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**Pastor
Anita Sain**

Do you have a “word for the year”? Several years ago, choosing one word as a way to guide and focus your life in the way of Jesus became quite popular. I’ll admit, most years, I choose a word prayerfully in January, and usually it’s forgotten with the New Year’s resolutions by February! This year has been a little different. This year, my word is “order.” Go ahead - laugh out loud! I have many times! With God’s help I was going to order my schedule, balance my life physically and spiritually, always be on time, make my bed every day, etc., etc. etc. Order....really God? In a year like this? Where chaos is everywhere we turn? In our divided and broken world? In the wave of a global pandemic that has re-ordered almost everything we do? Order, in a year like this? I’ve wondered if God is belly-laughing at me, but then I remembered that the Holy Spirit nudged me to choose this word in the first place. So, I guess God is trying to teach me something.

I’m learning slowly, and I think God’s lessons to my soul might be lessons that will speak to us all as we begin our adventure in ministry together. Here’s what I’ve learned recently...ordering life is less about living by a routine of religious activity or daily do’s and don’ts, and more about putting my life, my feet, in the footsteps of Jesus FIRST every single day. The point of “order” in our lives is not to feel accomplished or efficient. The point is to order our lives to look more like Jesus. That kind of order is an endless adventure that can’t be wrapped neatly. We are about to set out to follow Jesus together and to work in ministry to bring His kingdom here in Ashe county. I am so excited about the adventure that awaits us! There are many unknowns, but one thing is sure - we are called to order our life as a community of faith by intentionally putting our feet in Jesus’ footsteps FIRST, every single day. Some days that will feel fantastic! At other times, we’ll be challenged to remember that following Jesus often looks and feels chaotic, unsettling, and anything but orderly. At all times, God will be with us, leading us, and leading us to lead others into a beautiful life with Jesus. So, by God’s grace, here we go!

**Blessings on the Journey,
Anita**

***Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me. Psalm 119: 133***

OUR PEOPLE: GATHERED TOGETHER

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Maxine Miller, Willa Mae Campbell, Nita Lewis, John & Audrey Wasner, Liz & Robert Poulos, Cecile Worrell, Fran Cook, Mable Coleman, John Scott, Hal Johnson, Bette Schwartz, Mary Rhodes

MILITARY

Anatoly Ray, Riley Watson, John Wooten, Dustin Seaman, Nicole Seaman, Jake Harrington, Anna Wooten, Tate Miller

FRIENDS

Philip Santiago, Donald Marsh, Bill Baker, Heather Harmych, Kirk Levi

Our Staff

Anita Sain, Ashley Church, Christina Wagoner, Zach Fulbright, Michael Bell, Clay Camp, Angie Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Rebecca Rash, Sylvia Zahner

SPECIAL OFFERING TO PAY FOR NEW LOT

On June 14th, we had a special offering to pay for the purchase of our new land. We raised \$84,651.91 to pay off the bank debt!! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the land fund.

It is our hope that this land will be a beautiful green space for our church. We can add benches, a cross or a fire pit to make it a place of solitude, worship or gathering space for our adults and youth. Our Trustees hired Travis Perkins' company, Padco, to clear the land. They did a great job. The lot looks great with all the beautiful trees and cleared of brush and debris.



CONDOLENCES



We offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Joe Himm. Joe passed away on June 11th. Memorials may be made to Jefferson United Methodist Food Pantry or New Land Fund. Please keep his wife, Polly Himm and their family in our prayers.

BUDGET REPORT AS OF 6/24/20

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts	\$143,017.02
Year-to-Date Budget Spending	\$131,014.57

Many of you have asked, "How do you send an offering to the church?" The church address is PO Box 236 Jefferson, NC 28640. Donations can be mailed to this address. Another option is to go online to your bank and do a bank draft or bill pay. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 336-846-9512.



CONGRATULATIONS CHLOE!

We would like to congratulate Chloe Henson for being awarded Ashe County's "Youth Volunteer Involvement of the Year Award." Henson has always had a heart for service. When she was in pre-school she began making little trees out of scrap pine cuttings and wood she gathered at her family's tree lot. She would share these "little trees" with children who visited the lot to strike up friendships. By the time she was 7 or 8 years old, she worked with her grandpa Bill Henson to improve the trees using fresh product instead of the scraps. She came to her mother Dana with the idea to travel to town to sell her trees.

She walked from store to store, asking store owners if they would like to purchase one of the trees for \$1. The owners of The Hotel Tavern took an interest in Henson and purchased a little tree to put on each table in the restaurant. They also spoke with her about how she began this project and motivated her to make and sell the trees for charity.



"She has been selling trees and giving to charity for 3 years now. She donated \$765 to St. Jude her first year, \$1,000 to Pender County Topsail Elementary School Hurricane Relief Fund her second year and \$1,500 to St. Jude her third year," reads the letter nominating Henson.

Frosty's Choose and Cut allows Henson to sell and deliver her trees at their site and has substantially helped her increase her giving. She works many cold afternoons, weekends and snow days making and delivering "Chloe's Christmas Trees" with her grandfather.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Betty Avery
Food Pantry Fund
Glenn & JoAnn Crawley

Legacy Fund
Rebecca Burgess
Debra Gambill
David Jones
Mary Gordon Tugman

In Memory of Ruth Gambill
Legacy Fund
Lisa Hornung
David Jones

In Memory of Ron Girtman
Legacy Fund
David Jones

In Memory of Gerry Granger
Legacy Fund
David Jones

In Memory of Joe Himm
New Land Purchase
Barbara Barden
Gale & Ina Ruth Hurley
Virginia Wolfenberger

Legacy Fund
David Jones

Food Pantry Fund
Charlotte Damron
Dottie Waechter

July 2020

SERVICE

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Anthony Benson
- 4 Megan Colvard
- 7 Connor Jones
Bob Hughes
- 10 JoAnn Crawley
- 11 Colleen Dixon
Liz Poulos
- 12 Kalen Fulbright
- 13 Jake Harrington
- 14 Andrew Weaver
- 16 Josh Hamilton
- 21 Savanna Vannoy
- 22 Greg Johnson
- 24 Chelsea Roop
Bob Miller
- 26 Larry Campbell
Becka Wonsick
- 27 Debra Gambill
- 28 Michael Bell
David Lawrence
Blake Levi
- 29 Beth Kurtz
- 30 Fred Waechter

FOOD LION WEEKEND PICKUP

July 4th & 5th	Bill & Janice Henson
July 11th & 12th	Jones/Perkins
July 18th & 19th	Bill & Janice Henson
July 25th & 26th	Jim & Susan Powers

THANK YOU

Dear Jefferson United
Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so kindly for my cross that was so beautiful, God's Answers for the class of 2020 book and the \$25 Amazon gift card. I can't wait to read my new book and take what I have learned at JUMC with me on my spiritual and academic journey at Appalachian State! I am so blessed to have you as my church family and to share this special milestone with you!

ANNIVERSARIES

With heartfelt thanks,
Karoline Keith

- 8 Jim & Marilyn Wooten
- 19 Gene & Nita Lewis



Welcome!

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OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

Sundays in July

11:00 AM

Church on the ***Lawn***

July 5th— Guest Speaker, Rev. Owen Peeler

July 12th - Welcome Rev. Anita Sain & Family