



Lake Towarway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 9, 2020

Dear Lake Toxaway UMC Family and Community, I want to share this information with you from the Scholarship Committee. I appreciate the hard work of the committee and the generosity of this community in helping students pursue higher education.

The LTUMC Scholarship Committee is a subcommittee of Outreach who have recently awarded new scholarships and renewed others. Committee members began work in January by delivering the applications to the local high school guidance counselors and continuing in March with sending forms for reapplication to current scholarship recipients. In spite of the ongoing pandemic and deadlines having to be altered, the committee received seven new applications, spent the month of May interviewing applicants, and awarded scholarships to all, bringing the total number of recipients to twenty (20), including the two Minnich scholars. The prayer bookmarks listing the scholars' names have been updated and are available, and the Committee will present scholarship recipients to the congregation in order to "match" them with interested church family (See chart below.). We usually ask the students to attend a worship service so we can meet them and vice versa; however, during this unusual year, we will ask the students to submit videos of themselves, links for which we can provide for church members. Meanwhile, the following is a list of current scholars and a bit of information about them. **Indicates those students already matched with a member of LTUMC church family.* Please contact Cathie Fussell at 910 572 2167 or linguafrog@gmail.com for more information about one of our unmatched students.

EXISTING STUDENTS				
*Abby	Ammons	Appalachian State University	Dec 2020	Social Work
*Madison	Brinkley	UNC Chapel Hill	Class of 2022	Undecided: English, Art, Travel
*Molly	Cammack	Culinary Institute of America	Class of 2022	Baking & Pastry
*Savanna	Delters-Cook	Blue Ridge Community College	Class of 2023	Personal Relations & Event Planning
Calee	Lance	Gardner Webb University	Dec 2021	Criminal Justice Administration; Homeland Security
*Kohner	Miller	UNC Charlotte	Class of 2022	Meteorology; Architecture
*Azilee "Grace"	Owen	USC Columbia	Class of 2023	Bio-med Engineering and Bus Mgt
*Rachel	Owen	UNC Asheville	5th Year	Psychology & Elementary Education
*Elijah	Reddick	UNC Asheville	Class of 2022	Undeclared: History & Art Analysis
*Tara	Reid	AB Tech, Asheville	Class of 2021	Dental Hygiene
Cady	Suddeth	UNC Charlotte	Class of 2021	BA in History
*Amber	Zogg	Liberty University	Class of 2022	Accounting
NEW STUDENTS				
Caleb	Fore	WCU	Class of 2024	Bus admin and Law History (attorney)
Skylar	Harrison	WCU	Class of 2024	Nursing
Madison	Henson	Brevard College	Class of 2024	Business; Organizational Leadership
Peyton	McCall	Blue Ridge Comm. College	Class of 2021	Worship Studies, Pastoral Leadership
Callie Pearl	Owen	Gardner Webb University	Class of 2024	Elementary Education
Leanne	Owen	Blue Ridge Com. College	Dec 2021	Business; Marketing
MINNICH Scholarships				
Tyler M	Owen	Erskine College	Class of 2023	
Brennan	Chapman	Mars Hill University	Class of 2024	

I love you and pray regularly for you, the Lake Toxaway UMC family, and these students who begin a challenging new academic year.

Marcus

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Home Worship for Community Worship Service
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 9, 2020
<https://youtu.be/yntGUQUuGVk>

If the video or sound are not synchronized please refresh your browser or click on the Livestream link again. Should the above link not work please go to <https://www.youtube.com/> and do a search for "Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church" and look for today's service; it may not display in date order. If the Livestream is interrupted (like a brown out, power outage, etc.), it cannot be restarted but we will have a backup of the recorded service on the LTUMC YouTube page/channel as soon as possible.

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World arr. Dale Wood

GREETING

L: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

P: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

L: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

P: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

L: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

P: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

HYMN #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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INVOCATION

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

- 37:1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.
- 37:2 This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.
- 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.
- 37:4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.
- 37:12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.
- 37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am."
- 37:14 So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So, he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem,
- 37:15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?"
- 37:16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock."
- 37:17 The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So, Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan.
- 37:18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.
- 37:19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.
- 37:20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."
- 37:21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."
- 37:22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" --that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.
- 37:23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;

- 37:24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.
- 37:25 Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.
- 37:26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?"
- 37:27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed.
- 37:28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (read responsibly)

- 105:1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 105:2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**
- 105:3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 105:4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**
- 105:5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- 105:6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
- 105:16 When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,
- 105:17 he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**
- 105:18 His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;
- 105:19 until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him.**
- 105:20 The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 105:21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,**
- 105:22 to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 105:45b Praise the LORD!**

L: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

P: Thanks be to God!

Romans 10:5-15

- 10:5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."
- 10:6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)
- 10:7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
- 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
- 10:9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10:10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
- 10:11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."
- 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
- 10:13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
- 10:14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
- 10:15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33

- 14:22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
- 14:23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
- 14:24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
- 14:25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
- 14:26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
- 14:27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
- 14:28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
- 14:29 He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

- 14:30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"
- 14:31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"
- 14:32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- 14:33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

Lord, please forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you. We are like the disciples who, in the midst of fears and storms, could only tremble and wonder about the threatening events. Even when Jesus called to the disciples, they shook with fear. But Jesus offered words of encouragement. Impulsive Peter asked Jesus to call to him and bid him come out of the boat. Jesus complied and Peter stepped over the edge onto the waves — but fear claimed him again and he began to sink. Many of us can identify with that moment when we let go of our faith and clutch onto our fears. Help us to place our trust totally in you and your call to us. You will guide and lift us to safety — that is the promise you have given to us and we believe it. When our faith slips, scoop us up and bring us peace. Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you. Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Keep your focus on Jesus. He is your Savior and your Guide. He will never fail you. Rejoice, dear friends, you are called precious by our Lord. AMEN.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. AMEN.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came. Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again. We believe in God the Spirit; in one

Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So, by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend, we shall rise with Him in glory to the life that knows no end.

GLORIA PATRI (UMH #70)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Meditation Robert Hebble

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Lord, we acknowledge we live in a chaotic time, and we boldly claim your powerful presence with us as we step out of bondage to fear and move to trust you. Thank you for your understanding as we repeat this cycle of growth in our faith journey. As the waves find calm in Your call, may we find nothing negative in control of our lives. We gather at this altar today and give thanks for your goodness to us, your people.

We joyfully celebrate our student scholars and ask your hand of protection upon them in the beginning of a new academic year with challenges unimagined. We entrust their minds and health into your hands. We pray for physical safety and wisdom as they accept new tools to master subjects and for engagement with professors and classmates. Bless their spiritual growth and lead them to friendships of support and encouragement. We also ask your sufficient grace to abide with their families.

(We offer the names of our student scholars in prayer.)

God, we also pray for the educators in Transylvania County. We pray for administrators, teachers, cleaning staff, cafeteria workers, bus drivers and all who work to educate students. We, as The Lake Toxaway UMC, especially pray for staff at Rosman and TC Henderson schools. We give thanks for the small role we played in assisting Candace Reese in her education and now pray for her as she teaches in one of the Rosman schools and has stepped up to participate in a task force to ensure the safety of staff and students this Fall. May she and all her colleagues experience your guidance as they nurture, encourage, and teach. We acknowledge the special vocation of educators and pray they experience the creativity needed to meet the challenges of this academic year.

God, we always are mindful of needs unspoken and spoken among this church community. Hear us as we name some of those needs.

(Names and needs are spoken)

Lord, we give thanks for the invitation to pray always. Hear us as we continue to pray as Christ taught us when we pray to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #398

Jesus Calls Us

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Bookmarks: Prayer & current list of student scholarship recipients

Thank you to Cathie Fussell for updating our new student scholarship prayer bookmark. Please contact Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org or 469-569-2314 to schedule a time to pick up a bookmark. Thank you for all your support for the students.

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on **Friday, August 14th at 3:00 PM**. If you are a member of the Council, you will receive a Zoom Invite. If you are not a member and would like to attend the meeting, please email Tom Blackstock or Saunders Grommesh as these meetings are open to all members, but only members have a vote if actions are required. You may e-mail Tom at tomblackstock@gmail.com or Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org.

Home Church Services - When two or more are gathered... (Matthew 18:20)

If you have an interest in hosting LTUMC Home Church service of a total of 10 inside or up to 25 on a covered outside porch with 6' social distancing ability please contact Marcus at (828) 553-0282 or marcus61@gmail.com. We are having the Sunday service at 8:30 AM for the Livestream. You may host a Livestream Home Church at 8:30 or watch the recorded YouTube service at 11:00 AM or later.

Outreach Volunteer Opportunities – The Haven August 14th & October 2nd weekends

Our church feeds The Haven four times per year. The next two weekends we are signed up to serve are August 14, 2020 and October 2nd, 2020. We can provide the best practices for the Haven for those interested in volunteering to serve with contactless delivery. The church can reimburse for meal costs although generally it has been absorbed by those volunteering. A letter with invoices would suffice for reimbursement.

Please contact Fred Markert for instructions, specific times and current meal needs at the shelter. Fred Markert | fredmarkert47@gmail.com | 828-553-3303 (cell) | 828-862-8499 (home)

New Directory Pictures

Please contact Saunders at administrator@laketoxawayumc.org or 469-569-2314 (cell) to schedule a time to have your picture taken for our new LTUMC directory. If you choose not to schedule, we will use the picture from the last directory.

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1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



Jesus Calls Us

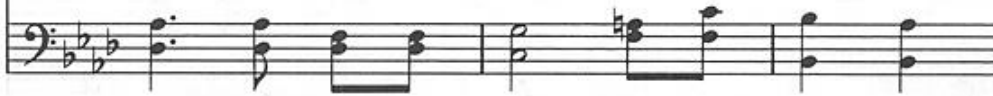
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1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2. As of old the a - pos - tles heard it by the
3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to



sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more!"
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these!"
 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 (Mt. 4:18-22)
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

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