING Kids/CLC 4pm Springer's CLC 6-8pm Youth/FLC	14 6:30pm Pickelball FLC	15 5-9pm Men's BB FLC 6:30pm AI-Anon CLC 7pm AA mtg/CLC	16 9am Sew Blessed/Epworth 6pm Open Gym	17	18 7pm AA mtg/CLC	19 9:30am Yoga
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July 20th is the deadline for the August Pipeline.

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