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May 2026 Newsletter



MINISTRIES & MORE

Fruit and Protein First Sunday of Every Month

Gibsonville First Baptist Church operates a food pantry (Hope Corner) that serves our community. Each week 25 to 30 families/individuals receive food. Our church supports this mission by collecting food and delivering it to the food pantry. Hunger continues to be a problem in our area so this is an important way we can support those in need. Please remember to bring non perishable food to church on **Sunday, May 3rd** and place it in the bins in the welcome center or in the closet off the narthex. Suggested food items include the following: peanut butter, canned meat, canned meat stews, beans, brown rice, quinoa, and canned fruit. Please check expiration dates on all donated food.

Community Dinner:

No Community Dinner in May

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels Delivery will be May 11, 13, 14, and 15.

Care and Share

Care & Share will meet May 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor.

UM Men's Meals Together

The United Methodist Men will have their breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 2nd at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Claude Little (336-447-4002) or Ben McMillan (336-269-7724).

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday May 19th at 10:30 AM in the parlor.

Special Sundays in May

May 17: Ascension Sunday

May 24: Day of Pentecost

May 31: Trinity Sunday

Communion will be offered on May 10.

The Story Scholarship Awards will be announced on May 17th during both worship services.

A Praise & Worship Benefit Concert for SAFE will be held at First United Methodist in Elon on May 30th from 3 to 5 p.m. Come and join us in song and in worship as churches of all denominations from across Alamance and Guilford Counties come together to support SAFE, a Family Empowerment Center that serves neighbors in Alamance, Guilford, and Orange Counties. In 2025, SAFE served 8,000 families at its three locations, providing meals, a nursing clinic, resource connections, social work services, and many more programs. A Love Offering to benefit SAFE will be collected during the service.

Mark Your Calendars Now for VBS — June 15th to June 19th

Planning has begun for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. There are still several opportunities to volunteer. We need crew leaders, leaders for our games and "Sticky Scriptures" station, help with registration and help in the kitchen. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help with this important outreach ministry of the church!

VBS will be held the week of June 15th to June 19th, from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. each day.

There is no cost to attend. Children currently in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend, with youth currently in 8th grade or older invited to volunteer. More information and registration for volunteers and participants can be found here.



VBS Workdays

We will have workdays to prepare for VBS on Thursday, May 21 at 7, Thursday, May 28 at 7 and Saturday, June 6 at 1. During these times we will make decorations, sort supplies and do other organizational tasks.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9 AM UMM Breakfast
3 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship	4 7 PM Boy Scouts	5 6 PM Praise Team 7 PM Cub Scouts	6 6 PM Handbells 7 PM Chancel Choir	7 5:30 PM Kingdom Kids	8	9
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Upcoming Opportunities

Priority #3 Maintaining an appropriate balance between personal time and work

I love what I do and can be prone to overdo which can come at the expense of my family and friends and my overall well-being. Besides part of the journey of faith is Sabbath practice and trusting God. When I fall into patterns of non-stop work and responsiveness in practice I am acting like ministry depends more on me when it always flows from God. As my parents age and have some vital transitions ahead and as Isaiah prepares for college, I especially need to mind my margins. I am so grateful to serve in a place that allows me maximum flexibility and loves me and my family well enough to want to see us thrive. We are in a season of recommitting to doing the work together and I am committed to slow down so we can build on our collective creativity and strengths.

-Pastor Carol Carkin

Vacation Bible School

June 15 to June 18, 2025 from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m.

You Are Invited To Join The VBS TEAM!

Volunteer Positions Needed:

Crew Leaders Games Leaders Bible Adventures Leaders Kitchen Imagination Station Leaders
Sticky Scripture Leaders Registration

Volunteer for VBS or register a child using the QR code:



BECOME A SPONSOR!

The cost of Vacation Bible School is about \$55/child — that includes dinner each night, all the needed materials and a T-shirt for each participant. Gibsonville UMC is committed to keeping this program free to all participants. Please consider making a financial contribution and serving as a VBS sponsor this year to help us reach 60 children in and around Gibsonville with the love of God this summer.

Yes I would like to support GUMC's Vacation Bible School and the children and families in the surrounding community, by making a donation in the amount of:

_____ \$100 _____ \$75 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ Other

Name of business name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____