The Messenger

Pastor Kevin Cochran



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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) recently completed a ministry assessment of both congregations; Friendship UMC and Brown Summit UMC. The PPRC members were asked to complete an assessment pertaining to the ministry of the church. Issues that were identified included: 1) ways of inspiring spiritual development to encourage more discipleship and outreach, 2) what can we do to thrive and grow as individuals and as the church, 3) ways of supporting our communities, and 4) ways of encouraging and empowering church members to take an active role in the life of the church.

I presented a challenge to the PPRC to develop a "*vision team*." This would be a group of people whose purpose would be to see what our churches "can do" instead of what we "can't do." This team of volunteers would be referred to as the D4 Team because they would be focused on four key objectives: Discovery – identifying and appreciating what works. Dreaming - imagining what might be. Designing - collaboratively envisioning a future for our church and community. Deploying - delivering proposals to church leadership.

The D4 team would be made up of congregates from both Brown Summit UMC and Friendship UMC, and would meet on a regular basis to discuss the churches potential. This is done with the understanding, though, that not everything that is dreamed will be implemented. However, opportunity will be given to ask ourselves, "*what do we have to offer*?" Instead of always saying "*we can't do that*," fostering a perspective on possibilities instead of a look on limitations.

I have two hopes as pastor of Friendship UMC and Brown Summit UMC. One is that we do more things together and, two, it is my hope the churches will begin to take a proactive role in ministry, making plans and setting goals. To help facilitate this future focus we need to develop the mindset that we (Friendship and Brown Summit) are one church with two campuses creating greater possibilities to spread the Gospel message of hope and love. As 2026 begins to draw to a close, 2027 will be the year of celebrating possibilities. Be looking for more information.

Our church campuses are located in an area currently experiencing explosive growth and the potential is here for a positive, progressive future for both congregations to participate in the work of God's Kingdom and all for God's glory until Christ comes.

To God Be the Glory,

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"All Saints Sunday" is celebrated the first Sunday in November. On November 1, Friendship recognized those saints who lived among us and whom we have said good-bye to this past year. This was our opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. The names of these individuals were read during the worship service and candles were lit in their honor. On this special Sunday, we remembered our Saints: David Chrismon, John Cleary, Renette Hisey, Shirley Huffines, Terry Hutchinson, Henry Lambeth, Leroy Martelle, Sr., Bob Massey, and Mike Simpson. On All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Sunday, November 1
All Saints Sunday

Saturday, November 7
Country Ham Supper
Friendship UMC—5 p.m.—8 p.m.

Sunday, November 8
Veterans Day Service

Tuesday, November 10
UMM Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Sanitary Café —Reidsville

Tuesday, November 10
WFF Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 14
17th Annual Crafty Christmas Bazaar
8 a.m.—2 p.m.

Friday, November 20
Shoebox Packing Party
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22
Thanksgiving Service/Communion

Sunday, November 29
Hanging of the Greens Service

Monday, November 30
Advent Bible Study
Brown Summit UMC—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1
Advent Bible Study
Friendship UMC—10:30 a.m.



We had another great day at the October Community Food Pantry! It was a beautiful day and folks were happy to come and shop for their groceries. While people are waiting, they talk and visit with each other. It's so nice to see that happening. They have gotten to know each other, making the food pantry also a social time. Social situations are so important for everyone, but many times as people get older, don't drive, are unemployed, or just alone, they tend to stay home. They don't always have opportunities to mingle with others. The Community Food Pantry not only provides nourishment for their bodies, but also for their spirits. What's better than food and friendship? As we are all aware, the holidays are coming up quickly! We hope to provide items to make a nice Thanksgiving meal for our patrons. Also, we are making 20 bags of Thanksgiving goodness to distribute to children in need at Monroeton Elementary School. Those items will be bagged and given to those children to take home. This means that we will have an even greater need for food donations for the month of November. Any extra will be appreciated! The next food pantry is Wednesday, November 18. For the month of November, we need: canned chicken breast, saltine crackers, cranberry sauce, broth (boxes), Stuffing Mix, Instant Oatmeal, grits (pouches), cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned green peas, canned corn, canned green beans, cake mix and frosting, rice, Jiffy Cornbread mix, mac and cheese, Instant Mashed Potatoes (small boxes or pouches), and chicken or turkey Gravy Mix (pouches). We have plenty of egg cartons and do not need any at this time. We continue to need 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. Thank you for all you do! We appreciate each one of you.



October was Pastor Appreciation Month, and we are grateful for the leadership and service that Pastor Kevin gives to Friendship United Methodist Church and Brown Summit United Methodist Church. Friendship honored Pastor Kevin and his wife Malisa at a Pastor Appreciation Cookout on Saturday, October 10. Derwin Locklear provided us with some wonderful music. During the worship service on Sunday, October 11, we presented Pastor Kevin with a token of our appreciation and took this opportunity to thank him for his contributions and services to our church and our community. We are grateful for his continued commitment and dedication. As our pastor, Kevin is the person you call when you are in need of prayers, when you need a wedding officiant, someone to officiate the funeral of your family member, a person you want by your side when you are sick or dying. He will be beside you praying when you are in need and rejoicing when you rejoice. In addition to sharing the Word of God with us, Kevin spends many hours studying and preparing. He also visits us during both crisis moments as well as times of great joy. He dedicates babies during baptism, and stands at the altar when couples pledge their love. Pastor Kevin is the shepherd of our congregation. Thank you, Pastor Kevin and Malisa, for the many roles you play at both Friendship UMC and Brown Summit UMC. We are so blessed to have you both. May you know just how much we all appreciate everything you both do and that you are always in our daily prayers. God Bless You!



October 11





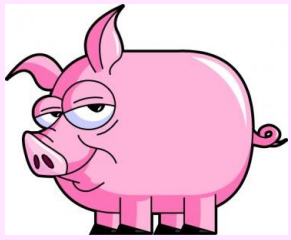
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FOOD DRIVE

Volunteers from Friendship UMC participated in the Fall Food Drive on Saturday, October 24 at the Food Lion at Hicone Shopping Center. We collected 2,190 pounds of food for needy families in Guilford County. All the food collected was provided to the Greensboro Urban Ministry's food pantry which is the community's largest resource for men, women, and families who do not have adequate access to food each month. Thanks to everyone who helped out and to those who donated.



The trunk-or-treat event was designed to be a safer alternative to the traditional trick-or-treating in which Friendship's church family park and decorate their trunks to pass out candy and treats for the community. Friendship's Trunk or Treat was held on Friday, October 30, and was a huge success. We provided treats to around 100 kids and their families during this church-wide and community outreach. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and their trunks to help make this event successful.



Country Ham Supper

The Friendship United Methodist Men will hold their annual Country Ham Supper on **Saturday, November 7, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Fellowship Hall. We'll be serving country ham, eggs, grits, baked apples, red-eye gravy, milk gravy, biscuits, beverage, and dessert. The cost is $15.00 for adults; and $8.00 for children under 12. Take-out meals will be available. Proceeds will go toward our mission projects, specifically, building handicap ramps for those in our church and community. Come out for some delicious food and good fellowship.



Veterans Day Recognition

They give up comforts so we can live in freedom. They leave their families behind to protect ours. They return changed by their experiences and are in need of our love and support. As you celebrate Veterans Day this year (November 11), please take a moment to thank the Lord, and also those veterans in your life, for the self-sacrificial nature of all those who've put their lives and futures at risk to protect us and preserve freedom in our nation. We salute you, veterans! Thank you for your service. **Join us, stand tall and salute as we remember and pay tribute to our veterans at Friendship on Sunday, November 8, at our 9:30 a.m. worship service**.



Friendship United Methodist Church will hold its 17th annual **Crafty Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** We have over 25 vendors this year, including some new vendors. We are really excited about this year's Bazaar! You'll find everything from recycled, renewed, reclaimed décor items, homemade baked goods, homemade jams (some sweet and some savory, like Hot Pepper), bird houses, Christmas ornaments, handmade jewelry, laser engravings on slate/wood, and cozy knit creations to festive wreaths - there's truly something for everyone. Hot dogs will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The continued success of the Bazaar is a testament to the strength, generosity, and fellowship of our community. The net proceeds from the Bazaar will go toward the Women of Faith and Friendship. See you on the 14th!

Shoe Box Packing Party

As we are moving into the fall and starting to think ahead towards Christmas, can you remember the greatest gift that you ever received as a child? Maybe it was a favorite stuffed animal or a boom box or a car or a handmade quilt from a loved one? Did you know that there is ministry that our church participates in annually that can help give a gift to a child who has likely never before received their own present and you can be a part of this ministry? For many years, Friendship UMC has worked with Operation Christmas Child, a branch of Samaritan's Purse, to help pack shoeboxes that can be sent throughout the world. These boxes go into parts of the world where people have never heard of God or His love for us through Jesus Christ and are given to the local children. When the children are gathered by the local leaders in their community, they are taught about God and his love for us, then are blessed with their gift of a shoebox. You have multiple ways to participate in this ministry with Friendship. First off, please pray without ceasing for this ministry and the children who will be impacted by this simple gift. Second, plan to join us for an **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on Friday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.** We have been collecting items throughout the year and will need all the help we can get stuffing all these shoeboxes! All you have to do is show up and everything else will be provided for you! The shoeboxes will then be delivered to a drop-off location during National Shoebox Collection Week. Please join us on November 20th.



Friendship UMC will hold our **Thanksgiving Service and Communion on Sunday, November 22, at 9:30 a.m.** November is the month when we set aside a time for thanksgiving. It is grounded in the events of the lives of the early pilgrims who were first settling this land. Despite their hardships, they took time to remember their God and to thank him for sustaining them. The Thanksgiving season is grounded in our tradition of faith. It reminds us that everything we have comes from the Lord. We see our model for giving thanks in the Bible where, time after time, God's people pause to proclaim their gratitude. As we gather this year in ones or twos or more, as we break bread together, let us remember and be thankful: in the midst of it all, God is with us. God will never desert us. God will walk with us into this new future. God knows the way and will guide you. This season remember to give thanks: for the people you love, for your home and the comforts you have within that home, for this beautiful world, and the majesty of nature that reflects but a glimmer of God's majesty.



Join us at **Friendship UMC on Sunday, November 29, at 9:30 a.m.** for the Hanging of the Greens worship service, preparing our sanctuary and our hearts for the Advent season of expectation. This is a beautiful, inspirational and informational worship time that speaks and sings of the symbols of our Savior's birth.

Ladies Group



Friendship's Women of Faith and Friendship (WFF) had a chair yoga demonstration session at our October meeting led by yoga instructor Lauren Casey. Chair yoga improves strength, flexibility, balance, reduces stress, eases pain (including arthritis and back pain), enhances sleep, and supports mental well-being, making it especially beneficial for seniors, office workers, and people with limited mobility. Anyone who wishes to join chair yoga is encouraged to contact Dawn Hall (336-601-0555). Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Mary Ann Joseph, a nurse with The Pregnancy Network, will be our guest speaker. She will provide us with information pertaining to The Pregnancy Network and the "Share the Change" Baby Bottle Campaign. This Campaign is a church-based fundraising initiative where participants collect coins, cash, or checks in a baby bottle to support women facing unplanned pregnancies. Each bottle will hold up to $50. The Campaign (Christmas Drive) runs from November 15 through December 13. Both Friendship UMC and Brown Summit UMC will participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign and baby bottles will be distributed on November 15. We hope you'll join us for our meeting on November 10. All the ladies are welcome to attend.

Advent Bible Study
Advent Can Still Change the World

Pastor Kevin will lead a four-week Advent Bible Study on the book entitled “Advent Can Still Change the World” by Rev. Josh Scott. Discover the meaning of Christmas in its own time and place. Christmas is a global celebration wrapped in nostalgia and tradition. The movies we return to each year, the carols we know by heart, and the rituals we repeat connect us to Christmases past and to one another. Yet beneath these familiar layers lies a story rooted in real life, unfolding in a specific time and place. To experience the enduring power of the Christmas story today, we must first understand what it meant then before we can discern what this sacred story offers our own moment.

This four-week Advent study invites you into the historical and cultural world of the nativity narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Explore how the birth of Jesus fulfills Old Testament hopes, revealing God entering human history as the Word made flesh. You'll discover how reading these texts in their original context opens fresh meaning for contemporary faith, illuminating the gifts and challenges of Christmas for our lives today.

You will have two opportunities each week to participate in the Bible Study: Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Brown Summit UMC and Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at Friendship UMC. The four-week Study will begin November 30 and run through December 22. The book may be purchased from cokesbury.com; christianbooks.com; or amazon. For additional information, please contact Pastor Kevin (336-552-7912). We hope you will join us.

Monday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. – Brown Summit
Tuesday, December 1, at 10:30 a.m. – Friendship

Chapter 1: A New Look to the Whole World

Monday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. – Brown Summit
Tuesday, December 8, at 10:30 a.m. – Friendship

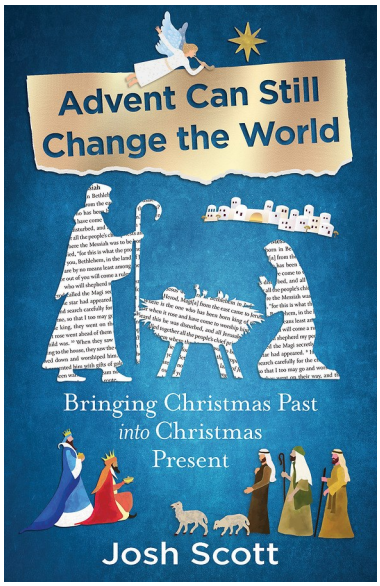
Chapter 2: What’s in a (List of) Names?

Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. – Brown Summit
Tuesday, December 15, at 10:30 a.m. – Friendship

Chapter 3: Like a Kid at Christmas

Monday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. – Brown Summit
Tuesday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m. – Friendship

Chapter 4: Who’s Coming to Christmas?



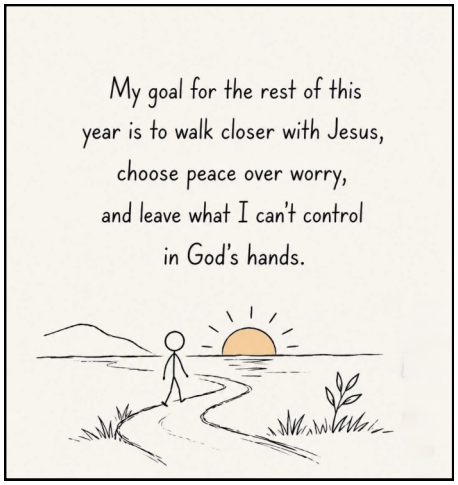
In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Family — Kathy Brande, Wayne Brann, Woody Childress, Norma Gordon, Wallace Hopkins, Mac & Nancy Knight, Sue Lambeth, Pastor Rick & Dianna LeBaube, Giles & Jewel Lewis, Mike & Karen Linnane, Nick & Sherry Racz, Pastor Nick & Libby Scandale, Ronnie & Joe Anne Strader, Steve & Sharon Troxler

Other Friends & Family — Gigi Anderson, Hal Augustine, 3-year-old Matthew Barrett, Linda Rumley Brown, Jane Call, Henry Chapman, 8-year-old Lilly Cheek, Melvin Chrismon, Sybil Chrismon, Bobby Cox, Mark Drusdow, Chad Durham, Claudia Barber Everette, George & Ruth Gilchrist, Lenny Gladwell, Michael Gordon, Doris Hall, Jane & John Hall, Josie Hoopingarner, Josh Inlow, Skip Johnson, Robbie & Rhonda Kiser, Samuel Law, Brooks Miller, Michael Payne, Willis Pope, Faye Roberts, Kristin Shores, Rebecca Wright, unspoken requests

In Sympathy — the families of Kathy Benfield, Andrew Brokes, Dr. Dvaid Lee Call, Jeff Farlow, Ed Gunn, Renette Janine Hisey, Frank May, Shirley Miller Rogers, Carole Smith, Danny Westbrook

In Our Mililtary—Staff Sgt. Will Brann; Recruit Brock Cable





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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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Fellowship Hall Requests:
Laura Rumley (802-236-4614)
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Messenger:
Frances Cable (336-908-1543)
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Our Homebound

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!

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November 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends	2	3 Happy Birthday! Karen Linnane	4	5	6 Happy Birthday! Tim Brande	7 Ham Supper Happy Birthday! Jan Brown
8 Veterans Day Service	9	10 UMM Meeting WFF Meeting	11 	12 Happy Anniversary! Brian & Jessica Estes	13	14 Crafty Christmas Bazaar Happy Birthday! Giuliana McLamb
15	16 Happy Birthday! Gavin Wagoner	17 Happy Birthday! Charlotte Brann	18 Happy Birthday! Cheryl Rumley	19 Happy Anniversary! Giles & Jewel Lewis	20	21
22 Happy Birthday! Scotty Lewis	23 Happy Birthday! Kim Boyd Woody Childress Gary Swing	24 Happy Birthday! Jerry Apple Jack Hall	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27 Happy Birthday! Bi Lambeth	28
29 Hanging of the Greens	30					

October Happenings

PASTOR APPRECIATION COOKOUT









WFF CHAIR CLASS DEMONSTRATION









October Happenings



FOOD DRIVE







TRUNK OR TREAT



















ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY





In memory of
David Eugene Chrismon



In memory of
John Granville Cleary



In memory of
Renette Janine Hisey



In memory of
Shirley Wagoner Huffines



In memory of
Gilbert Millis "Terry" Hutchinson



In memory of
Henry Whitsett Lambeth



In memory of
Leroy Martelle, Sr.



In memory of
Robert A. "Bob" Massey



In memory of
Michael Brady Simpson

DONATIONS OF CANNED FOODS APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED TO JOIN IN THE FUN

VARIETY OF CRAFT VENDORS



JOIN US FOR OUR

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

AND

HOT DOG & BAKE SALE

(Hot Dogs Served Starting at 11:00 am)

SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF FAITH & FRIENDSHIP

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5222 NC HWY 150 EAST
BROWNS SUMMIT, NC 27214
EMAIL: FRIENDSHIPUMC150@GMAIL.COM

(All cans of food donated will go to our Community Food Pantry)



THE PREGNANCY NETWORK

Share the Change Baby Bottle Drive

Fill a bottle, empower a woman.

$1500 equips one woman to choose life for her unborn child.

Campaign runs November 15—December 13

Want to fill a bottle vitrually?
Scan the QR code now!

A BABY GIRL

Is on the Way



YOU'RE INVITED TO
A BABY SHOWER
HONORING

Makaela Thompson

(Wife of Reid Thompson, grandson of Frankie Wagoner)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

2-4 PM

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5222 NC HWY 150 EAST
BROWNS SUMMIT, NC

REGISTERED AT AMAZON, BABYLIST & TARGET

RSVP: (336) 580-0499

Paint by Numbers

Girls night out



Pink Theme





Traditional

Join us for a fun night of painting, good food, door prizes, and even better fellowship!

16x20 Paint by Numbers Canvas, Paint Supplies, Food & Drinks Included

$30 per person

Monday November 16th @ 6:00PM

Diamond P Farms

7741 Doggett Road

Browns Summit, NC

Sign up by November 13th @ https://forms.gle/ZgnVcsDqe1C6qroZ7