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# PATHFINDER

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:

As the school year comes to a close and warm days stretch longer into the evenings, summertime is right around the corner. These summer months often seem like the slowest for many of us, giving us a chance to spend time with our families and to take time away for vacation. Yet, as much of a “break” as summer break is, it still keeps us busy. Traveling, keeping up with sports schedules, finding ways to keep the little ones occupied, or just keeping the yard mowed—there’s always something, right? I’ve been thinking a lot about sabbath recently. You know, the whole Fourth Commandment “Remember the sabbath and keep it holy” thing? Sabbath comes from the Hebrew word that means to cease, to pause, to rest. Sabbath isn’t just a religious practice that God commands us to do. Sabbath is at the heart of who God is and what God desires for us. The very beginning of the story of scripture tells us that as God was creating the heavens and earth and everything within them, God paused on the seventh day and rested. As a beloved pastor once told me, “If God takes time to rest, then why shouldn’t we?” One of my favorite passages of scripture about sabbath is Isaiah 58, where the prophet Isaiah describes what happens when we honor God’s desire for us to keep the sabbath. Verse 11 says:

*The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.*

In other words, taking time to rest and to honor the sabbath makes room in our lives for God’s guidance. Taking time to rest and to honor the sabbath opens up our lives to the grace of God that restores the parched places in our souls and gives us strength. We become like a watered garden, flourishing and thriving. We become like a spring of water that never runs dry.

Whatever these summer months have in store for you and your family, I pray that you make the time and space in your lives to remember the sabbath. Carve out a rhythm that allows you to honor God’s desire for you to rest in God’s love and be restored. I pray this summer will give you precious moments with your loved ones, drawing you closer to one another and to God. I pray you find yourself like a watered garden, nourished with God’s mercy poured out as abundantly as a summer rain.

*Love~ Pastor Sara Beth*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ice Cream Social and Movie Night

Saturday, June 16 at 6:00pm.

A time of fellowship and fun! Sign up in the Johnson Room. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the Ice Cream Social!

Movie will be shown in the Fellowship Hall.



### Durham Bulls Game

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Who doesn't love peanuts and crackerjacks, fellowship, and fun with your family at PUMC while we root, root, root for the home team! 100 tickets have been reserved in section 118. Get your tickets now, because I don't want you to miss out! They will release the hold on them closer to game night. Fireworks are following the game!

### STARS Luncheon

*(Seniors Together And Rejoicing Strong)*

Saturday, June 23 at 12pm Jeremiah's Retreat

Questions Bob or Cathy Harris at [cathyharris911@gmail.com](mailto:cathyharris911@gmail.com)

### Welcome New Members!

On May 20 we welcomed 9 families to PUMC! Over the next several issues we will highlight these families so everyone can get to know them better. This month we are featuring the **Gilson Family!**

We moved to Briar Chapel from Iowa a year and a half ago due to work. We have been married 18 years and have four wonderful children ages 14, 11, 10, and 9 years old and two dogs. We are a very close knit family who loves sports and

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Pittsboro United Methodist, and look forward to meeting new people, making new friends, and integrating into our new community.

Respectfully, *The Gilson Family*



### YOUTH

Fundraiser Thank you to all that took part in the May 20 youth fundraiser. Folks were treated to a huge selection of soups, salads, grill cheese sandwiches and desserts. The generosity of the church raised \$620 toward the Appalachia Service Project mission trip and other youth activities. Your support is so appreciated.

Youth Sunday was a wonderful fellowship experience. Taking part in this experience allowed me to become closer to my fellow youth, and become closer with the entire church. I was able to understand the hard work put into each church service, experiencing a new perspective of sitting in the choir loft or speaking at the podium. It was an incredibly fruitful experience, and I look forward to doing it again. *By Olivia Winston*

Year-End Shindig On Saturday, June 2 the PUMC youth group celebrated the conclusion of a fun and faith-building year with the annual year-end shindig. Over 30 youth and parents gathered at Steve & Dawn Walker's house to enjoy great food and fellowship. In-between thunderstorms, the kids played in the pool and had fierce foosball and arcade game competitions. We issued a blessing over our high school seniors as they begin a new chapter. The youth group will conduct several summer-time activities. The weekly youth fellowship will start again in September.





- ❖ **Paul Winston** for his dedication and work with our Youth. Thanks to his leadership and a wonderful group of young people, PUMC has an amazing Youth program.
- ❖ **Congregational Care Team** for their love and support of our church family.
- ❖ **Steve Walker** for his leadership with the Handbell Choir.
- ❖ **Sam Watson** for his dedication to the Handbell Choir and the joy his talents have brought the congregation. He will be missed as he ventures off to college.
- ❖ **Paul Stout and Clyde Miller** for their service in leading the Building Team!

*If you have someone or something that you would like to feature, please send a message to Kelly Perry at [kaperry13@gmail.com](mailto:kaperry13@gmail.com)*

**We are excited to be launching our new website on  
Sunday, July 1!**

*Go to [pittsborounitedmethodist.org](http://pittsborounitedmethodist.org)*

## SAVE THE DATE

JULY 23-27, 2018  
8:30-12:00



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Pittsboro United Methodist Church

### **Still Hiring-Volunteers!**

Prayers have been answered, and we have an amazing group of volunteers lined up to work this summer at VBS! We do still need ONLY 2 more volunteers to fill key spots!

- 1-Group Sheppard** (*manages a group of children as they move from station to station*)
- 2-Pre-School Teacher** (*will work with another volunteer to help teach the 3 year-old class*)

Contact Kelly Boyd at  
[pumckidsministry@gmail.com](mailto:pumckidsministry@gmail.com)

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY!**

at

[pittsborounitedmethodist.org](http://pittsborounitedmethodist.org)



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Traditional Worship: 8:45 & 11:00 am Contemporary Worship: 5:00 pm

### CORA Project

Wow! PUMC really gave it  
their all last month. 154  
pounds of food was donated  
by our congregation!

Collection for June:  
Canned Salmon and  
Canned Ham

Please bring your donations to  
the Johnson Room.



### CORA SNACK Program

June 13<sup>th</sup>-August 8<sup>th</sup>  
12pm to 2:30pm

To be part of this wonderful  
ministry helping the  
children in our community-  
Sign up in  
the Johnson Room or  
contact Paul or Marci Stout  
at [pdstout@gmail.com](mailto:pdstout@gmail.com).

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