



August 2022

Fred Rogers was invited to be the bacallaureate speaker for Boston University's class of 1992. During the address he shared from one of his favorite books, *The Little Prince*. The passage he cited discussed that which is most important about people "is invisible to the eye." Personal significance is not found in honors and prizes but in integrity. He then asked the class this question, "What is essential about you that is invisible to the eye?" He then paused for a considerable amount of time, allowing each student and faculty member to ponder the question. Even the president of the university, sitting to his side with his tasseled cap and impressive gold medallion, was gripped by the question. It was a time not for self-absorption, but one for self-reflection. Rogers then broke the silence and answered his own question by singing the song, "It's You I Like." Everyone sat in silence, and some even cried, as they listened to these lyrics, "It's you I like. It's not the things you wear. It's not the way you do your hair, but it's you I like. The way you are right now. The way deep down inside you. Not the things that you hide - not your diplomas, they're just beside you. But it's you I like. Every part of you." This is the love of total acceptance, blemishes and all.

Fred McFeely Rogers was a Presbyterian minister. Mr. Rogers was a powerful witness to gentle, compassionate love, lived out in his kind-hearted, soft-spoken demeanor. He stated, "I went into television because I hated it so, and I thought there was some way of using this fabulous instrument to be of nurture to those who would watch and listen." Mr. Rogers' *Neighborhood* went on the air in 1968 and remained on the air until 2001. The show's purpose, as put forth by Mr. Rogers, was to promote: good self esteem, self control, imagination, creativity, curiosity, appreciation of diversity, cooperation, patience, and persistence.

So this day, I ask all of us, "What is essential about you that is invisible to the eye?" Now GO AND LIVE IT OUT! Remember, also, it is you God likes!

The Journey Continues...

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For important events and dates, please view the full church calendar at: <https://ardmoreumc.org/calendar>



Spotlight on



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Getting to know your Stephen Ministers and Leaders

Why are you a Stephen Minister or Leader?



"We are called to help others feel cared for when going through life's struggles."

Steve and Eva Jane Felts,
Stephen Leaders



"Being a Stephen Minister enables me to show someone Christ's love and empathy helping them cope with a difficult life situation."

Eddie Foster, Stephen Minister



"Being a Stephen Minister gives me the humble ability to be a calming presence and a listening ear to someone in Jesus' name."

Debbie Williams, Stephen Minister

What does Stephen Ministry mean to you?

"Stephen Ministry is meeting hurting people where they are and, with the help of God, helping them in their times of trouble."

Ryan Price, Stephen Minister



"I love being a Stephen Minister because I can walk alongside someone who may be hurting, as others have done for me, listening compassionately and showing that I care and value them."

Joy Troyer, Stephen Minister



"Stephen Ministry empowers the people of God to be not just the hands and feet of Christ, but to be his eyes and ears too. Stephen Ministers see you and hear you."

Rev. Katy Medinas-Lockley,
Stephen Leader



Need a Stephen minister or know someone who does? Contact Pastor Neill or Pastor Katy.

MISSION MOMENTS

Ardmore UMC Mission Engagement

Red Bird Mission

After being commissioned by Pastor Neill on Sunday, July 24th, our team from Ardmore UMC left on July 31st for Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky and are set to return on August 5th. Please continue to be in prayer for our team as well as the folks who have already been there, laying foundations for God's good work in the mountains of Kentucky. Our hope is to learn from our partners, encourage them, and engage in long-term fellowship for years to come!

*Never heard of Red Bird Mission?
Check them out here:
<http://rbmission.org/>*



2022 Red Bird Mission Team

Mary Jo Brewer, Carolyn Coram,
Eva Jane Felts, Steve Felts,
Eddie Foster, Meredith Lindel,
Pastor Katy Medinas-Lockley,
Nancy Norton, Marilyn Parker,
Matthew Robinson

Cherry Street Prison Ministry

On Sunday, July 24th, members of our church joined worship in the chapel at Cherry Street Prison. Dir. of Traditional Music, Matthew Bacon led the group in some songs and shared a testimony on 'Christmas in July'. Eva Jane Felts offered the prayer of invocation and Nancy Norton read the scripture, Philippians 4: 4-9, before Chaplain Hanshell preached the Word: An Antidote to Anxiety (praise, prayer, peace, promise).

We then engaged in fellowship, making human connection with our brothers in prison; we talked about the worship service, family, and shared in the excitement for some folks who will reentering society in the coming weeks and months. It was a blessed time of praise and fellowship.

The prison chapel reopened to community visitors in recent months, after being closed due to the pandemic. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Cherry Street Prison Ministry in the future!

If you are interested in learning more about this amazing ministry, please contact Pastor Katy at katy@ardmoreumc.org.



"I was in prison and you came to me."

-Matthew 25:36c



QUICK!

DO SOMETHING!

FOR OUR INFORMATION

Given the recent water damage issue and the significant repair costs our church has incurred, trustees will discuss the prudence of replacing the aged toilet & sink shut off valves, as well as other options. Many of the valve shut offs are rusted and prone to break off if turned. The cost of valve replacements is significant, but we are seeing the very significant cost of a water mitigation issue should we take the risk and not replace aged valves or consider an alternative cautionary action.

For the immediate here and now- if you flush a toilet in the building and the water keeps running in the tank, and you attempt to shut the water valve off and it *breaks* ...what to do! The immediate "fix" will be to turn the water off at the street. There are two tools needed; the plan is to locate the tools on hooks on the wall behind the door of the coffee break room. The coffee break room is between the doorways of Bob Martin Hall and the kitchen. There will be appropriate signage displayed on the break room door that shall indicate:

"Emergency Water Shut Off Tools".

The water meter is located under a section of sidewalk in front of Rozzelle Chapel. The hook tool is needed to lift up the section of sidewalk where the meter is located, and the long-handled clamp tool is used to turn off the valve (there are actually two shut off valves, but either will work). A flashlight will also be provided in case it's needed.

If you are unable to manage the water shut off, you may also call water utilities 24-hour emergency number [CityLink 311 or 336-727-8000](tel:311) and cross your [fingers help makes](#) a timely appearance. (I actually called 311 and received a prompt response, although the calls are answered in the order received so maybe I just got lucky!)



WATER HOOK USED TO LIFT SIDEWALK AT METER LOCATION



WATER VALVE SHUT OFF WRENCH

New Church Directory!!!!

We heard you and realized the need for a new church directory. Now, we need your help. Please sign up and spread the news. It will not be complete without each and everyone of you.

Dates will be September 20th and 21st from 2-8:30.

Sign up by scheduling your appointment time online: www.ucdir.com
Church code NC384 Password: photos

You may sign up in person after services (dates to be announced) or call the church office 723-3695. Additional dates may be added later.

You will be able to view images immediately, receive a complimentary 8 x 10, directory, and BONUS of app. Additional portraits will be available to purchase.

Financial Update

As you read this, Neill and Selwyn Shaw are getting their feet under them as the new pastor family at Ardmore, we have 24 people serving on mission teams in South Carolina and Kentucky, and the restoration of our facilities required by the water damage this spring is well underway. God's work is happening.

While it requires faith and prayer to carry out God's calling, it also requires money to operate the church and its missions. At the end of second quarter, contributions are lower, and expenses are higher than we had hoped as the 2022 budget was planned. The latter is due mostly to the asbestos that was discovered after the flood in the education wing. Our insurance will pay the cost of the repairs but will not cover the cost of the abatement.

Another expense that is a surprise this year is the cost of natural gas. As of the end of June, we have spent 98% of the allocation for 2022.

Like any invested in the market, Ardmore's account balances are down from the vigorous growth experienced the past few years. We are fortunate to have funds to invest via the United Methodist Foundation, but with drops in the market, monies available for expenditures also decline.

As we deal with financial challenges, we also enjoy much to celebrate. Payments for apportionments and local outreach commitments are current. Also, while being conscientious stewards of the budget, our staff continues to offer many creative and meaningful opportunities to experience Jesus's love to those who attend events on our campus, those who participate via streaming services, and the community at large. Thus far, we have been able to support these efforts to spread the word.

Please review the status of your financial support of Ardmore to confirm that your giving is where you want it to be currently. If it is not, and you are able, consider bringing your commitment up to date. If it is, we thank you and encourage you to continue your support.

If you would like to learn more about your personal giving record or our church budget in general, contact Brandi Baran, our business manager, or Meredith Lindel, chair of the Finance Committee.

Summer Staff Outing

One Thursday afternoon our Ardmore Staff + 1 traveled to the Escape Room Temple of Tikal. We were given one hour to problem solve our way through three rooms of clues. We had to conquer, divide and rely on our team members' skill sets to get us through. A fun learning experience, we highly recommend. Pleased to announce that we made it through with 10+ minutes left to spare.

Wonder what we will do next !!?





United
Methodist
Women

FAITH
HOPE
LOVE IN ACTION

Greetings to and from Ardmore United Methodist Women, also known as Ardmore United Women In Faith! Whichever name, we are the same sisterhood of service!

The Yadkin Valley District UMW/UWIF Annual Celebration is scheduled to take place at 10:00 on Saturday, August 20, at Faith UMC. There is a brief business portion to this event...including swearing in of officers. There will also be a talk and special music by the very gifted, Catherine Ritch. We would love to have a good representation from AUMC. Rides are easily available if desired!

The following Saturday, August 27, our own Ardmore Unit will "jumpstart" the 2022-23 year with a general brunch meeting at 11:00 in Bob Martin Hall. All AUMC Women are invited and bring a friend! Our special guest will be Yadkin Valley District President, Rhita Newcomb. If you've met Rita, you will want to see what she has to share with us. If you have not met her, you are in for a treat!

Mission Opportunities:

Please remember to drop off items in Cindy Kern's "Period Products" box. It's on the shelf to the right immediately as you enter the first floor Mission Closet. Donations have been needed and gratefully accepted at the Thursday Food Pantries. As we know, it is vital to donate prayers, as well as money and materials. We all want to be in prayer for two mission trips set for the first week of August. A team from AUMC will be working at Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. The Red Bird facility is a long-time mission focus of United Methodist Women, doing much good in an economically challenged region of Appalachia. The second trip will be undertaken by the Youth of the church, led by Jessica and Josh Dalton, Stephanie Rehm and Matthew Bacon, traveling to Charleston, SC. You will be hearing much more detail about both trips later in the month.

Final thought:

When approaching a mission opportunity we are often reminded to meet our intended beneficiaries "where they are"... as Jesus does. The following is a prayer I read in our 2022 UMW Prayer Guide. It reminded me that I need to ask to be met the same way. "Dear Lord, meet us where we are and guide us from there to be able to do your work and to help give people opportunities to encounter you!"

Till September, then...Blessings!

Nancy Norton, President Ardmore UMW/UWIF

988 NEW MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS DIALING CODE 988

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline launched nationwide on July 16. Similar to dialing 911 for medical emergencies, people in emotional distress or suicidal crises can call or text 988 and be connection immediately to trained counselors who will listen, provide support and connect them to resources if necessary.

The three-digit dialing code is new, but the Lifeline is not. Previously known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, callers will still be connected to the same services. The Lifeline provides services in both English and Spanish.

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Lunch Volunteers Needed at Samaritan Ministry

Samaritan Ministries is looking for 6-12 volunteers. Beginning in August guest to the Samaritan Ministries Soup Kitchen will be welcomed back into the building (414 E NW Blvd) for the noon day meal. Volunteers are greatly needed to help prepare lunches and to help serve the sheltered guests.

Lunchtime Volunteers: Mon-Sat 9am-1:30 pm Sunday 10am-2pm

Anyone under the age of 13 (with a parent) can volunteer at Samaritan Ministries. If you haven't volunteered in a while, Samaritan Ministries would love to see you again. Have questions? Please call 336-748-1962.

A SHOUT OUT for the BIG CHILL ice cream makers of Ardmore UMC and Contribution Sustainers!

Ice Cream was churned, team members served, making the Big Chill 2022 a glorious success for The Shalom Project. Ice Cream makers: Carolyn Coram, Debbie and Keith Gough, Frances and Dave McDonald, Marilyn Parker, Carrena and Camilla Sherrill, Debbie and David Williams along with on site Helpers/Encouragers: Matthew Bacon, Cadye Cook, Lee Foster, Cindy Bullock, Walton, Billy and Nicholas, Leslie Burey, Sasha and Trin Rehm were "scooping up" support and delicious cooling refreshment" on National Ice Cream Day, Sunday July 17. Your sustaining contributions to The Shalom Project have reached a phenomenal \$4600 with remaining hopes and prayers for the \$5000 goal to be met. Donations for sustaining The Shalom Project ministry can still be made on line or by sending a check made payable to: The Shalom Project (639 S. Green Street Winston-Salem, NC 27101). Please, if you write a check indicate on the memo line: **The Big Chill Team Ardmore**. If you wish to utilize the fund raising website to make an appreciated contribution to achieving our \$5000 goal it remains: <https://theshalomprojectnc.networkforgood.com/projects/163993-ardmore-umc-and-carolyn-coram>

(Note the website total reflects only the contributions made via the website. Additional contributions have been made via cash and checks.)





Clothing Closet needs men's underwear and men's shirts, cold weather clothing collections soon Thank you for your donations currently in place or being worn and greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU for your continuing response in collection School Supplies. Please note that the School Supply collections ends Sunday, August 14.

Blessing Box/ Food Pantry

Pop top lids whenever possible): Canned Chili and chili beans, Canned potatoes (white or sweet), Canned vegetables, Vegetable Beef and Chicken Vegetable Soup, Canned tuna and chicken, Peanut butter, Mayonnaise, Adult and children's cereal, Oatmeal, Coffee, Salad dressing, Vegetable oil, Cornmeal mix, Small bottles of dishwashing liquid, Bottles of 100% fruit juice, Cartons of Parmalat shelf milk, Period Products for girls and women, Adult diapers for Men and Women (size Large and XL) and Children diapers.

Where, oh where, has the summer gone??? I feel like it just began and now it is almost over. It has been good, despite the hot, hot weather. The summer did bring a joy to my family...my great nephew, Ryan Harrison Sharpe, was born July 1... I was hoping he would arrive on my birthday but he had other plans. I am excited!!!

Last month we got to meet our new senior minister, Neill Shaw, and his wife, Selwyn. They are already a blessing to Ardmere UMC and I hope that you will get to know them soon. You can meet them by attending the 10:00 or the 11:15 services and you can see Neill online for these services also. Pastor Neill is anxious to visit and get to know our senior members, as well as all the Ardmere members. If he hasn't called and/or visited already, you can be sure that he will call and/or visit soon.

I'm planning to resume our Young at Heart luncheon/program events next month, September 27, 2022, the 4th Tuesday of the month. Let's hope and pray that the new Covid strain doesn't bring a halt to it. I will send emails and make phone calls in September to let you know more about the plans...I appreciate our willing helpers who make phone calls each month. If you have a new email address or phone number, please let me know at maryjo@ardmoreumc.org or 336-723-5566. And if you haven't attended Young at Heart events in the past and would like to attend, please let me know. I know that this comes under the "seniors" umbrella, but you don't have to be a senior to attend. Everyone is always welcome, whether you are a senior or even an Ardmere member or not. We have lots of Ardmere "friends" who attend...the more the merrier!

I hope that you will continue to be in contact with our senior members who aren't as active as they once were. As I have said many times, they love to hear from Ardmere friends with calls, cards and visits. Let me know if you need addresses. My quote this month is "Love is, above all, the gift of oneself." (Jean Anouilh)... just think, that phone call, card or visit may be a gift to someone...a gift of love.

Love and joy to all,
Mary Jo



August

Kids Worship & Events Schedule

Sunday Mornings will be 'PRAY'GROUND Sundays! We will have a blast on the playground with a craft, game, snack and lots of fun! 10AM – 12PM

DATE	THEME	ACTIVITY & CRAFT
08/07/2022 10AM – 12PM	'PRAY'GROUND God Created A Beautiful World Genesis 2:4 – 23	Game: River Race & Animal Relay Craft: Fingerprint Animals
08/13/2022 10AM – 11AM	 SUMMER JAM - PLAYGROUND PARTY! 10AM – 11AM at Ardmore UMC Playground. Inflatables, Games, Ice Cream & More!	
08/14/2022 10AM & 11:15AM	'PRAY'GROUND God Cares For All Creation Psalm 104:10 – 30	Game: Save the Animal! Craft: Fabulous Feeders (Edible Craft)
08/21/2022 10AM & 11:15AM	'PRAY'GROUND We Are Part of God's Kingdom Mark 4:26 – 32	Game: Seed Tag Craft: Seed "Stones"
08/24/2022 5:30PM – 6:30PM	BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH! Join us for a fun end to summer with our Back-to-School Bash! Filled with games, crafts, popsicles & prizes! EVERYONE IS WELCOME! (if raining we will meet inside in the Fellowship Hall.)	
08/28/2022 10AM & 11:15AM	'PRAY'GROUND We Can Trust in God's Love Psalm 52:8-9 & Psalm 92:12-15	Game: Flee the Forest Craft: Tree Rubbings

BACK TO SCHOOL Blessing



Join us on Sunday, August 28th during our 10AM & 11:15AM Worship Services for a very special "BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING"

CHECK OUT SOME OF THE FUN WE HAD AT OUR JUNE PLAYGROUND PARTY!



Each month we welcome our friends and neighbors to join us for lots of fun together!
In June we had 150 folks join us to see Engine 6 Fire Truck!

ALL PRESCHOOL - ELEMENTARY AGE KIDS ARE INVITED TO A

PLAYGROUND PARTY!

SUMMER JAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH (10AM-11AM)

ARDMORE UMC PLAYGROUND

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

INFLATABLES, GAMES, MUSIC & ICE CREAM!



FUN

6TH - 12TH GRADE



Youth GROUP

MONDAYS
6PM-7:30PM



FRIENDSHIP

FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1
Jeff Crawford
Lee Foster III
Victoria Schwartz

8/2
Duncan Fodel

8/3
Jamie Ward IV
Joe White

8/4
Karen Lawrence

8/6
David Engstrom
Brandon Holgersen
Tom Houston
Ian O'Toole

8/7
Curt Batten
Precious Mudiwa
Stan Troyer

8/8
Larry Triplett

8/9
Alice Dalton
Pat Weaver

8/10
Josh Dalton
Mitzi Kepley

8/11
Margaret Foster
Addie Murray

8/12
Dillon Myers
Laura Rogers

8/13
Susan Teeter Jones

8/14
Luke Brown
Jackson Gallimore
Haillie Sain
J.R. Snider

8/17
Ben Ward III

8/18
Channin Bennett
Ken Blackburn
Cynthia Kern

8/19
Chris Reynolds

8/21
Jeff Brinker

8/23
Heather Vye

8/24
Jere Carter
Peggy Haigler
Jonathan Harrison

8/25
Pat Stuart

8/26
Frances McDonald

8/27
Will Brinker
Ann Combs
Douglas Dyer
Aaron Gary

8/28
Bradley Deaton

8/30
Matt Robinson

8/31
Jonathan Amos
Marilyn Parker
Nicole Stevens
Sue Wilkinson

Congregational Concerns


We pray for those who:

Need healing: Maya Brawley, Sylvia Caldwell, Jan Carter, Ruth Carter, Jane Click, Bobbi Cobb, Alice Dalton, Patrick Edenfield, Betty Frazier, Bethany Goodman, Peggy Hall, Joanne Hamlet, Cynthia Hulet, Hattie Hauser, Charles Hedrick, Ruby Houlden, Sara Knott, Elizabeth Martin, Roy Nifong, Darlene Owens, Sylvia Powell, Genie Reynolds, Chris Steele, Harry Steele, Sherry Stevens, Pat Weaver, Janice Weeks, Ralph (Tom) White and Sue Wilkinson.

Need comfort: Family and friends of Peggy Andrews who entered her heavenly home July 7. Family and friends of William Foster (Eddie's Uncle) who was lifted into heaven on July 11.

Who come to Our Father's Table Food Pantry/Clothing Closet.

Who serve our country.



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Join us Sunday mornings for online worship!

Traditional 10:00 am
Contemporary 11:15 am



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