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Mears' Meanderings

Dear Friends in Faith,

As the leaves begin to turn and we embrace the beauty of autumn, we're excited to invite you into a transformative journey of stewardship here at Mineral Springs Methodist Church. This fall, we're launching our annual stewardship campaign, themed "Step Up," inspired by the timeless call to "Worship plus 2." This approach reminds us that true discipleship begins with worship and extends into faithful giving and joyful service. It's not just about what we do—it's about stepping up in our relationship with God and one another.

Our "Step Up" campaign is designed to encourage each of us to deepen our commitment to Christ and our church community. Over the next four weeks, we'll explore this theme through a special sermon series, small group discussions, and practical ways to live out our faith. Whether you're a longtime member or new to our family, this is an opportunity to reflect, renew, and respond to God's abundant blessings.

The "Step Up" 4-Week Sermon Series

Join us every Sunday as each week builds on the last, guiding us to "step up" in key areas of our spiritual lives:

- **Week 1: September 28th – Introduction to "Step Up"**

We'll kick off with an overview of what it means to "Worship plus 2." Drawing from scriptures like John 4:23-24 "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth", we'll set the foundation for how worship, giving, and serving interconnect to strengthen our faith and our church.

- **Week 2: October 5 – Step Up to Worship** Worship isn't just a Sunday activity—it's a lifestyle. We'll dive into Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.", we'll highlight the importance of communal worship and mutual encouragement, and how God has placed us together.

- **Week 3: October 12 – Step Up to Giving** Giving is an act of gratitude and trust in God's provision. Inspired by Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house", we'll explore tithing, generosity, and how our financial commitments support ministries like youth programs, outreach, and building maintenance.

- **Week 4: October 19 – Step Up to Serving** Service is where faith meets action. Referencing Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve", we'll highlight opportunities to volunteer in areas like Sunday school, community meals, missions, and more. Discover how your unique gifts can make a real difference!

Commitment Sunday: A Sacred Moment of Faith

The culmination of our "Step Up" series will be **Commitment Sunday on October 19th**. This special service is a time for personal reflection and dedication. You'll receive a "Step Up" commitment card (like the one shown below), where you can make a commitment for the coming year in worship, serving, and giving.

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Mears Meanderings Continued

These commitments are private—seen only by you and God. No one from the church will review them. Instead, you'll place your card in a self-addressed stamped envelope and bring it forward during the service. We'll seal them and put them under the altar as a symbol of surrender to God's will. In one year, we'll mail them back to you as a gentle reminder of the decisions you made with God for 2026. It's a beautiful way to hold ourselves accountable and celebrate growth!

Here's a preview of the commitment card:



MINERAL SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH

This Year I Will

STEP UP

☐ To Worship

☐ To Serve in the following areas:

☐ To Give _____ % of Income
_____ \$ Per Week
_____ \$ Per Month
_____ Other (Specify)

Signed: _____



(Printed copies will be available during the series and on Commitment Sunday.)

Why "Stepping Up" Matters

In a world full of distractions, "Step Up" calls us back to the essentials of faith. Your participation strengthens not just our church budget but also our shared mission to spread God's love in Mineral Springs and beyond. Last year's commitments helped us expand our ministry for Jesus—imagine what we can do together in 2026!

In Christ's love,
Rev. L Alan Mears



Note from Chris

Hello All!

Happy Fall! Now that things are getting back to normal a little, it's time to be gearing up for our holiday season. Come out and support our church during the Fall Festival. It's great seeing so many new faces each week. Make sure you find someone you haven't met and connect with them! Still have spots available on our tech team. See you on Sunday!

In His Service,
Chris



Pastor Alan Mears, Ric Wlodkowski,
Robert Addington, Anne King, Marshall Enwright,
Tyler, Shelley & Rich Catalano, Violet Cook,
Alyce & Jerry Griffin, Kristin Keener, Kelly Smith,
Leah VanNetta, Brad, Jerry & Dot Hartis,
Holland Walker, Veronica Bachtel
Meg Giddings, Don & Kathy McGinnis, Denny Bryson,
Wayne & Leila Maske, Sandy Strawn, Doris Carpenter,
Raymond Helms, Debbie Watkins, Lana Lamkin,
James Helms, Barry Roberson, Elizabeth & Cramer
Phillips, Nell Starnes, Melanie Brennan, Myckle Griffin,
Greg Horton, Sue Thornton, Cindy & Kate Zidanic,
Chris Lemmond, Ruby King, Pat Harris,
Darlene Blackburn, Dale Watts, Erika Perez, Tom Ross,
Lisa Cox, Dave Pandoli, Frank Buchannon,
Tammy Little, Melinda Fisher, Wilburn (Bud) Cutshaw,
David Broome, Father Brad Smith, Kent & Nancy Shoe,
Dale Hopkins, Elizabeth Brooks, Joyce Starnes,
Toby Holland, Shannon Gray, Cooper Knowles,
William Miles, Marsha Cundiff, Brandon Carver,
Mark McSheehan, Martha Robinson Kiker,
Robert Wlodkowski, Wayne Geddings, Donald Combs,
Claire Howell, Danny Sanders, Marlene Reeck,
Jennifer Ross, Anne Carson, Sam Kosterman,
David Gordon, Venn Helms, Mary Engler, Annette Fox,
Sara Porter, Wyatt Cartertary, Gary Lane,
Barbara McKim, Kathy Dublin, Kathy Knight,
Larry Bell, Marie Harwood, Rusty Miller,
Nancy Tawney, Tom Pope, Johnny Penegar, Jeff Gross,
Evelyn Wilson, John Larry Fite, Loretta O'Neal,
Doris King, Linda Mosley-Hess, Robin Boehler,
Cathy Kalista, Terry Fallick, Peggy Bradley,
Melvin Glass, Lynn Stickleather, Betsy Huneycutt,
Kevin Smith, Kathy Newman, Donna Flanders,
Fred Artibee, June Hornberger, Teresa McGowan,
Craig Plummer, Charles Fowler, Alex Hudson

*Help us to keep the prayer list current and updated,
please contact church office with any changes or
information.*

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METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

What a wonderful time we had at our Salad Supper! Good and different salads, fellowship with new friends, and a wonderful program. Want to know how to write and publish a book? Just email Marsha Strawn at: marshastrawn@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 9, 2025, in the church office. Fellowship at 9:30, meeting at 10:00. Cara Steele will present our program, Operation Reachout. Join us.

Just what does the Women's Fellowship do?

Our primary purpose is to serve God through our church. Yearly donation to: ARC, H.E.L.P., Turning Point, Hospice of Union County, Operation Reachout, Prison Ministry (Women), Three Blood Drives a year, Christmas in July (to support our shut ins), meals as needed, school supplies, Bereavement meals, gift to Missions for babies, Back Pack ministries, These are a few.

Speaking of Blood Drives, our next drive is Monday, October 6, 2025. Please sign up with Red Cross.

Donate to the Back Pack Ministry in the FLC or the Sanctuary breezeway. No glass jars, please.

We sell flavoring and the best knives in the world. These things help support our ministry.

Thank you for your support.

Crafts for Christ

We've been really busy! We made handmade cards of encouragement for the ladies in the House of Pearls program as well as an assortment of cards the ladies can send to loved ones (birthdays, etc). We also made bookmarks for the literacy program! Currently we are making friendship bracelets to be given out at an event at at Queens College by the Civil Rights /Title 9 Office- promoting friendship/connecting with fellow students.

What's next? We have plans to turn T-shirts into Jump ropes and balls for Operation Christmas Child boxes, tote bags for cancer patients and auction items for the Carolina Waterfowl Rescue! Come join us Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 in the Wesley Room!! Please reach out to Lisa Parker @ 704-264-5212 or email: honeyptdog2018@yahoo.com with questions. Would love to do an evening group if there is interest!



Sylvia Hill

Lindsay & Patsy Ballard

Worth Whitaker

Lindsay & Patsy Ballard

Gayla Adams

John & Nancy Darsey

Thomas & Kay Hinson

David & Donna Nickel



Baptism of Declan Toth

MS Methodist Women

CAMPUS WORKDAY

is scheduled for Saturday October 25th,
8:00am until Noon

October 19th

11am

Trustees|CLC

6pm

SPRC| CLC

Finance|Asbury

7pm

Administrative Council|CLC



We are back in the swing of things with our spring kids. I hope everyone has had a great month back in school. Parents, I hope you have been able to enjoy this month of getting back to routine and maybe a little peace and quiet as well.

We are back in our normal classrooms. K-3 are on the stage side of the CLC, 4th and 5th graders are on the kitchen side of the CLC and the Preschoolers and Infants are in room 104.

Your children will be using their bibles a lot during their lessons, please remind and encourage your children to bring their bibles every Sunday. Please put your child's name in their bible so we don't get them mixed up with anyone else's.

Every Sunday, once service starts the doors in the CLC will be locked except for the side door.

We love our volunteers and to thank them we had a luncheon on September 7th. It was a great time and enjoyed some good food and fellowship.

We still need volunteers for all our classes. If you are available or interested, please let me know. You do not have to work in your child's class. You can pick what age group you prefer, and if you are teaching, the lesson will be provided for you. If you are interested, please email Miranda at springkidsmsmc@gmail.com or text Miranda at 980-721-7162 Thank you.



SCOUTS

Monday nights:

Cub Scout Pack 18 meetings at 6:30pm. in CLC.

Troop 18 meets at 7:30pm. in the CLC.

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

AIR FORCE -Jay Connelley, Bradley Little

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

MARINES - Patrick McCann, Caleb Simpson, Averi Lavoie, Connor McCann, Juan Hidalgo, Sean Summers

COAST GUARD – Jaylen Sullivan

CPL McCann, Patrick N.
Mals 36, Mag-36
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814 Radford Blvd
P.O. Box 20179
Albany, GA 31704

LCPl McCann, Connor L
6423 McWhorter Rd
Waxhaw, NC 28173
Temporary

PFC Simpson, Caleb M
MCESG MSG School
27277 Browning Rd
Quantico, VA 22134

LCpl Hidalgo-Vega, Juan
HQHWRON (weather)
Unit 35202
FRO AP 96372-5202



Protecting Your Mental Health on Social Media

Let's be honest—social media is a huge part of our daily lives. It keeps us connected, makes us laugh, and sometimes even inspires us. But sometimes the things we see and read on social media leave emotional scars that damage our wellbeing.

As I said at administrative council meeting last month, sometimes images pop up without us even looking for them and before we can close or scroll past, we have already seen too much. September was a particularly difficult month with the murder of 23-year-old Iryna Zarutka, and the assassination of Charlie Kirk. These two events and images stirred many emotions for us all, and many took to social media to share their hurt and sadness. Still others used social media as a platform to share unkind words and justifications for these criminal acts, gaslighting many, and leaving many of us angry and questioning our limits of tolerance for our fellow man. Given social media's daily presence in our lives, how can we protect ourselves while still being able to enjoy the positives of social media and stay informed.

Here are a few simple tips to help you find balance:

- **Set limits on scrolling**

We've all opened an app "just for a minute" and ended up losing an hour. Try setting screen time reminders or give yourself specific windows during the day to check your feeds. Bonus: make your bedroom or dinner table "phone-free zones" so you can actually relax.

- **Stop playing the comparison game**

It's so easy to look at someone's perfect vacation photos or career updates and feel like you're falling behind. Remember, people usually share their highlight reel—not the messy parts. Focus on your own wins, no matter how small, and practice a little gratitude for what's going well in your life.

- **Curate your feed**

I love this one. I sometimes feel obligated to let everyone and everything be part of my feed. Instead, think of your feed like your living room—you get to choose who's allowed in. If an account leaves you feeling stressed, insecure, or annoyed, mute or unfollow it. Remember as a Christian, you don't have to allow everyone in your social media space. You get to decide. Fill your feed with people, voices, creators, and friends who actually make you feel good.

Protecting Your Mental Health on Social Media Continued

- **Be mindful, not mindless**

Instead of scrolling on autopilot, slow down. Ask yourself: *Why am I opening this app right now?* If it's boredom, maybe try stretching, journaling, or stepping outside instead. When you do post or comment, make it positive and intentional.

- **Take breaks**

Even short breaks from social media can give your brain a reset. Try logging off for a few hours or dedicate one day a week as a "no scroll" day. Use that time to reconnect with hobbies, move your body, or just enjoy some quiet. Shortening the time you allow yourself to be on social media is best. Get up and take a walk leaving your phone behind.

- **Protect your peace**

Arguments in the comments section? Hot takes that make your blood pressure spike? You don't have to engage. Protecting your emotional energy is more important than winning an online debate. Block, mute, or simply scroll past anything that disrupts your peace. Unfriending people sounds cold, but you don't have to be friends with everyone who asks. Explore their post before allowing them into your space. It's what we would do if we were going to the movies with someone, so see if there is common interest to make the online relationship healthy. If it's constantly negative or argumentative, unfriend and keep scrolling.

- **Reach out if you're struggling**

If social media is leaving you constantly anxious, sad, or disconnected, don't try to handle it alone. Talk to a friend, or if you need extra support, reach out to a mental health professional. Asking for help is a strength, not a weakness. This is uncharted territory for all of us and having someone to help you navigate your feelings is a good thing.

Hopefully these simple tips can be reminders of how we can engage in social media in a healthier way.

In October, Alan and I will be presenting "Communicating God's Way", which can help us improve our Christian relationships and communication. Be watching the bulletin and announcements to learn more about this presentation. As always, if I can offer support to anyone struggling with life challenges or mental health issues, please reach out to me through our church office.

Blessings

Rodney Little

Wellness Coordinator

Children's Choir

Sunday, 4 -5 pm in the Christian Life Center
Ages 2 -Fifth Grade

Join us for worshipping God through music, games, crafts, making new friends.

If you have questions please call Mrs. Dawn at 704-291-0712

Mineral Springs Preschool

Preschool has been going strong for a month now and the kids and teachers are all getting into their rhythms and routines. And the kids are loving learning about the Fruit of the Spirit in Chapel! In October, we will be celebrating Community Helper Day on Oct 7th with a visit from a K-9 unit from the Union County Sheriff's Office, Union EMS, and Mineral Springs Fire Dept. This is always one of the best days at preschool and we are so thankful for all the men and women who work so hard for us in our towns and neighborhoods.

We are also opening our Class Readers calendar in October. Anyone who would like to come spend some time in our classrooms reading a story, please reach out to Ms Tammy at: mineralspringspreschool@gmail.com and we will get you on the schedule. You will need to have a background check done through the church office before you can come into the preschool. As always, we love knowing that y'all are praying for us!



Tammy Boyce
Director
Mineral Springs Preschool
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YOUTH - October 2025

Open Gym Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd & 29th from 6-8pm
Sunday Night Youth Group- 19th from 6-8pm
Fire pit Sermon, Music & Games.
Communicating Gods Way – 5th 6-7pm followed by Youth 7-8
Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat - 12th from 4-7pm
Youth Halloween Party - 26th from 6-8pm

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

In the past our Youth Group has enjoyed helping with the Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat. Youth aged drivers would dress up, decorate their trunk and hand out candy to the community. Those who couldn't drive volunteer to help serve food, run games or any one of the other tasks we needed to fill. This year our fall festival/trunk or treat is October 12th from 4-7pm at the Church. Contact us to sign up to help out!

Youth September Lock-in

September was our annual overnight lock in during which we celebrated Jesus and got to know one another through fellowship and games. This year 42 Youth members came out to spend the night locked in at the Church together. The Church praise band kicked off the night with all the latest Christian hits. We played get to know one another games and took communion together! The night rolled right into Sunday service where, while exhausted, the Youth were still able to connect with the Holy Spirit and give thanks to our Lord!

Open Gym- Wednesdays, October 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd & 29th 6-8 PM

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, October 19 from 6-8PM

Join us Sunday nights from 6-8pm in the FLC for Bible study, music, games and an occasional dinner. We will continue to have lessons and music at the fire pit as the weather begins to cool down. This is a good time to get challenged and uplifted in your walk with God. This is open to ALL 6th-12th graders.



- 1 Eli Clark, Will Helms, Lacey McCall
- 2 Luca Mears
- 3 Tuesday Allen
- 5 Lyla Shepard
- 6 Kayce Hayes, Kolbi Lemmond
- 7 Beth Blythe, Savannah Hartis
- 8 Madison Steele
- 11 Alyce Griffin, Tyler Harrell, Mike Tyson
- 12 Miranda Hartis, Bob Wlodkowski
- 13 Leslie Schlappich, Marilyn Wooten
- 14 Cynthia Carter, Donna Hartis, Richard Watt
- 15 Cindy Zidanic
- 16 Carolyn Smith
- 17 Joe Johnson, Rachel Johnson
- 19 Steve Marrow
- 20 Alex Turner, John Case
- 21 Taylor Johnson, Kenneth Parker
- 22 Bobby Steele
- 23 Patricia Burt
- 24 Carol Fallick, Chris Helms
- 26 Paisley Linthicum
- 28 Kim Lavoie
- 29 Andrea Collins-Rawlings
- 30 Liam Ballard



October Anniversaries

- 2 Bobby & Ethel McLain
- 10 Christian & Grace Giordano
- 12 Kirk & Terri Kettwich
- 16 Jeremy & Melissa Reed
- Jeffrey & Christina Salyer
- 20 Rick & Tuesday Allen
- 22 Stephen & Eleanor Starner
- 29 Rodney & Janet Little

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



Grief Support Group

The Grief Group meets the fourth Monday night monthly. They will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, October 27th, in the Asbury Room in the church office.



The Ladies Wednesday morning Bible study at 10am in the Wesley room.

Ladies Thursday night Bible study in the Wesley Room from 6:30 until 8 pm. Any Questions? Call Shannon Neal 704-219-1632.

Men's Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 pm in the Christian Life Center.

SPRINGERS

TIME TO "FALL" into Springers. The weather is changing and the leaves are falling and now Springers are calling YOU to come join US on the 4th Sunday at 5:00pm. every month (unless specified) in the CLC for Fellowship, Food and Fun. We always have a good time!!!! See you there!





Missions October Update

OPERATION **REACH-Out** SEPTEMBER MEAL

On September 12, **Janice Gregory** joined **Mandy and Randy Brooks** to serve 48 recipients at Operation ReachOut a spaghetti lunch, complete with tossed salad, Italian bread and dessert bars.

The recipients have the opportunity to attend Bible study before their meal and receive a take-home bag snack provided by Operation ReachOut for that night as they leave. **Thank you, Marilyn Wooten for leading the next meal preparation for October 10th.**

What Is “Fixing It for Christ”?

In 2006, when Hurricane Katrina devastated Mississippi, volunteers went from Union County to help. The following year, Waxhaw UMC led the organization of **Fixing It for Christ (FIc)** in the Waxhaw area which eventually included volunteers from 15 local churches including Mineral Springs Methodist Church. Their focus was to offer mission and ministry serving the elderly, widowed, disabled, families with children, and veterans. Since then, **FIc** has been helping local families that need a little help, support, and love with anything from making a simple home repair to building a ramp.

After Hurricane Helene, **FIc** volunteers joined with teams from the Waxhaw area to help in a town just north of Asheville on the French Broad River. After the flooding, much of the town of Marshall, NC was under 30 feet of water. These teams joined with local volunteers from the area to restore the town’s American Legion Post.

If you are interested in being a part of **FIc** in the Waxhaw area, contact John Worley at 704-574-1511. You’ll be put in touch with projects when they arise within our church family or community. **You and Fixing It for Christ** can make a difference in the lives of others.

Can this be a way you can give of your time, your skills, your service or yourself to others?



2025 Plans for Operation Angel Tree

Missions will be returning to supporting the Union County Christmas Bureau this year by providing gifts to 100 local children. The Wish Walls will be posted on Nov. 23. You can select individual gifts or gifts for an entire family. Gifts will not be wrapped but wrapping supplies will be included so the parents can be involved in their family’s celebration. More info will be in the Nov. Pipeline.

The Nov. Pipeline will also include directions for starting to donate non-perishable food on Nov 2 in the Sanctuary breezeway and the FLC lobby. By Dec. 5, this food will be contributed to the warehouse at Operation ReachOut where it will meet needs across all of Union County.



How can you begin making plans to participate?



Wreaths across America Event for December 2025

For 2025, we are all set up with Wreaths Across America to sponsor Veteran Wreaths. After a nationwide ceremony customized a little to our local cemetery, wreaths are placed at the Veterans' graves on **December 13th at 11:00 am EST** and everyone is welcome to sponsor, volunteer and attend.

Wreaths are \$17 each; you may either write a check to the Church with the Memo section marked Wreaths Across America. If you want to give a check or cash directly to Stephanie Okada or John Mohor, **make the check out to Pack 18**. If you have any further questions please contact Stephanie Okada or John Mohor, Email: jmohor@usg.com or call 704-400-9687.

<https://wreathsassamerica.org/pages/186626/Overview/?relatedId=150000>

Above is the direct link to our website where you can sponsor our veterans who have been laid to rest within our cemetery here at Mineral Springs Cemetery. You can also search for us on the Wreaths Across America website and search specifically by locations. Our cemetery is listed under North Carolina Mineral Springs Methodist Church (NCMSMC) where you can confirm it by our address.

We are aiming to cover the cost of the 28 veterans who are listed on the next page. If any additional family members have Veterans in our cemetery or if you have one buried in a local cemetery that doesn't participate in Wreaths Across America, please identify those Veterans therefore we can order additional wreaths via our website.

If you would like to donate money towards a veteran in general or in honor of one buried somewhere else, please provide their name and a little synopses regarding your loved one and their branch of service.

If you would like to give a cash donation or write a check to the church please include WAA in the memo but the preferred way to pay is through the official Wreaths Across America website, which will allow corporate matching. Instructions for these additional funds can be found on the official website.

Once we have the full itinerary completed we will share it with everyone. We will also have a wreath removal date during January, and we are still ironing out those details currently and will share with everyone later.

As of now we have 29 total veterans who have been identified locally with a few more pending.

Wreaths across America Event for December 2025

Listed are Veterans identified in our church cemetery. As of the end of July 2025. If anyone isn't on the list, please let us know ASAP so we can add them (details of their branch of service, or any corrections additions if not specified on the grave, respectfully requested).

The following are the Veterans we'll be honoring:

William Cameron Coan

(Co G 3rd SC Light Artillery
Confederate States Army)

Wilson Alexander Coan US

Navy Reserve (WWII)

George Geddes

US Army (Vietnam)

W.T. Wolfe

(Co. B 15th REGT. NC State
Troops, Civil War)

Warren S Coan

US Navy (WWII lost at sea)

Ray Calvin O' Shields

US Navy

Thomas Roland Doster

US Army

Isaac McGuirt Jr.

US Army (WWII)

Mark Leon McDonald

US Army (WWII)

Warren Earl Dover

US Army (Vietnam)

Callie Franklin King

US Navy (WWII)

Raymond E. Robinson

US Army (HQ Co 317th FA
81st DIV WWI)

Jerry A. Rodgers

USMC

Archie A Tyson

US Navy (WW II)

Michael Hilton White

US Navy (Vietnam)

Robert Lee Steele Jr.

US Army (Korea)

Dewy Nall Robinson

US Navy (WWII)

Drew Harris

US Air Force (WWII)

Henry Kelly McManus Jr.

US Navy (WWII)

Harold L. Carter

US Army (WWII)

James Oscar Wooten

US Army (Vietnam)

Donald Lloyd Carter

US Army

E.B. Wallace

US Army Paratrooper 506th
PIR 101st AB DIV (WWII)

Alex Haywood Jackson

US Navy (Korea)

Charles Patrick

"Pat" Connelley

US Marine Corps (Korea)

John Will Newell

US Air Force

William "Bill" Howie

US Army Air Force (WWII)

Henry A. Linker Jr.

(US Army 1963-1966)

*In Memory of (not buried in
Mineral Springs Cemetery)*

Ira Penegar

US Navy/ US Air Force)

John A. Mohor

US Army (Cold War during
Korea)

We're awaiting some additional names from a member of the church with Veteran family members buried nearby but not a part of any other Wreaths Across America Cemetery.



New Global Methodist Church Website

Globalmethodist.org is getting an upgrade to reflect the growth and new season of our denomination. At noon Central Time on August 1, you'll see the new foundation of our website. Updates will continue as new needs and resources arise.

GLOBALMETHODIST.ORG

Bibles for Uganda North Carolina Annual Conference Producing 9,400 Bibles for Uganda

The North Carolina Annual Conference set a goal this year to **place a Bible in the hands of every Global Methodist in Uganda**. The conference has raised funds to print and distribute 6,400 Bibles in one local language and have collected an additional 3,000 English language Bibles, to be shipped by *Bible Runners*, a nonprofit dedicated to getting Bibles in the hands of Ugandans.



"My heart is beating to see our people holding a gift of a Bible! Once I see that happen, my heart will be at rest seeing people feed on God's word by themselves daily!"

- Wilberforce Bwire, Church Planter and Leader, Uganda

Four New Annual Conferences

The Global Methodist Church continues to grow its global connection with the addition of four newly received annual conferences: Central Russia, East Russia and Central Asia, Northwest Russia and Belarus, and South Russia.

"These conferences represent faithful communities committed to the mission of the Church," said Clark Atkins, Chair of the Conferences Commission. "We're encouraged to see the connection expand and grateful for the relationships that have made this possible."

Alongside this development, the Global Episcopacy Committee and the Assembly of Bishops have also received Bishop Eduard Khegay into the Assembly of Bishops. Bishop Khegay is currently assigned to three of the four new Eurasian conferences (excluding Central Russia) and also serves the emerging area of Pakistan.

Closing Prayer

*Holy God,
Center our hearts in Your presence. Teach us to be people of prayer, rooted in Your Word and surrendered to Your will. Help us to lead with spiritual depth, and may Your Spirit guide every Bishop, Pastor, GMC Leader and all believers into deeper relationship with You. Let Your Church be a place where all gifts are honored and used for Your glory. Amen.*



YOUTH



LOCK-IN



2025



WKSFD



Exciting News: Mineral Springs Methodist Church Launches New Mobile App Powered by ChurchTrac!

In a move that's set to bring our faith community even closer together, Mineral Springs Methodist Church is thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new mobile app, powered by the innovative ChurchTrac platform. Whether you're a lifelong member or a first-time visitor, this app is designed to keep you connected to our mission:

Live for Jesus, Grow Disciples, Change Lives.

At Mineral Springs Methodist Church, we've always believed in fostering deep relationships and making spiritual growth accessible to all. Our congregation has been a beacon of hope and service for generations. From vibrant worship services and community outreach programs to Bible studies and family events, we're committed to equipping every individual to live out their faith in meaningful ways. Now, with the ChurchTrac-powered app, we're taking that commitment digital—right at your fingertips.

Why We Chose ChurchTrac: Seamless, Secure, and Simple

After careful consideration, we partnered with ChurchTrac, a leading church management software trusted by thousands of congregations worldwide. What sets ChurchTrac apart is its user-friendly design and all-in-one functionality—no hidden fees, no complicated setups, just powerful tools that enhance what we do best: building community and serving God.

Our app, called **Mineral Springs Connect**, is more than just a digital bulletin. It's a gateway to everything happening at our church, integrated directly with our ChurchTrac system for real-time updates and effortless participation.

Key Features to Get You Excited

Here's a quick look at how the app will transform your church experience:

Feature	What It Does	Why You'll Love It
Event Registration & Calendar	View upcoming services, Bible studies, youth groups, and community events. Sign up with just a few taps.	Never miss a moment—stay in the loop on everything from our annual Fall Festival to midweek gatherings.
Online Giving	Donate securely via credit card, ACH, or even text-to-give. Set up recurring gifts effortlessly.	Support our ministries—with peace of mind. All transactions sync automatically to our records.
Sermon Library & Resources	Access past sermons, devotionals, and inspirational content on demand.	Grow spiritually on your schedule—listen to Pastor Alan's latest message during your commute or dive into small group study guides at home.
Child Check-In	Quick and secure check-in for kids' programs using QR codes or family profiles.	Peace of mind for parents: Fast entry to Sunday School, complete with allergy alerts and other info.
Profile	Update your contact info	
Push Notifications	Get instant alerts for weather-related service changes, prayer requests, or urgent updates.	Stay informed and supported, no matter where life takes you.

Best of all, the app is completely free for our members and works seamlessly on both iOS and Android devices. Download it today by using the QR code above and registering your information, or check it out as a guest.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Nurture Committee would like you to know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The Nurture Committee has placed a basket in the breezeway and the FLC lobby for cards, notes, or small token gifts for our pastor. Thank you.



We will be celebrating **All Saints Day** at our Worship Service on Sunday, November 2, 2025. As a part of this service, we will be remembering those church members who have gone on to the church triumphant since last year's service. During this part of the service, we will light a candle in memory of each member and read a brief biography. Please provide a picture and information you would like mentioned in this service of your loved one to the church office by October 19th. All pictures will be available to pick up following the worship service on November 3rd. Thank you.



Holiday Extravaganza Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 22nd, 9:00am – 2:00pm

Mineral Springs Methodist Church
Family Life Center
5915 Old Waxhaw-Monroe Road,
Mineral Springs, NC 28112

Stroll through the various handmade items, food, and vendors as they display their talents and treasures. There will be something for everyone on your Christmas list!

If interested in having a table, please contact Cindy Zidanic at (704)843-7339, or czidanic@carolina.rr.com
Proceeds will go to support camp C.A.R.E.

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
9:45a Worship	8:30a Staff Meeting	1:30p Crafts For Christ	9a Sew Blessed	6:30p Ladies Bible Study	7p AA meeting	9a Yoga
9:45a Spring Kids	6:30p Pickleball	5p Men's Basketball	10a Ladies Bible Study	6:30p Men's Bible Study		
11a Nominations Cmt. Mtg.	6:30p Pack 18	6:30p Al-Anon	6p Youth Open Gym			
2p Men's Basketball	7:30p Troop 18 CLC	7p AA Meeting	6:30p Adult Choir			
4p Children's Choir						
6p Youth						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Sunday	8:30a Staff Meeting	1:30p Crafts For Christ	9a Sew Blessed	9:30a Methodist Women	7p AA meeting	9a Yoga
9:45a Worship	6:30p Pickleball	5p Men's Basketball	10a Ladies Bible Study	6:30p Ladies Bible Study		
9:45a Spring Kids	6:30p Pack 18	6:30p Al-Anon	6p Youth Open Gym	6:30p Men's Bible Study		
2p Men's Basketball	7:30p Troop 18 CLC	7p AA Meeting	6:30p Adult Choir			
4p Children's Choir						
6p Youth						
6p Communicating God's Way						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:45a Worship	8:30a Staff Meeting	1:30p Crafts For Christ	9a Sew Blessed	6:30p Ladies Bible Study	7p AA meeting	9a Yoga
9:45a Spring Kids	6:30p Pickleball	5p Men's Basketball	10a Ladies Bible Study	6:30p Men's Bible Study		
2p Men's Basketball	6:30p Pack 18	6:30p Al-Anon	6p Youth Open Gym			
4p Fall Festival	7:30p Troop 18 CLC	7p AA Meeting	6:30p Adult Choir			
4p Children's Choir						
6p Youth						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:45a Worship	8:30a Staff Meeting	1:30p Crafts For Christ	9a Sew Blessed	6:30p Ladies Bible Study	7p AA meeting	8a Campus Workday
9:45a Spring Kids	6:30p Pickleball	5p Men's Basketball	10a Ladies Bible Study	6:30p Men's Bible Study		9a Yoga
11a Trustees	6:30p Pack 18	6:30p Al-Anon	6p Youth Open Gym			
2p Men's Basketball	7:30p Troop 18 CLC	7p AA Meeting	6:30p Adult Choir			
4p Children's Choir						
6p Youth						
6p Finance						
6p SPRC						
7p Administrative Council						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9:45a Worship	8:30a Staff Meeting	1:30p Crafts For Christ	9a Sew Blessed	6:30p Ladies Bible Study	7p AA meeting	9a Yoga
9:45a Spring Kids	6:30p Pickleball	5p Men's Basketball	10a Ladies Bible Study	6:30p Men's Bible Study		
2p Men's Basketball	6:30p Grief Support	6:30p Al-Anon	6p Youth Open Gym			
4p Children's Choir	6:30p Pack 18	7p AA Meeting	6:30p Adult Choir			
5p Springer's	7:30p Troop 18 CLC					
6p Youth						



October 20th is the deadline for the November Pipeline.

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