

# THE CONNECTION

College Place UMC:  
A Merged Congregation

March 12, 2025

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

March 16 - Second Sunday in Lent, Worship at 11 am, Sanctuary

March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent, Worship at 11 am, Sanctuary

March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent, Worship at 11 am, Sanctuary

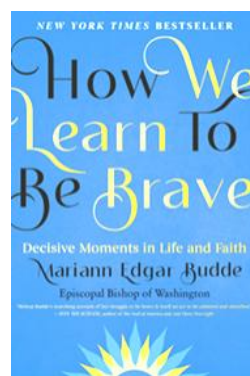
## Lent Opportunities and Congregational Focus

**Book Study and Conversations:** We will begin a book study of *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Bishop of Washington, DC, Mariann Edgar Budde. She has recently been in the news following her sermon at the Inauguration Prayer Service. You may google for more details, but the chapters address *deciding to go, stay, start, accepting, stepping up, letdown, and perseverance*—all fitting themes of Lent and life.

Plan now to participate: We'll offer two sessions each Tuesday, at 12:30 pm and at 6:30 pm (we'll offer a zoom link, if desired), **beginning March 18**. Ten copies are ordered and are \$20 each (scholarships available, if requested), or you may purchase your own copy or e-version online as well. Ask Pastor Jason if you'd like additional information.



**A daily devotional for Lent - *The Sanctuary for Lent***, by Justin LaRosa. Daily readings each day: a print copy is available or can come directly to your INBOX each day, if you'd like to sign up using the QR code or call or email the office.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 18 Tuesday Book Study begins 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.



April 8 - UWif meeting and filling Easter Eggs!

April 9 - Martha's Table

## Adult Sunday School Classes

Each Sunday at 9:50 a.m.

Room 105 study: *Light from Many Lamps*.

"Searchers" Class in the Chapel: Hamilton's Study—*The Way*.

## Calendar for Worship

### Palm/Passion Sunday Service & Easter Egg Hunt

April. 13, 11:00

### Maundy Thursday Service

April. 17, 6:30

### Easter Worship Service

April. 20, 11:00



## CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS

On Sunday March 2, we had sixteen wonderfully different chilis to taste, talk about and vote for the winners in the categories of Hottest, Most-Original, and Best Overall. Thanks to all of our excellent chefs!

Sam and Kayla Knibb took the blue ribbons (in the form of a certificate and a gift bag) in the Hottest and Best Overall with his "Spicy Carne Asada" chili and her "Southwestern Chicken Chili". Dale Farlow won in the Most Original category with his "Apple Pie Chili".

COLLEGE PLACE UMC  
**CHILI COOK-OFF**  
2025

## The donations to our Chili Festival raised \$456 for Hurricane Relief!

Will you add your newest or most favorite recipe to the competition next year?



## OUR PRAYER LIST

Gene, Margaret Ann and Chester, Beth, Betty, Pam Stanley, Teresa Sowinski (Don Ray's Daughter), Rev. Bev Gaska, Eileen Wilkinson, Carol Deaton

Communities effected by the hurricane, People of Ukraine, the people of Israel, Gaza, & Sudan, Peace, National & International Leaders, Students, Teachers, Professors & Staff of Peck Elementary & other schools, UNGC and GC, Medical, Military, & Law Enforcement personnel, state, county, & city government leaders, our Bishop, Ken, & our District Superintendent, Bev, & continued prayers for our congregation & church staff.

If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list, call or e-mail [office@collegeplaceumc.com](mailto:office@collegeplaceumc.com) the Church office. Prayer requests generally run for four weeks, unless on-going circumstances.

## OUR VISION

We seek to be a Christ centered, diverse community open to everyone as they are. We believe all people are worthy of being loved and worthy of loving others. We strive to show God's grace, make disciples, and change the world with our hands, our hearts, our minds, and our words.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

We are a diverse community welcoming all persons and embracing differences of age, racial and ethnic background, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, socioeconomic status, and physical and mental ability. We invite all to join our journey of faith toward greater love, hope, and acceptance in every aspect of our Christian life together.

Richard and Marlis Wilcox welcomed two new grandchildren to their family in early 2025!

On January 26th, Jesse and Cameron Jordan had a daughter, Julianne Elizabeth.

February 9th was the day that Brandy and Hunter Rich welcomed their son, Franklin.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**



Carol Campbell's 90th birthday is March 24th. Her daughter, Michelle knows that she loves going to the mailbox each day and loves getting mail!

In that spirit, all are invited to put a special birthday card in the mail to Carol at 407 Wisteria Lane, Holly Ridge NC 28445

**HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY, CAROL!**

Call or email the office@collegeplaceumc.com with newsletter news!

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## Opportunities to Help Others

### UWiF April Project

Next month, the United Women in Faith will begin collecting donations to

purchase the supplies included in UMCOR Cleaning Kit Buckets. Contact any UWiF member if you'd like to know more.

The kits enable those affected by floods, hurricanes and tornadoes to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up.



**NEXT MEETING: April 8**

After the meeting, all are welcome to help fill Easter Eggs at 1:00 p.m.



United  
Women  
in Faith

### Winter Shelter Meals

at First Baptist & West Market Street UMC

WMSUMC have partnered with Gso Urban Ministry to host 15 men at their night shelter through March. Thanks to the great crew(s) that hosted our first meals in January and February.

College Place helpers will meet at 5:45 PM and meals conclude before 7:30.

Opportunities for Meal Sponsors & Helpers are still available: **Sat, March 15, & Tues, March 18** at West Market Street UMC.

## Special Offerings for Western NC

We continue to receive offerings for "Hurricane Relief" and we'll forward the resources along for the work of our Annual Conference in the NC Mountains. Financial gifts to support ongoing relief is best.

And of course continue to hold residents, first responders, and repair persons in your prayers.