

The Messenger

Pastor Kevin Cochran

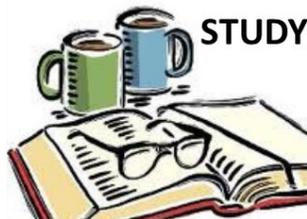
2020

·HAPPY NEW YEAR·

Friendship United Methodist Church, 5222 NC 150 East, Browns Summit, NC 27214 (336-656-7151)

January 2020

PASTOR'S STUDY



From the Pastor's Study . . .

“When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too.” John 14:3.

God has a way of giving us a glimpse of eternity. A chance to peek behind the curtain that separates the temporal from the eternal. It is God's way of expressing His promise in the midst of heartbreak. For me this Christmas season, it wasn't the "still small voice" or a dream of things to come. It was a picture, a story unfolding actually, before my eyes. My son came home for the holidays. He now resides in El Paso, Texas, and is going to school at the University of New Mexico in Las Cruces. We had not seen him since the middle of July. He flew into Raleigh-Durham International Airport and we waited in the concourse to greet him. As my wife and I anticipated his arrival, I noticed as other people waited for someone.

People were dressed in Christmas attire. Some held signs of welcome. Some were pacing. Some were already crying with anticipation. As passengers

deboarded and walked down the entrance of the airport, soldiers were tackled, children were embraced, tears of joy and hugs of welcome were passed out like candy at a Christmas parade. It was beautiful to watch. Then, our son walked down that hallway, smiling that goofy smile we always remember. I'm glad there was no one between my wife and my son. The biggest linebacker wouldn't be able to block that run. She embraced him until I said, "my turn," and then I got my hug. By the way, real men do cry. Through tears of joy, we welcomed him home.

I think I got a glimpse of heaven. It is said, when someone passes, they see loved ones who have gone before them. Some even have conversations with those who have departed before leaving this earth. But imagine the reunion when that person passes the divided between heaven and earth. Can't you just see those whose time has come, embracing those waiting on the other side? We are told there are no tears in heaven, but I would bet there are a lot of hugs. They also don't need to wait at baggage claim. All the baggage is left behind. There is no return ticket, but there is God's promise that we will all be together some day. There will be no poster board signs or ugly Christmas sweaters, but there will be Jesus. He has gone to prepare a place for us. Take a moment this new year to thank the One who waits for you.

Blessings.
Pastor Kevin



My family and I would like to thank you for your love and support this Christmas season. We have had many challenges, but your love and compassion have been of great comfort. Malisa, Sean, Sarah and myself would like for you to know how much we enjoy being part of your family at Friendship United Methodist Church and we look forward worshipping and serving with you in the new year.

God is good,
Pastor Kevin

Happy New Year
2020

A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything. All that I am.

- Mary Fairchild



Mark
Your Calendar!

Sunday, January 12

5th Sunday Night Singing
Jackson UMC - 6:00 p.m.
(rescheduled from Dec. 29)

Tuesday, January 14

UMM Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Libby Hill - Reidsville



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Thank you for supporting our
FOOD PANTRY
 Because no one should go to bed hungry.

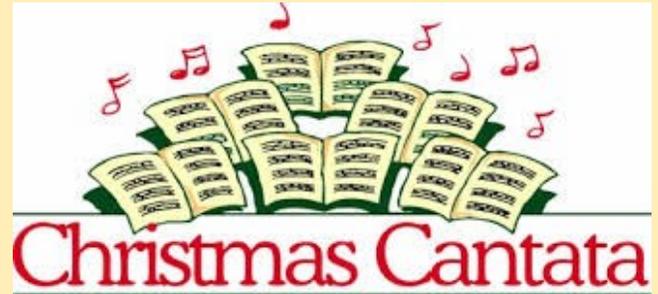
Food Pantry Needs for January

As is our tradition on the first Sunday of each month at Friendship, we celebrate Communion together. We also take this opportunity to participate in our community ministry by bringing canned or packaged food which is donated to the Community Food Pantry at Fairgrove UMC. When you donate items, you help fulfill our mission to collect and distribute food to the Food Pantry who serve others in need. Fairgrove distributes the food on the third Wednesday of each month. Volunteers from Friendship and Brown Summit also help with the distribution. On **Sunday, January 6**, we are collecting the following items: small boxes of pancake mix, small bottles of syrup, saltine crackers, 15 oz. peanut butter, individual servings of instant grits, individual servings of instant oatmeal, pouches of biscuit mix, canned fried apples, canned vegetables (corn, green beans, green peas), and canned pasta (Ravioli, etc.). No glass containers. Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry.



Friendship celebrates the beginning of the Advent Season

Friendship held its annual Hanging of the Greens service on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. This special service was a time to adorn God's house in preparation for the coming of His Son. This beautiful service combined the history and meanings of the sanctuary adornments and beautiful music to give a joyous start to the Advent Season. Thank you to those who participated in this special service.



On Sunday, December 22, Friendship's choir, under the direction of Daniese Smith, presented our annual Christmas cantata, "Come Let Us Adore." We know all who attended were blessed and filled with the Christmas spirit! Thank you Daniese for directing the cantata. Thank you choir for your dedication and hard work. Thank you Dennis Hisey for narrating, Christi Collins for operating the sound system, and Sarah Johnson and Jennifer Watkins for their wonderful solos. It takes many voices to make a choir, and we appreciate each and every one!



Through your generosity, \$1,300 was collected for the Share the Warmth fund which will help families in the community who need assistance

with their fuel costs at Monticello Oil Company. The Truth Seekers Sunday School Class expresses our sincere gratitude and appreciation for everyone's kindness in assisting us with this mission project!



Join us for our 5th Sunday Night Singing on **Sunday night, January 12**, at 6 p.m. at Jackson UMC (rescheduled from December 29). Enjoy music from

Brown Summit UMC, Fairgrove UMC, Friendship UMC, Jackson UMC, and Monticello UCC. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Look forward to a time of good singing, good food, and good fellowship.

On Sunday, December 15, Friendship United Methodist Church recognized two additional graduates. Graduation marks a major milestone in life, a time when we celebrate accomplishments and transition to another phase. Please pray for those who are completing their schoolwork and dreaming of the future.



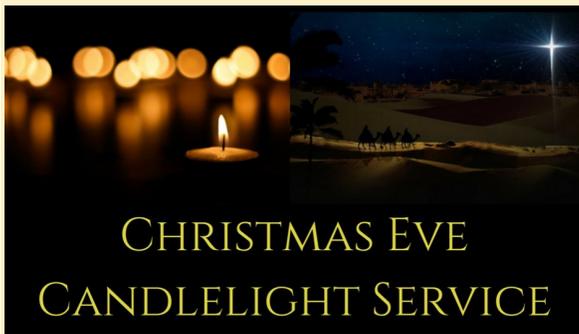
Sarah Cochran

N.C. State University
BS in Plant Biology
Daughter of Pastor Kevin & Malisa Cochran



Trey Johnson

University of North Carolina at Greensboro
BS in Chemistry
Married to Taylor Johnson and son-in-law of Woody & Lauren Childress

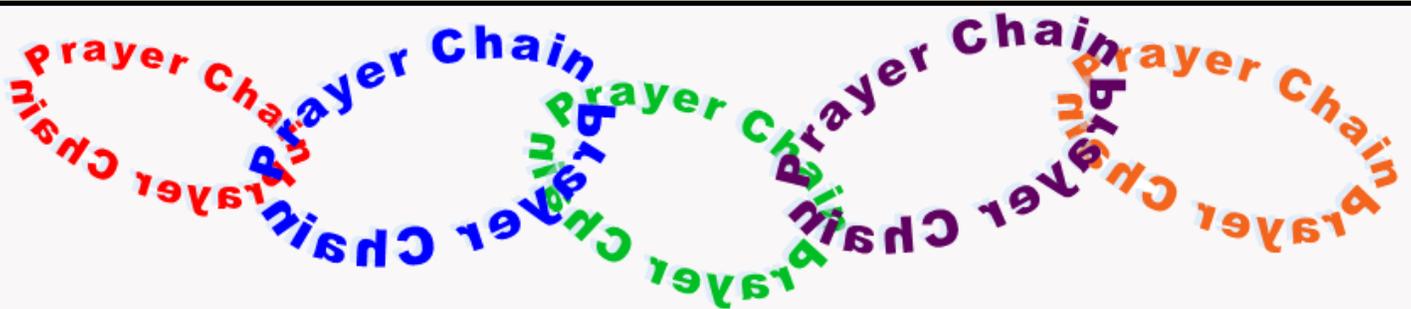


CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

To complete the anticipation of the Advent season, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held at Brown Summit UMC. Many families came to witness the true meaning of the season, the birth of Jesus Christ who was and is the gift of God to all people on this earth. The Christ Candle as well as the other four Advent Theme Candles were lit. The combined children's choir from Brown Summit and Friendship sang beautifully in the surroundings of Poinsettias. A candle lighting ceremony led by Pastor Kevin and carried to all who were present

shed an ever-widening light in the light-dimmed sanctuary. We hope that the meaning of the service, the gathering of the people, and the memories of the message help us in our quest to do what the Lord would have us do in helping Him be the continuing light of the world.



Make a difference in your life and the lives of others! Friendship has an email Prayer Chain. You can pray any time, anywhere, in your own way. Joining our prayers together can really make a difference in many lives. If you have questions or are interested in the email prayer chain, contact: Frances Cable at fcable@triad.rr.com or 336-656-3089. The Prayer Chain exists for the benefit of anyone in need of prayer.

Let us pray together and work together to assure that the Christmas spirit of peace on earth and good will to all people will be extended beyond December.



Church Family - Larry & Lovetta Bailey, LaVerne Brande, Wendell Brande, Wayne Brann, Bruce Chrismon, Dwight Chrismon, Elmo Chrismon, Margie Chrismon, Herbert Hooper, Ruth Hopkins, Sue Lambeth, Buddy Mullis, Bobbie Papoulias, Pastor Nick & Libby Scandale

Other Friends & Family - Wayne Barham, Sandy Black, Tim Brande, Jennifer Edwards, Billy Lawson, Pat McLamb, Sherry Racz, Becky Rumley, Jimmy Sloan, Ray Williams

In Sympathy - the family of Don Craven, the family of Dolores Gilroy

In Our Military - Pvt. Grayson Boyd



Our **homebound members** can't come to church due to health or other reasons. Please pray for them or take a moment to send a note or card to let them know that they are missed. It will brighten their day!

Alice Hilliard

Whitestone, Apt. 310
908 Scottish Rite Drive
Greensboro, NC 27407

Pauline Holt

Room 408-B, BellaRose Nursing & Rehab
200 BelaRose Lake Way
Garner, NC 27529

Ruth Hopkins

7160 Brown Summit Road
Browns Summit, NC 27214

Melvin & Margie Roberson

8015 Benaja Road
Browns Summit, NC 27214

Greeters

January 5 - Wanda Ball
January 12 - Renee Troxler
January 19 - Christi Collins
January 26 - Dawn Hall

Ushers

January 5 - Ken Ball & Lee Gordon
January 12 - Clarence Hilliard & Kyle Watkins
January 19 - Wayne Brann & Ronnie Strader
January 26 - Jack Hall & Ken Troxler

Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. If you will not be available, please contact someone to fill in for you or call Henry Lambeth (336-656-3178).

FUMC Contacts

Bulletin Items: Renee Troxler 336-656-9809
renee.troxler@yahoo.com

Prayer Chain Requests: LaVerne Brande
336-656-3212 (lbrande@triad.rr.com) or
Frances Cable 336-656-3089
fcable@triad.rr.com

Fellowship Hall Reservations:
Daniese Smith 336-375-3845
sibbyswims@aol.com

Messenger: LaVerne Brande 336-656-3212
lbrande@triad.rr.com or
Frances Cable 336-656-3089
fcable@triad.rr.com

Pastor Kevin's Office Hours

Friendship

Monday and Tuesday — 9 a.m. — 12 noon

Brown Summit

Wednesday and Thursday — 9 a.m.—12 noon

Friday – Day off

Other hours by appointment
(336-552-8130)

If you have a pastoral need, Pastor Kevin can be reached at his cell phone number:
(336) 552-8130.

Pastor Cochran requests that only emergency calls be made between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.

His email address is:
kcochran@wnccumc.net



JANUARY ❄️ 2020

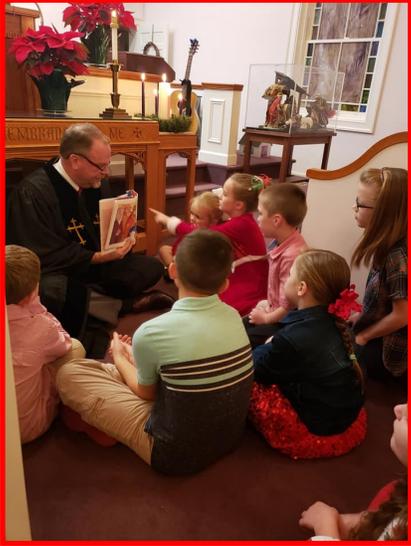


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Happy Birthday! Kaylie Lewis	2	3	4
5 Happy Birthday! Jo Payne	6 Happy Birthday! Margie Chrismon	7 Happy Birthday! Brooks Jones	8	9 Happy Birthday! Everly May	10	11 Happy Birthday! Christopher Brande Kenneth Brown
12 5th Sunday Night Sing Jackson UMC	13 Happy Birthday! Wayne Brann Addie Watkins	14 UMM Meeting	15 Happy Birthday! Lane Brann Janice Henley	16 Happy Anniversary! Kenneth & Stephanie Chrismon	17 Happy Birthday! Randy Brande Maria Cable	18 Happy Birthday! Mike Gunn Emma Watkins
19	20 Happy Birthday! Justin Collins	21	22	23	24	25
26 Happy Birthday! Josh McLamb	27 Happy Birthday! Haven May John McLamb	28	29 Happy Birthday! Patti Reid	30 Happy Birthday! Trent Jones	31 Happy Birthday! Kathy Purgason	

Christmastime at Friendship - 2019



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Church Officers, Other Leaders and Committees
2020

POSITION	
Pastor	Kevin Cochran
Lay Leader	Chris Law
Church Council Chairperson	Frankie Wagoner
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Daryl Rudd, Brown Summit UMC
Alternate to Annual Conference	Marge Huneycutt, Brown Summit UMC
Sunday School Superintendent	Christi Collins
Recording Secretary	Renee Troxler
Treasurer	Nikki McLamb
Finance Secretary	Henry Lambeth
Communion Stewards	Bruce & Margie Chrismon
Pianist/Choir Director	Daniese Smith
Usher/Greeter Coordinator	Frances Cable
President of the United Methodist Men	Frankie Wagoner
Membership Secretary	LaVerne Brande/Frances Cable
Church Historian	Nancy Jones
Newsletter	LaVerne Brande/Frances Cable
Fellowship Hall Reservations	Daniese Smith
Trustees	Clarence Hilliard '22, Chairperson Butch Henley '20 Ken Troxler '21 Kay Wagoner '20 Dennis Hisey '22 John McLamb '21
Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC)	John McLamb, Chairperson Chris Law, Lay Leader Janice Henley '20 Diane Hilliard '21 Sharon Troxler '20
Nominations Committee	Kevin Cochran, Pastor Nancy Jones '20 Henry Lambeth '21 Frankie Wagoner '20 Karen Linnane '22 LaVerne Brande '21 Carol Mullis '22

Finance Committee	Lee Gordon, Chairperson/Stewardship rep Chris Law, Lay Leader Nikki McLamb, Treasurer Henry Lambeth, Finance Secretary Clarence Hilliard, Trustees rep Frankie Wagoner, Admin rep John McLamb, PPRC rep	
Worship Committee	Frances Cable Bruce Chrismon Dwight Chrismon Christi Collins	Janice Henley Sarah Johnson Nancy Jones Daniese Smith
Witness and Outreach Committee	Larry Bailey Dwight Chrismon Butch Henley Janice Henley Diane Hilliard	Dennis Hisey John McLamb Manny McMillan Kyle Watkins
Children & Youth Ministries Committee	Clayton Johnson Sarah Johnson Shannon Law Alicia May	Nikki McLamb Jill Simpson Jennifer Watkins
Adult Ministries Committee	Chris Collins Christi Collins Bruce Chrismon	Shirley Huffines Karen Linnane Kyle Watkins
Congregational Care Committee	Lauren Childress Woody Childress Dawn Hall Butch Henley	Janice Henley Shirley Huffines Nancy Jones Frankie Wagoner
Discipleship Committee	Ken Ball Wanda Ball LaVerne Brande Norma Gordon	Jeffrey Hopkins John McLamb Daniese Smith
Stewardship Committee	Frances Cable Lee Gordon	Nikki McLamb Frankie Wagoner
Safe Sanctuaries Committee	Bruce Chrismon Dawn Hall Clarence Hilliard	Shannon Law Nikki McLamb Renee Troxler
Cemetery Committee	Floyd Cable Elmo Chrismon Clarence Hilliard Buddy Mullis	Ronnie Strader Ken Troxler Frankie Wagoner

FRIENDSHIP ONLINE: Where Can You Find Us?

Website:

Accessibility is becoming increasingly more important! Friendship is working to make sure we can communicate with our community in the best way possible! Our website is www.friendship-um.com. The website is our hub for information. You can access material on upcoming events and special services, The Messenger, the latest videos from events or services, information from our congregational nurse, and links to our other online outlets.

Social Media:

Below is an explanation of our social media outlets:



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/friendshipunitedmethodistchurch>
Facebook is a place to see what is happening! Photos, daily inspiration, and church information are shared here! Give us a “like” to stay updated!



YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com> → Search Friendship United Methodist Church
YouTube is the home of all our video content. Livestreams, event photo videos, and sermon videos are uploaded here for everyone to view. Subscribe!



Instagram: App or www.instagram.com → Search Friendship United Methodist
Instagram is our newest platform. It's home to all our photos from events and goings on around the church. It's a fun way to look back at our precious memories!



Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com> → Search friendship-um
Flickr is the home of all our photos. Photos from services, all our special events, outreach programs, and group activities are uploaded here for everyone to view.



GMail: friendshipunitedmethodist@gmail.com
Friendship does have an email address. This is the address for general questions or needs. The website's “Contact Us” form also goes to this email.

All social media is updated and checked as often as possible. We do our best to try and stay current with the goings-on in the community. You can access these outlets using the web addresses above or by going to the website. Each page of the website has what is called a social bar at the bottom. These icons will take you directly to the church's page within that media. It looks like this and is in the bottom right corner:



Live Streaming:

Live Streaming gives viewers the ability to watch services and events in real time even if they cannot be in the physical space. We have begun streaming the ENTIRE service on Sunday mornings on YouTube. The Live Stream will appear on the YouTube page. If you subscribe, YouTube will notify you of a Live Stream. We will also continue to record and edit sermon videos as our equipment allows. If you can't join us in person today, please join us online!

