



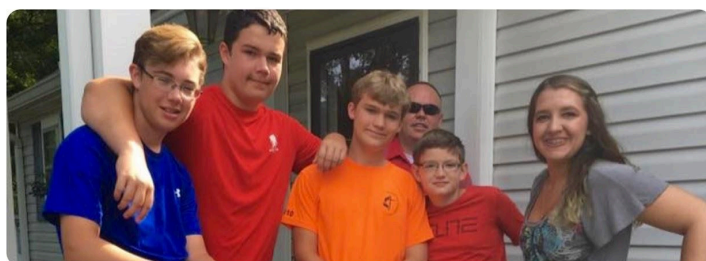
Word & Deed

September 2016

Weaver First United Methodist Church

www.weaverfirstumc.org

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father... encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." (2 Thess. 2:16-17 NIV)



The Church We are Becoming

On Sunday, August 7 at 9am, after gathering in the Sanctuary for prayer and Holy Communion, our church dispersed into our community to serve for our inaugural **"Church Without Walls"** Sunday worship event. Six teams of worshipers served as the hands and feet of Jesus by visiting the sick and elderly, picking up litter, preparing care packages for women living at the Salvation Army, giving gifts and writing letters to the Police Department, and helping clean a church member's house. Search for the hashtag [#churchwithoutwallsweaver](https://www.facebook.com/search/hashtag/churchwithoutwallsweaver) on facebook to view pictures and more details of what the Lord did through our church on this memorable Sunday.

This is the kind of community outreach we envision taking place through our church in the coming months and years ahead. During an upcoming worship series, ***The Garden: Our Vision for Growing Disciples***, the vision team will share about some emerging strategies for fulfilling this vision. These strategies will include launching a skating ministry, a community garden and

community meals, a Financial Peace University outreach ministry, adult book studies, and small discipleship groups.

While there are many things we do not know about our future, we do know that the Lord has already equipped us with the the Holy Spirit to fulfill our vision of growing a garden of disciples. May we continue to be faithful as we plant, tend and harvest in God's kingdom.

Your servant in Christ,

Matt

Matt Headley, Pastor • matt.headley@umcna.org

Worship Schedule

During September and October, we will get a glimpse of the vision God has called us to through a worship series: ***The Garden: Our Vision for Growing Disciples***. Below are the sermon texts so you may read them to prepare for gathered worship.

- Sept 11 - In the Beginning... - Genesis 2:4-25
- September 18 - Planting the Garden - Matthew 13:1-9
- September 25 - Tending the Garden - John 15:1-8
- October 2 - Harvesting the Garden - Matthew 9:37-38
- October 9 - God's Eternal Garden - Revelation 22:1-5



Scouting Open House



On Sept 12 Brian Anderson, Choccolocco District Scouting Executive, will host an open house event at our church to promote Scouting on Monday, September 12 at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend if you're available. This will be for both potential scouts and anyone interested in helping out in any way with Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Please invite any youth or adults you can think of! Contact Brian if you have any questions: briander@bsamail.org.

Kids for Christ & Youth Group begin September 7

Kids for Christ and Youth ministries resume Wednesday, September 7. All children and youth in the community are invited to join for a meal, Bible lessons, singing, crafts and fun from 5:30-7pm.

UPDATE: Book Study to begin in October



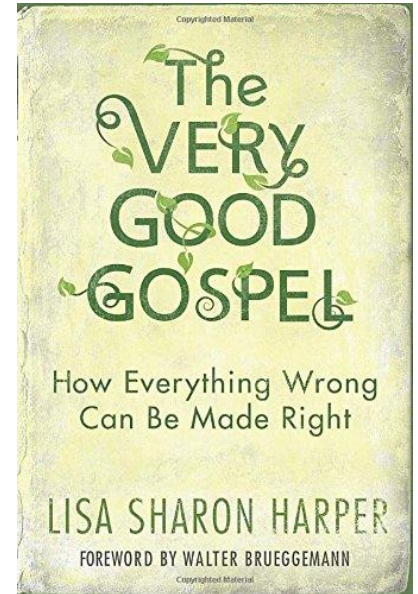
If one's 'gospel' falls mute when facing people who need good news the most - the impoverished, the oppressed, and the broken - then it's no gospel at all."

- Lisa Sharon Harper, *The Very G"ood Gospel*

In October, Matt will begin leading a book study on ***The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right*** by Lisa Sharon Harper. Open to all adults. Copies are available for purchase in the office, online and in local book stores.

When: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15pm. Oct 5, 12, 26, Nov 2, 9 & 16.

Where: Weaver First UMC Family Life Center, in the Parlor.



Nurture Team

The Nurture Team is a work of disciples: we are meeting more often, busy with our many responsibilities, visit the sick, shut ins, we take communion to the shut ins.

Prime Timers are moving in the right direction with speakers each month along with a covered dish meal.

Prayer chain is doing as expected. We made some minor changes in our last meeting. It has grown to be a communication outlet for our church.

We gained two new members during our last meeting.

The Health Fair turned out very good. Betty Arnett chair.

All Saints Night

On September 7 after Kids for Christ there will be a meeting in the dining room to discuss plans for October 31. All people interested please attend we have to get moving on this if we want a good turn out, See everyone then. Penny

Companions in Christ

On September 12 at 7:30 PM there will be a meeting in the dining room of the Family Life Center to discuss a new book study we are starting called Companion in Christ. This study is open to

everyone and if you would like to attend please come to the meeting. We will be discussing when would be a good time to meet, and how we want to do the study. Please mark your calendars and come join us. Penny

Ministry Team Schedules

Our church shares many ministries of service. Below are the schedules of the various teams that are in place to make our church community possible. Please thank the people who serve on these teams. If you are interested in serving on a team, please talk with one of our leaders.

Nursery Schedule

Below is the nursery schedule for this month. If you cannot be in the nursery on your scheduled Sunday, please call someone on the list to exchange weeks. Nisa Besta will be in the Nursery every Sunday, but we still need our volunteers to maintain the “two Person” rule in your nursery. (Which we have not been doing for several years.) A huge THANK YOU to all of our present volunteers, and to all of the new ones that have graciously agreed to volunteer. If I have not contacted you about being a volunteer please contact me (Joan DiMartino) at 256-820-1149 or 256-225-6297 (Cell).

September 4, Gail Kilgore

September 11, Krystal Railey

September 18, Evelyn Thompson

September 25, Mary Lou McKinney

Preschool - 5th grade Sunday school helpers

September 4, Roy Bearden

September 11, Krystal Railey

September 18, John Carpenter

September 25, Dana Bearden

Thank you to each of you for taking the time to help with the Sunday school class. If, for some reason you can not work your Sunday, please find someone to take your place. Also if you know anyone that would like to help please let me know. We supply snacks and drinks for the children, so if you could assist by bringing drinks, it would be great. We have five regular students, with visitors sometimes. I will supply a copy of the lesson for each of you, before the class. Penny Cooper

Kids for Christ Food Team Schedule:

September 7, Team 3: Evelyn Thompson

September 14, Team 4: Gail Kilgore

September 21, Team 5: Becky Willis

September 28, Team 1: Emily Carpenter

Cleaning Teams:

- August 28-September 3, Team 2: E.B. & Ann Haskew, John & Joan DiMartino, Betty Leach.
- September 4-10, Team 3: John & Emily Carpenter, Keith & Cindy Kilgore,
- September 11-17, Team 4: Steve & Gail Kilgore, Candy Sefcik, John Miller, Betty Arnett
- September 18-24, Team 5: Pat McMinn, Terry McMinn, Evelyn Thompson, Ellen Cannon
- September 25-October 1, Team 1: Roy & Dana Bearden, Wayne & Kathy Williams

Grounds Keeping Schedule:

- September 3, Keith Kilgore & Roy Bearden
- September 10, Steve Kilgore & John Carpenter
- September 17, The Haskew's & The DiMartino's
- September 24, James Markham & Paul Sefcik

Newsletter and Bulletin Submissions

If you would like to place an announcement in the church bulletin please email it to weaverfirstumc@gmail.com . If you have an article for next month's newsletter, please send it by **Sunday, September 18.**

Church Calendar: September 2016

Weekly Events:

- Mondays: 6:00pm Girl Scouts
- Tuesday: 5:30pm Music Rehearsal
- Weds: 8 AM & 7:15 PM Prayer in the Sanctuary
- . 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Kids for Christ
- Thursday: 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts
- Sundays: 9:00-10:15 United Worship
- 10:30-11:30 Sunday School

Upcoming Events

- September 1, Trustee Meeting at 6 PM.
- September 3, Men's Fellowship 8 AM
- September 7, Kids for Christ 5:30 PM
- All Saints Nighting Meeting 7 PM
- September 8, SPRC meeting 5-6 PM
- September 8, Finance meeting 6-7 PM
- September 10, Weaver Heritage Day @ the Park 8 AM-3 PM
- September 11, Nominations committee meeting 11 AM
- September 11, Discipleship Team meeting 2 PM - 6 PM
- September 12, Scouting Open House Meeting 6:30 PM
- Companions in Christ meeting 7:30 PM
- September 13, Charge Conference forms deadline to be filled out
- September 18, Youth Braves Game Trip 10:30 AM- 9 PM
- September 18, Church Council Meeting 4-6 PM
- September 21, Prime Timers 10:30 AM
- September 25, Discipleship Team meeting 2-6 PM

Check our website for more events and updates: weaverfirstumc.org

Birthdays this Month

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following people in the month of September. Please let them know that you are thinking of them on their special day.

September 6, June Stringfellow

September 12, Noah Headley

September 8, Hannah Headley

September 15, Harold Spivey

September 8, Stephanie McNair

September 15, John Austin Carpenter

September 10, Wayne Ginn

September 20, Gerald Cobb