

The Messenger

Spindale United Methodist Church

PO Box 241 - 185 Mill Street Spindale, NC 28160

May 2025

Eric's Ethereal Cereal

The story of Jesus' death cuts to the core. His resurrection is a miraculous gift that words just can't encapsulate. What was it like to be there? I can't quite imagine "all the feels" of that weekend for those closest to Jesus. The disciples find themselves playing catch-up with what has happened. They had to be confused, hurt, overwhelmed and full of so many raw emotions simultaneously. In fact, when we look at this story in hindsight—the disciples, Jesus' friends, the women at the tomb—all lived through these unprecedented events in *real time*. The resurrection was still being digested, if they could even fathom it all.

Around the third time Jesus shows up, the disciples all decide to go fishing. This seems an odd or quaint way to spend their time, yet for the disciples, fishing is familiar. It's their old way of life, how they made a living, and something that is likely second nature to them. They can push out to sea and enjoy the movement of the boat on the waves. Together, they will cast nets and pull them in, getting into the rhythm of it all like a band trying to find its groove. Perhaps it is calming for them to do something they know so well; just as returning to something we know often helps us deal with emotional overload and gives us a reprieve from the chaos that comes with living.

The big difference for the disciples is this: they are now living in a world in which there is amazingly no escape from Jesus. In fact, after the resurrection, the routine is no longer routine; the regular is no longer regular. It works the same for us: nothing can separate us from the love and presence of God. Thanks be to God! So even when they go fishing, Jesus is there. Wherever they might find themselves, the Lord is there... waiting to comfort them, offer nourishment, and walk with them; proving to them that He will be with them always.

In all of this, we are reminded that, no matter how we are feeling, Jesus is with us. May we have eyes to see, as they do, that Christ is with us all, in the ordinary, in the way-too-stimulating world. May we all find ways to sit with Jesus, lost in the waves of the sea if you will, to enjoy time with him and escape the overwhelming world ... if only for a while.

Selah,
Pastor Eric

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Eric Marshburn
Office Manager	Jennifer Ruppe
Financial Secretary	Janet Atkins
Director of Music	Jeane Watson

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday, 9am - 12noon

Worship Assistants

Liturgist	PJ Roehling
Greeter	Cathy Kavanagh

Small Groups

Bible Study is held on Sunday mornings at 10am.

Book club - Join us on Thursdays at 7pm at Barley's in Spindale. Please note the new location.

CHURCH NEWS



Frankful Fridays

The Frankful Friday Crew will be sharing a free hotdog meal on the second and fourth Fridays of each month (May 9 and 23). We will be set up at 12 noon.



Community Meal

Come join our volunteers as we are hosting a Drive Thru Meal on Wednesday, May 21 at 5pm. Contact Bill McDaniel if you would like to help.

Senior Yoga Will be on hiatus for the month of May. The next dates are TBD.



Saturday Night aLive

Mark your calendar to come and join us for a night of food, music and fun on Saturday, May 24 at 6:30pm. Please invite a friend! Start spreading the word!

Mitchell Scholarship

The Mitchell Scholarship is available for recent high school graduates as well as college students currently enrolled and in good academic standing. The deadline to apply is June 8, 2025. Contact the church office for more information on how to apply.



2025 Graduates

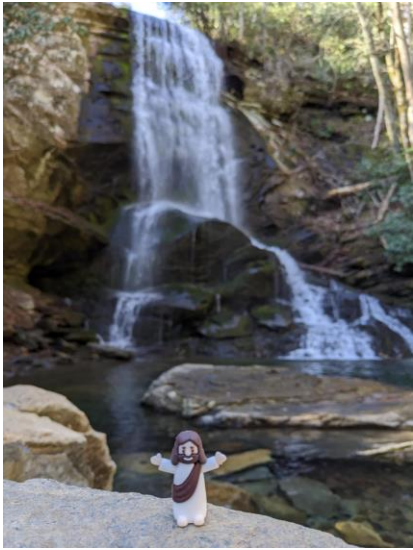
Please let the office know of any high school or college graduates. We plan to acknowledge our graduates on Sunday, June 1 during the worship service.

The Rutherford Chamber Consort Concert

Harmony Weaves a Tapestry of Hope – Music of Vivaldi, Beethoven, and Shumann
Friday, May 30 at 7pm here at Spindale UMC.
Free and Open to the public.

Upper Room Devotionals

If you would like an Upper Room Devotional mailed to you, please email or call the church office.



Boots and Beatitudes

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands" (Isaiah 55:12)

Our new hiking ministry has begun. Check out the e-news for the most up to date information regarding upcoming hikes. You may also contact PJ for more information.

Mark your calendars for upcoming hikes:

Sunday, May 4

Bring a bagged lunch and a change of clothes for after worship. We will carpool to the hiking trail. Location TBD.



Welcome to the church family Denise Bateman Beheler!

Thank you all for your kind messages, cards, and food during my recovery from surgery. Your care means a lot.
In Christ,
Pamela Deck



The United Women in Faith Prayer Breakfast was held last month at Skyland United Methodist Church. There was a special remembrance moment for Doris Deck and Faye Henson.



HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Bill Metcalf
Autumn Care
501 Esseola St
Saluda, NC 28773

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Yokefellow – Canned Tuna

Grace of God – individual cans of Vienna sausage, beanie weenies, potted meat, packs of peanut butter crackers, gallons of canned vegetables.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



We are collecting Canned Tuna for Yokefellow.
You may also make a monetary donation.



Cross of Flowers – Easter 2025



Prayer Requests

Wade Ogle Jr - Friend of the Bridges
Pamela Deck
Debbie Boozer
Curtis and Marilyn Rice - Friend of Jeri Shuck
Johnny Hopkins
Mark Ralls
Jimmy Johnson
Kenny Cole - Brother of Stephanie Higgins
Javon Calton - Uncle of Lynn Wall
Charles Clute
Tommie White
Lisa Moore - Sister of Jeri Shuck
David Wiseman - Cousin of Jeane
Bill Metcalf
Gina Gold - Friend of Brooke Watson
Bobby & Carolyn Stone - Family of Tommie White
Thadd Hodge - Nephew of Jeanette and Lucille
Michelle Gillis - Friend of John and Stephanie Higgins
Lynne Potter
Marge Hamrick
Kylie - Granddaughter of friends of John and Stephanie Higgins

Please contact the church office in order to add or remove someone from the prayer list.



- 1 Forest Carpenter
- 7 Brianna Watson
- 7 Connor Dailey
- 11 Briana McCallum
- 12 Melissa Nickels
- 13 Allison Lyles
- 19 Brandon Shoenfelt
- 19 Susan Collins
- 21 Walter Dalton
- 21 Steve Meador
- 23 Mark Crowe
- 24 Caitlin Dailey
- 25 Jordan Crowe
- 26 Wayne Lutz
- 28 Charles Deviney

Happy Anniversary

- 15 John and Stephanie Higgins



Easter Sunday 2025

LAST MONTH

March 30

In Person Attendance	42
Online Attendance	132
Budget Offering	\$ 2,081.00
YTD Giving to Budget	\$ 37,076.80
YTD Needed to meet budget	\$ 56,758.00

April 6

In Person Attendance	55
Online Attendance	158
Budget Offering	\$ 4,493.00
YTD Giving to Budget	\$ 41,406.80
YTD Needed to meet budget	\$ 61,124.00

April 13

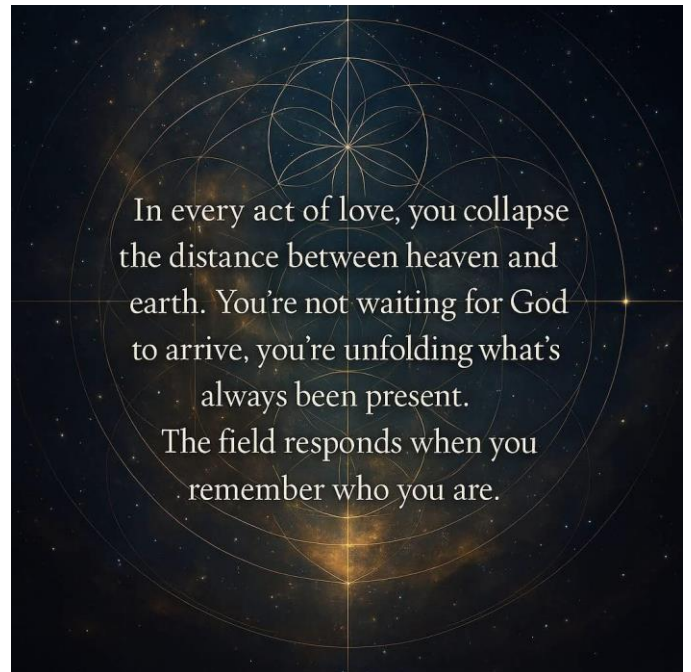
In Person Attendance	45
Online Attendance	171
Budget Offering	\$ 2,862.00
YTD Giving to Budget	\$ 44,261.80
YTD Needed to meet budget	\$ 65,490.00

April 20

In Person Attendance	66
Online Attendance	183
Budget Offering	\$ 395.00
YTD Giving to Budget	\$ 44,651.80
YTD Needed to meet budget	\$ 69,856.00

April 27

In Person Attendance	50
Online Attendance	154
Budget Offering	\$ 5,967.00
YTD Giving to Budget	\$ 47,918.80
YTD Needed to meet budget	\$ 74,222.00



The Rutherford Chamber Consort

~~~~~ Harmony Weaves a Tapestry of Hope ~~~~~

Friday, May 30, 2025 7 pm

Spindale United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 7 pm

Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Tryon, NC

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 3 pm

First Baptist Church, Forest City, NC

*Music of Vivaldi,
Beethoven,
Schumann*

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