

The Messenger

Pastor Kevin Cochran

Friendship United Methodist Church, 5222 NC 150 East, Browns Summit, NC 27214 (336-656-7151) June 2026



From the Pastor's Desk

**““God will see to it, my son.” The two of them walked on together.”
Genesis 22:8, CEB**

Comforting words from a parent to his child. Seven words, one sentence, calming and trusting, wisdom only a loving parent can bestow. Words from an older, more experienced soul to the wondering eyes of a child. “*God will see to it, my son.*” A response to the simple question, “*What will we do?*”

This is a very familiar story and one fraught with emotion. Abraham is walking his son, his only son, up Mount Moriah. Abraham has loaded firewood on the back on his son, he has flint for the spark, fuel for the fire, and both know this is a trek of sacrifice. God has demanded a sacrifice, and did so in a very radical way. The sacrifice God has asked for is Isaac, Abraham and Sarah's only son.

The climb accomplished, the mountain peak reached, the scene is set, and Isaac wonders. Where is the sacrifice we are to give? “Isaac said to his father Abraham, “*My father?*” Abraham said, “*I'm here, my son.*” Isaac said, “*Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?*” (vs. 7)

Abraham speaks out of a lifetime of learning that God keeps His promises, even when circumstances look impossible. His statement reflects a deep trust that God will intervene and provide what is needed. Genesis 22:8 is spoken on the third day of a journey where Abraham has had nothing but time to think about what God asked. Yet, he still says, “*God will provide.*” This is wisdom anchored in hope, the hope of who God *is*, not in what you see.

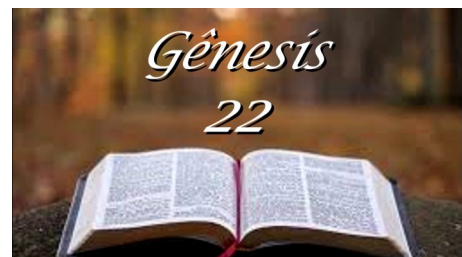
Verse 8 ends with a quiet, but powerful line: “*So the two of them walked on together.*” Abraham trusts God. Isaac trusts Abraham. Together they walk forward in faith. The wisdom of Genesis 22:8 is the wisdom of trusting God's faithful provision even when you cannot yet see how God will keep His promise. “*God will see to it.*”

This story also reminds us we can never outgive God. We see this in the sacrifice of Jesus. Both sons, Isaac and Jesus, carry the instrument of their own sacrifice up a mountain. Abraham tells Isaac God will provide the lamb. John the Baptist shouts from the river bank, “*Look! The Lamb of God!*” (John 1:36, CEB) Isaac steps off the altar; Jesus stays on it. Abraham received his son back. God gave His only Son. (John 3:16)

What will we do? Trust. How will we do it? Faith. What will we hold onto in the direst times? “*God will see to it.*” Let us walk on together in this hope. Together we walk forward in faith.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Kevin





Welcome June

New month, new chapter. May this month give you courage, strength, confidence, self-love and inner peace. May every day in June fill your days with hope, love, sunshine and energy. Let there be joy, fun and laughter.

June Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 9
UMM Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Sanitary Cafe—Reidsville

Tuesday, June 9
Ladies Group Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 14
Graduation Sunday
Worship service—9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 17
Ladies Choir Practice—6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 21
Father's Day
Ladies will sing the anthem



The Community Food Pantry went well in May. Twenty-three people came in for food, to feed 54 people. We also had clothing and household goods for them to pick out. Our new system seems to be working very well! People enjoy having the opportunity to pick out the foods they like and want. It's important for them to have choices. Thank you to our volunteers, those who donate, and those who keep this ministry in their prayers. You're the ones who make it work!! The next food pantry is Wednesday, June 17. For the month of June, we need: saltine crackers, broth (boxes), canned fruit, canned hot dog chili, cereal, mashed potatoes (small boxes/pouches), canned green peas, canned green beans, canned corn, rice, peanut butter (small jars), Instant Pudding Mix/Jello, Jiffy Corn muffin mix, and mac & cheese. We will also take any egg cartons and plastic grocery bags. We appreciate any monetary donations. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Fairgrove UMC and write "Food Pantry" on the memo line. You can mail your check to Janice Henley, P.O. Box 462, Browns Summit, NC 27214. The Community Food Pantry remains a thriving ministry thanks to the generous support from various United Methodist Churches (Brown Summit, Fairgrove, and Friendship), church members, and the community.



On **Sunday, June 14**, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service, Friendship will honor and recognize our college and high school graduates. We look forward to celebrating your graduation achievements during the worship service. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for Graduation Sunday. Congratulations to the graduates!



FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is celebrated each year on the third Sunday in June. This year, it lands on June 21. It honors all fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, and father figures for their contribution. Father's Day was first recognized in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson, who made Mother's Day an official holiday in 1914. Later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of establishing it in 1921. Finally, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order to celebrate the holiday on the third Sunday of June. It eventually became a national holiday, under President Richard Nixon, in 1972. We hope you'll join us at Friendship at our **9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 21**, as the ladies will join together to sing an anthem to honor all the men in our congregation.



Father's Day Blessings

THE LORD
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD
MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD
TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

~ NUMBERS 6:24-26





In observance of Mother's Day, the ladies were honored during the worship service at Friendship on Sunday, May 10. On this special day, we remembered all the mothers and ladies for their love and care for the family. Do you ever think about what kind of mother is the woman after God's heart? The Bible teaches us that a mother's faith to God likely has the deepest, greatest and most direct impact on a child's life. The men provided special music to pay tribute to all mothers, and the ladies were presented a gift of our appreciation. A slideshow of photos of the mothers of the church family was presented during the service.

Ladies Group



Friendship's ladies group met on Monday, May 11, and Josh Inlow, resident beekeeper and co-owner of the Bee Shack in Madison, was our guest speaker. Josh has been a beekeeper for 12 years and has a wealth of knowledge. He gave a great presentation on beekeeping. His observation hive of live bees was fascinating, especially being able to view the Queen. Our next

meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All the ladies are invited to attend.



On Sunday, May 17, Friendship UMC celebrated Rural Life Sunday, which is a special day observed by The United Methodist Church to recognize the lives and work of people in rural areas, the importance of rural communities, and affirm the church's connection to the land. It's a time to appreciate the heritage of rural churches and communities by addressing the ongoing challenges. Although much of our rural community is made up of farms and farmers, it is so much more than a celebration of farming. It is a recommitment to caring for God's creation and promoting Christ's church. It is a testimony to God's good care, past, present and future. We celebrate our small, rural church that was and is foundational in the spiritual development of Browns Summit. As a part of Rural Life Sunday, the congregation dressed in "farm attire" and various pictures and farm implements were displayed. Friendship also made a contribution of \$500.00 to the Future Farmers of America organization as a faithful donation to programs that seek to preserve and promote rural life. Also, there were lots of farming and rural life photos provided by the congregation and presented on a slideshow at the beginning of the service.

Remembering Our Fallen Soldiers

During our worship service on Sunday, May 24, we paused a moment to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day – Raymond Brande, Clay Bowman, Watson Lambeth, Jr., and Cletus Pugh.



Brown Summit UMC hosted our 5th Sunday Night Singing on Sunday, May 31. The choirs from Brown Summit UMC, Friendship UMC, Jackson UMC, and Monticello Christian Church performed, along with specials provided by Fairgrove UMC and Triad Native American UMC. As our tradition, we closed with everyone singing "Let There Be Peace." Brown Summit was rocking with the Spirit of the Lord that night! We all enjoyed a time of good music, good fellowship, and good food.

HOME COMING *Sunday*

Friendship United Methodist Church will celebrate its 170th anniversary Homecoming on **Sunday, July 19, at our 11:00 a.m. worship service**. This is a time to remember and be thankful for the many years Friendship has been a part of this community and how our church has shaped lives and

faithfully shared Christ's love. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Gary Owens, former pastor of Monticello Christian Church. Immediately following the service, we will take a group picture of everyone on the steps of the sanctuary. Lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Everyone is invited to join us for an outstanding morning of worshiping God, music, food, and fellowship. If you would like to place flowers in the Church for Homecoming in honor or in memory of someone, please contact Frances Cable (336-908-1543) before June 30. Also, we are compiling any special events that have happened in the Church and with our Church family members. If you have an event that you would like to have included in the bulletin, such as, births, weddings, baptisms, deaths, etc., please let Frances know by June 30. We look forward to seeing you on July 19!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Attention All Ladies!

The ladies will be singing on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, during the worship service. We will have a special ladies choir practice on **Wednesday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m.** Hope to see each of you there.



Shoobox collection items for June - Small stuffed animals (beanie-style works best)



Congratulations to Aaron Mims and Kaylie Lewis on your wedding on Saturday, May 2. May God bless your marriage and may your life be filled with love and happiness! Kaylie is the daughter of Scotty and Kristie Lewis and the granddaughter of Giles and Jewel Lewis.





Church Family— Kathy Brande, Wayne Brann, Norma Gordon, Mac & Nancy Knight, Henry & Sue Lambeth, Pastor Rick & Dianna LeBaube, Giles & Jewel Lewis, Mike & Karen Linnane, Nick & Sherry Racz, Leah Rosson, Pastor Nick & Libby Scandale, Steve & Sharon Troxler

Other Friends & Family — Hal Augustine, Peggy Busick, Henry Chapman, Melvin Chrismon, Tim Crews, Stephen Durham, Joe Edwards, George & Ruth Gilchrist, Michael Gordon, Doris Hall, Jane & John Hall, Kay Huffines, 7-month-old Fuller Jordan, Robbie Kiser, Samuel Law, Michael Payne, Veronica Percell, Bobby Joe & Faye Roberts, Harley Savo, Kristin Shores, Nancy Wilburn, John McLamb's friend Brett

In Sympathy — the families of Nancy Bare, Kyle Busch, John Cleary, Geraldine DeLong, Stacy Flanagan, Will Horne, Gabriel Sanchez, Louis Williams

In Our Military—Staff Sgt. Will Brann



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!

Henry & Sue Lambeth
8020 Old Reidsville Road
Browns Summit, NC 27214
336-656-3178



Staff Sgt. Will Brann
2790 Magnum Drive
Sumter, SC 29150

Pastor Kevin's Office Hours

Friday/Saturday—Days off

Other hours by appointment
(336-552-7912)

If you have a pastoral need, Pastor Kevin can be reached at his cellphone number (336-552-7912)

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

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FUMC Contacts

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I am
requesting
prayer
for this
Nation to get
back to God!
Only God can
heal our
land!



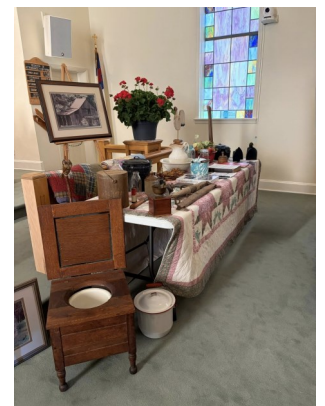


JUNE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy Birthday! Lauren Childress Happy Anniversary! Randall & Christal Brande	2	3	4 Happy Birthday! Billy Jones	5	6
7 Happy Birthday! Amanda Boyd	8 Happy Birthday! Peyton Lambeth Happy Anniversary! Mike & Karen Linnane	9 UMM Meeting/ Ladies Meeting Happy Anniversary! Jack & Dawn Hall	10	11 Happy Birthday! Wade Cable	12	13 Happy Birthday! Todd Lewis
14 Graduation Sunday Happy Anniversary! Floyd & Frances Cable	15 Happy Birthday! Carole Carr	16 Happy Birthday! Jonathan Brande	17 Ladies Choir Practice/Community Food Pantry Happy Birthday! Glenn Chrismon Roger Soyars	18 Happy Anniversary! Scott & Kim Boyd	19 Happy Birthday! Kennedy Rumley	20
21 Happy Father's Day Happy Anniversary! Ray & Jane Parenteau	22	23 Happy Anniversary! Mike & Hollie Gordon	24 Happy Anniversary! Billy & Phyllis Jones	25 Happy Anniversary! Nick & Libby Scandale	26 Happy Anniversary! Matt & Tammy Wagoner	27 Happy Birthday! Claire Cable
28	29 Happy Birthday! Jake Chrismon	30 Happy Birthday! Beth Cable				170th Anniversary Homecoming at Friendship UMC July 19 at 11:00 a.m.





Summer is here!

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24



Friendship United Methodist Church

HOMECOMING

Celebrating 170 Years

Guest Speaker - Rev. Gary C. Owens



Gather Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors to
Celebrate Our Past and Look Ahead to a Bright Future.

JULY | 19 | 11:00 AM

5222 NC Hwy. 150 East
Browns Summit, NC 27214

Lunch will be provided



-YOU'RE INVITED TO-

Emily Roberts

BRIDAL SHOWER

(Bride to be of Caleb Law)

JUNE

SUNDAY

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2 -4 PM

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REGISTERED AT TARGET & WILLIAMS SONOMA

RSVP (336) 613-0088





Girls Night Out

@Diamond P Farms

Activity: Patriotic Tie Pillows!

June 8th • 6:00 pm

Price: \$30 per person

Where: 7741 Doggett Road

Browns Summit, NC 27214

*Price includes Door Prize tickets, Food, Drinks, and all crafting supplies!



Sign up by June 5th!

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/ewAT69iTY3KRsoYV8>