MORNING WORSHIP: YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY
The Acolyte this morning – Andrew Sessoms
Children's Church – Andrea & Anderson Sessoms

THIS WEEK

TODAY	**9:30 a.m. – Children & Communion Workshop**
	3:00 p.m. - Youth Ice Cream Social at the Albemarle
	4:30 a.m. - Youth Ensemble
Wednesday	**7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice**

NEXT WEEK AT HMPC

Sunday	**9:30 a.m. - Catechism Class**

Acolyte - Mary Liza Sessoms
Children's Church - Katie Schultz & Mary Marshall Martin

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday	**7:30 a.m. - Men's Morning Bible Study**
	8:30 a.m. - Women's Morning Bible Study
	2:30 p.m. - Women's Afternoon Bible Study,
Wednesday	**9:15 a.m. - Women's Small Group Bible Study**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Sunday, our 3rd through 5 graders had Acolyte Training. We had 100% attendance for the event! Thank you, Hunter Becker, Michael McVey-Bolivar, Addison Cantrell, Stephen Ribustello, Andrew Sessoms, Mary Liza Sessoms, and Carissa Spruill for being a part of our Worship Leadership Team!

Catechism Class begins October 2

Next Sunday all 4th - 6th graders are invited. Please meet in the Wondrous Wednesday room at 9:30 a.m. Session 1: Our Relationship with God: *In the Beginning.*

SAVE THE DATES

October 2 thru November 20 - 9:30 a.m. - Catechism Class (children & youth 4th -6th grades)	
October 2	Youth Coffee House
	World Communion Sunday and Homebound Communion Sunday
	Stewardship Sunday
	Churchwide Family Picnic sponsored by Christian Education
October 9	Worship Committee Meeting - 2:30 p.m.
October 13	Parents & Confirmands Meeting - 9:30am
October 16	Baby Baptism of Ava Pierce
	Youth Spaghetti Lunch with Dessert Auction
October 20	New Member Day/Communion/ Combined Thanksgiving Service with St. James Methodist/Reception in Burns Hall
October 30	Dedication Sunday and Celebration Reception in Burns Hall
	Youth Pumpkin Carving in Burns Hall

Cents-Ability offering today

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Congregational Life
Ellen Clark (2018)
Martha Creech (2016)
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Finance and Stewardship
Tom Cordle (2017)
Beth Brinson (2018)
Bill Clark (2017)
Membership Development
Ellington Smoot (2017)
Mission and Christian Witness
Kelly Parker (2016)
Worship
Carnell Lamm (2016)
Adam Schultz (2018)

(*Elder Class in parentheses*)

Staff

Pastor…….Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane
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Director of Music/Organist……Bill Hilderbrandt
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A NOTE ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. we gather in the sanctuary to worship God. Our hope is that we enter this sacred space with our hearts, minds and souls focused on the Triune God. The prayers, hymns, scriptures and homily are our guides, helping us focus us on glorifying God. But we don't stay in this space forever. After the Benediction, we are sent into the world to be God's people. So you'll notice that our announcements are at the end of our worship service, right before the Benediction. We did this because this is the part in our worship service when we hear God's call to serve as a disciple of Christ and we want that call to come as we are sent into the world to be God's people.

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"We are united in the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior and in the transforming power of God's love and grace. We seek to follow the Word of God and remain committed to service and mission both locally and beyond."

September 25, 2016
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Youth Celebration Sunday

GATHERING

WELCOME
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

As we gather together to worship God, we invite you to quiet your hearts and your minds as the Prelude begins our worship of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE Seek Ye First arr. Douglas Wagner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Each of us are here, ready to glorify you.
We join our voices to celebrate the gifts you give us.
Young and old, male and female, life-long Presbyterians
and recent converts,
we are your people.
And today we celebrate that you call us to share our stories.
Because you are the author of our stories of faith.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God,
you speak to us throughout our lives.
You call us to go into the world to see where you are.
And when we do, we meet your people who glorify you
on mountaintops, in Charlotte, in Tarboro and in
unexpected places. You are everywhere and for that
reason we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

***HYMN #157** I Danced in the Morning

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our excitement for what's next can blind us to what's before us.
As we worship God, we remember what has kept us from
seeing God and we confess our sins against God and
one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all ages,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
But we miss your presence because we focus on what's
around us.
We think we know where you are and how we are to
experience you and in the process we miss seeing you
in our dreams, our families and our everyday interactions.
Our distractions are plentiful and so we pray as individuals
and as a community that you'd forgive our sins.
Remove the barriers that keep us from seeing you within
our lives and bring us home where we can live with you.
(*Silent prayers.*)

HYMN #71 *(Refrain Only)* Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

DECLARATION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is faithful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
We celebrate the love God freely bestows upon us
and we give thanks for the grace we continually experience.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
may we know that we are forgiven and called to live as God's
chosen people. Amen.

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE** Hymnal #583

Glory to God
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia! *(Sung Twice)*

TIME WITH CHILDREN Ann Margaret Taylor and Avery Sorie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Hope Whitehurst

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

FIRST READING Luke 6:35 (p.64)

CHORAL RESPONSE TO THE WORD It Began In the Silence J. L Salter

All: ***It began in the silence, God said, "Let a world be born!***
Now life I give you. I will be your God!"
Choir: *When his brothers came to him, he fin'ly understood.*
"Though evil was your real intent, God meant it all for good!"
All: ***It began in the silence, God said, "Let a world be born!***
Now life I give you. I will be your God!"

SECOND READING Genesis 37, 50 (Selected verses) (p.31, 47)

HOMILY Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane and Youth

***HYMN #300** We Are One in the Spirit
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed* Hymnal page 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Hope & Grace Whitehurst

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Our offering to God takes many forms, one of which is our presence in worship. As you offer a gift and a portion of your life, we also invite you to sign the Friendship Pad.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM A World of Difference Youth Ensemble
arr. Howard Dudley & Allen Amos

***DOXOLOGY** Hymn #606

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 THANKKSGIVING** Jim Winslow

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray.

These gifts are but a fraction of what you give us.
May our lives be an offering to your world, proclaiming your
grace and love to everyone.
And may the gifts we hold before you become beacons of hope
for your world.
Guide us as we use them to usher in your Kingdom and proclaim
you to the world. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

SENDING

***HYMN #80** You Shall Go Out with Joy *(Sung Twice)*
The Trees of the Field

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

We are sent into the world as God's people.
As we leave, we remind ourselves that God speaks to us
in many different ways and we are called to testify to
where we see God.
Gracious God, lead us as we venture out from this holy place.

POSTLUDE This Is The Day/I will Sing of the Mercies Garret/Fillmore

All late arrivals to worship will be seated during the first hymn, after the time with Children or during the hymn following the Homily. For those who exit the sanctuary during worship please remember that all the doors of our church are locked during worship, except the Sanctuary doors that lead directly into the narthex. If you need access to any other doors, please see an usher who would be glad to accommodate you.

THE USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER ARE:
Bonnie Whitehurst, Head Usher
Rob & Tammy Burns, Chauncey & Tammie Leggett,
Steve & Beth Love and Jim & Kathy Winslow