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“When did we see you hungry?”
— Matthew 25: 34-45

Jesus calls us to be servants in the world, to care for one another in Christian love and outreach. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells his followers that in whatever way they treat others, they also treat him. We are the body of Christ, not just on Sundays, but every day. We are called not only to be Christ-like, but to see Christ in others.

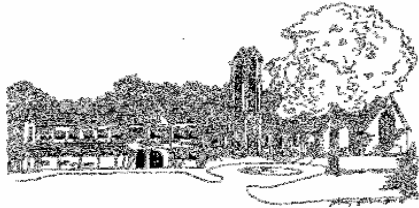
A leader of my home church in Charlotte used to speak to the youth group each time they left for a trip. After he would remind the group to be on their best behavior and to represent the church well, he would say, “Look for the face of Christ in others, and be the face of Christ to others.” This message struck me. Even more than representing our church, we were representatives of Christ!

From my very first day, I have seen that Groce is a serving church, one that feeds the hungry, visits the sick, and welcomes the stranger. As we continue to reach out in service, I pray that we maintain eyes that see as Jesus does, eyes that do not distinguish race, gender, nationality, wealth, or abilities. Surely as we do this, we will see Christ in others even more clearly.

I know that I have seen the face of Christ at Groce. Each Sunday, as voices are lifted to God in song; as we pray with one another; as partnerships are strengthened with ABCCM, the Vet’s Quarters, and local schools; as the building is shared with the Asheville community; and in so many other places.

I saw the face of Christ in our youth on the Middle School Mission trip- teenagers who would rather spend a week doing yard work and construction than going to the beach or playing in a baseball tournament. I saw the face of Christ as they stood with their arms around each other during worship and as they served Holy Communion. What a fellowship, what a joy divine!

Where do you see the face of Christ?



Next Messenger Deadline:

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support Groce United Methodist Church by my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Witness, and my Service.”

BY OUR SERVICE

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Sunday, 8/1

Ushers: (8:30) Annette Coleman, Harry Robbins; **(11:00)** Jack Bass, Bob Barcafer, Mike Kerr, Dan Potter

Offering Steward: Buck Thompson

Acolytes: (8:30) Sam Miller; **(11:00)** Renna Voss

Visitation: Jane Williams

Coffee Fellowship: Koinonia Class

Altar Guild: Gail Rogers

Narthex Decorated By: Judy Pless

Sunday, 8/8

Ushers: (8:30) Jim & Nancy Creel; **(11:00)** Joey Gorman, Christian Cooper, Hayden Davis, Eliot Durner

Offering Steward: Bud Gibson

Acolytes: (8:30) Ally Boram; **(11:00)** Hunter Macomber

Visitation: Geri Ingram, Dudley Culp

Coffee Fellowship: United Methodist Men

Altar Guild: Gail Rogers

Narthex Decorated By: Judy Pless

The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship,

Sunday, August 8, 5pm**Ice Cream Social with entertainment by the Lake Junaluska Singers**

- ♦ Admission - free (A love offering will be collected to help cover the groups' expenses.)
- ♦ Come join us for some cool fun and ice cream on a hot August evening!

**Room in the Inn**

- ♦ The ladies return on **Sunday, August 15th to the 22nd.**
- ♦ Sign-up sheets and information are located on the bulletin board in the main hallway.
- ♦ Also, the center where the ladies take showers needs towels - both bath and hand. You can donate either new ones or good used towels.
- ♦ Donations can be left in the front office.

**Hold the Date**

Church Picnic - Sunday, September 19

**Youth Center Chaperones Needed**

We are planning to have The Charter Hall Youth Center be open Fridays, 8 pm - Midnight and Sundays, 3 - 5 pm starting this Fall. In order for our young people to enjoy the youth center, two chaperones, not married to each other, must be present during all hours of operation. Chaperones must be at least 23 years old, members of Groce UMC for at least 6 months and have had completed Safe Sanctuaries training, including a background check. (If you haven't done the training, there is a video training you can do.) If you would like to be a chaperone for a couple of hours once or twice a month, please contact Jo Anne Thompson, or the church office. No chaperones equal no youth center, so please take this opportunity to get to know our young people and to have some fun at the same time.

MUSIC NOTES**+ Summer Handbell Ensemble**

Ring for worship Sunday August 1; arrival time is 7:45 AM (No more rehearsals)

+ Chancel Choir

We resume Wednesday, August 4, at 7:30 PM and sing for worship Sunday, August 8.

+ Sunrise Choir

Our next singing Sunday will be **August 8**. Please arrive at 8:08 AM for warm-up.

+ Ringing God's Praise Handbell Choir

⇒ Dinner at Vicky Rogers' home Monday, August 16; car pool from church at 6 PM
 ⇒ Rehearsals resume Monday, August 23, at 6:30 PM

+ Children's Choir**UMW News**

In July, the United Methodist Women members collected 18 health kits and 4 layette kits for UMCOR

Community Event

- ♦ A concert featuring the **Biltmore Brass (with "our own" Bill Ross & Steve Cooper)**
- ♦ **Sunday, August 1, 3pm at St. Matthias Episcopal Church - Dundee Street**
- ♦ Fee admission - a love offering will be received - all are invited
- ♦ The church is located on the hill overlooking the city maintenance garage, off South Charlotte Street.

Inspirational Quotes

Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future.

If you worry about what might be, and wonder what might have been, you will ignore what is.

"My kids have given me a glimpse of how God must feel. God looks at us, like, 'Oh, good grief ... you're driving me crazy ... but I still love you.'"

— comedian, Jeff Foxworthy

***Into God's Hands,
We Commend These Spirits:***

Bob Yoder (July 8)

Hazel Mills (July 15)