

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, April 22

9:30 Coffee in the Commons  
 9:45 Sunday School  
**11:00 Worship Service**  
 12:15 Light Lunch & Gardening Seminar  
 5:00 Youth Group

### Monday, April 23

8:15 Women's Emmaus  
 8:30 Mother's Morning Out  
 1:00 Women's Bible Study  
 2:00 Bell Choir Practice  
 5:00 Mission, Outreach & Evangelism Team Meeting  
 6:00 ELL at Good Shepherd

### Tuesday, April 24

8:30 Men's Emmaus  
 8:30 Mother's Morning Out  
**11:00 "Wounds that Heal" Healing & Communion Service**

### Wednesday, April 25

8:30 Mother's Morning Out  
 5:30 Kreative Kidz Zone Presents "We Like Sheep"  
 6:30 Fellowship Meal  
 7:15 Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 26

8:30 Mother's Morning Out  
 4:00 MMO Advisory Board Meeting

### Friday, April 27

8:30 Mother's Morning Out  
 9:30 Friday Folders



### Let's Celebrate Earth Day Today

After worship let's celebrate with a **FREE LUNCH** - really free - no love offering required! Our menu will be chicken and rice, green beans, carrots with apricot preserves, and dessert fruit. **Adult and children's activities** are included after lunch! Plan to enjoy Earth Day today with your family and friends at Cashiers United Methodist Church!

### Walk Around Fairfield Lake After Worship on Sunday, May 6

After the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 6, join old friends and make new ones while enjoying an easy hike (really a stroll) around Fairfield Lake in Sapphire. Bring a lunch and comfortable shoes. Meet at the CUMC pavilion beside our large church parking lot for lunch and fellowship prior to the hike. Dogs on a leash are allowed on the trail.

### Mark Your Calendar Now for Upcoming Jaunts to Lake Junaluska

Mon., July 2 - *Balsam Range*, IBMA award winning local bluegrass band  
 Fri., Aug. 3 - *Lake Junaluska Singers*, legendary ministry of choral excellence  
 Sat., Dec. 8 - *Lake Junaluska Singers* Christmas Concert (matinee)

Additional information will follow at a later date.

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal April 25, 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are needed by noon on Tuesday. Please call the church office for reservations or drop this form in the offering plate.

**Menu: Honey-Baked Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Fresh Veggies, Rolls and Dessert**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Opportunities for Discipleship

### Women's Bible Study Monday's at 1:00 p.m.

Ladies, join us for a very informative Bible study on Monday's at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **Phyllis Edwards** is leading the study based on Lysa Perkeurst's book "**Becoming More than a Good Bible Study Girl.**" The author sold out 1500 seats at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts in Franklin, N.C. when she taught a Bible lesson there!

### Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings at 6:15 p.m.

#### THE SYMPHONY OF THE TRINITY: TUNING INTO THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

**Have you ever wondered how our God is all Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? - One God yet Three-in-One?**

**This eleven week Bible study series led by Pastor Richelle**, will complement and enhance her current sermon series on the Trinity. We **will go deep into the mystery of the Father, Son, and Spirit and their relationship to each other and to us.** We will study intently the wealth of biblical evidence regarding our Triune God. We will discuss and take part in creative worship. We will analyze preaching, teaching, prayer, and music (both old and new). We will pray that this in-depth study can result in a paradigm shift toward a deeper understanding and practice of Trinitarian theology that is relevant to our individual spiritual lives and to revitalize our entire church!

**Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m.** as we discover and experience together the enormous beauty and the many majestic tenors of our Triune God who reigns in a harmonious relationship of three divine personalities.

There is **no text** with this study, but **bring your Bibles.** Handouts will be given out at each session. This study and its accompanying sermon series are the results of Pastor Richelle's dissertation work.

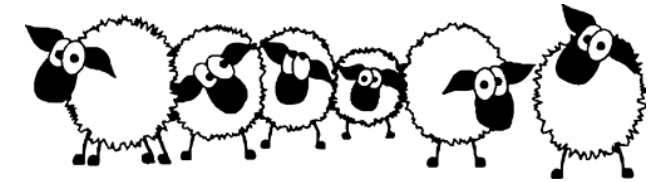
### Wounds That Heal Study, Healing & Communion Service Begins Next Tuesday, April 24, at 11:00 a.m.

We are wounded people. In this fallen world, people are hurt, children are abused, marriages are dissolved, families are estranged, and hearts are broken. **Tragedies of all kinds afflict us and the ones we love.** Woundedness, it seems, is simply a fact of life. **But we are not alone in our suffering.** Despite our emotional psychological and physical injuries, God has not abandoned us. Through the ministry of Jesus, God enters our painful situations to bring healing and redemption. Balancing sound biblical exposition with sensitive pastoral care, author Stephen Seamands, professor of Christian doctrine at Asbury Theological Seminary and frequent speaker, retreat leader, and author of several books on such issues as emotional healing and spiritual renewal, examines the profound implications of Jesus' crucifixion for our healing and restoration.

**Pastor Richelle** will be leading this **twelve-week, daytime group study on Tuesdays at 11:00 am in the Commons** and will conclude each session with a **short prayer and healing service with communion.** All are invited to give further support and engage in extended fellowship by **having lunch together at one of Cashiers local restaurants afterward.**

**Texts may be purchased**, both used (\$10) and (\$15) new, from Jan in the church office. Bring a Bible and a blank journal of your choice.

## Opportunities for Service



Next Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.  
 The Kreative Kidz Zone Chorus will present their musical,  
 "We Like Sheep" by Kathie Hill.  
 Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

### Call for Coordinators of Two Adult Ministries

- 1) **Table of Six, Summer 2018** - Duties: Prepare bulletin announcement for participants followed by structuring and notifying each group to share a meal in each others' homes.
- 2) **Good Samaritan Drivers** - Duties: Prepare bulletin announcement for volunteers to drive CUMC congregants to medical appointments or pick up prescriptions. This is a new ministry. The coordinator will develop guidelines and get it started. If interested, contact the church office at 828.743.5298.



### Kairos Prison Ministry at Tyger River

In May, George Henry, one of CUMC's members, will be participating in Kairos Prison Ministry from Thursday, May 3 - Sunday, May 6, at Tyger River Correctional Institution. You **can support Kairos and George through prayer and by providing home-baked cookies.** If you would like to bake cookies for the inmates then, please bring them to the church by noon on Wednesday, May 2.

### Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

If you are 70 1/2 years of age or older, you must make *Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)* from your IRA. The IRS allows a taxpayer to make a tax-free QCD of up to \$100,000 annually directly to an eligible charity such as a church. These RMD can also be *made throughout the year* and not as a single gift. As you talk with your financial advisor about income tax deductions, please consider the church as one of your RMD **tax-free** deductions. It's a great way to give to CUMC to further our ministries and to take the gift as a tax-free deduction - a win-win for both of us.



### Celebration

*We celebrate the outpouring of love shown last week to the Wesley students at WCU. Food was prepared and served by volunteers from CUMC, including many of our youth and the Women's Emmaus Group.*