

REALIGNING BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL



Read Luke 6:17-38

There is something about just hitting the open road and the rhythmic sound of the road that can be peaceful when your head is filled with the chaotic rhythm of life. I have taken drives in the mountains and even a trip out west. With each trip or drive, the roads are different depending on where you drive. You can be on a new and smooth patch of road, where the tires almost hum, then there are the concrete highways that have the rhythmic sound each time the tires hit a new section giving the sound of thud-thump over and over. There's the sound of gravel roads and the rumble and cracking underneath the weight of the car.

As I drive, my racing mind slows down to be present in the here and now. It can be relaxing and soothing to my thoughts which often times are pulled this way and that. It helps me sometimes to realign and remember the Truth in Scripture which is written in Psalm 119, verse 105, "Thy Word will be a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path."

Every mile, twist and turn, I find my way with God.

That is, of course, if your car is aligned. Have you ever driven or road in a car that is misaligned? There are often loud sounds which drown out the normal rhythm of the road. Not only will the sounds distract and hinder our ability to hear the path under our tires, but if you are unlucky enough to be extremely out of alignment, your car can even vibrate in your hands.

I had a small Miata when I was a younger man. The car was awesome to take on short drives. A little convertible, I loved riding with the top down enjoying the scenery. However, I got it because it had been in an accident, making it more affordable. Now the previous owner had fixed it up but there was no way to get it completely back into alignment. The car would be okay until you hit 45 mph, when at that point, you had to crank up the radio and hold on. The vibration and sound was something else.

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REALIGNING

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Those that came to Jesus in our passage this month were troubled with unclean spirits, in need of healing. Their world was vibrating out of control. They were cut off from life and community. They were seeking realignment with God and a quick fix for their lives. It's then that Jesus sat his disciples down and gave them one of the most influential sermons He ever gave in His ministry. The Beatitudes are a sound check of their lives and ours.

What sound does your life make on the path you are taking right now?

Is the simple rhythm of life being drowned out?

Are you in need of realignment? It's not always an easy fix.

The Good news is God not only shows us how we are out of alignment with the kingdom, but He became the very power to realign our relationship with God. He showed us by his example what it looks like to be Poor in Spirit, Hungry for a relationship with God, Weeping for what breaks God's heart, and Blessed even while being hated by the world. This realignment took Him to the Cross, through the grave and back to life again. As I said it wasn't an easy fix. But, God is calling us to a realigning journey with Jesus.

I challenge you to listen beyond the noise to hear the new rhyme He is calling us to walk. Perhaps if we take notes from his sermon, we can see His light He has been shining at our feet.

Your Pastor and Brother in Christ,

Nathan Fingel



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Don't have a Subsplash account, you can create one in seconds! The privacy of your personal information is our first priority and is secure through our giving platform!









FAITH STUDY GROUP

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Couples and Singles are invited for study and fellowship each Monday. Typically, the group incorporates a six-week study that is a 30-minute video followed by questions & discussion.

We will conclude the Max Lucado series In the Footsteps of the Savior and a new study will be forthcoming. All are welcome to join us anytime!

stephen MINISTRY.

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

2024 Stephen Ministry training will begin on Wednesday, January 10 from 9:30 am-12:00 noon and will continue weekly until the end of May.

If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact Kia Whittlesey at 704-999-1477.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM meets for a breakfast meeting every 2nd Sun. at 8:00 am in the church Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

The men met on Sun. Jan. 14, and following the meal, Eddie Brotherton opened the meeting with a prayer and a devotion.

Several items were discussed.

The group decided on a "Man of the Year" for 2024 and we will present the award later during a worship service.



Care Kits are available from the bin under the rear portico and in the Narthex. Please carry a few in your vehicle when you cross paths with someone in need.

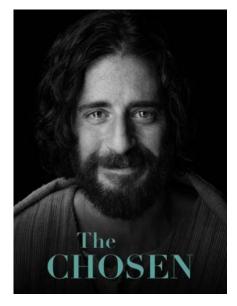
The UMM Hands and Feet Ministry is up and running. There are several requests pending and the church office has created a list for all the men to have access to. When they find a request they can complete, they will assign their name and note it with the date they completed it.

To arrange for the Hands and Feet Ministry for small household or outside projects at the home of a senior, a request form can be submitted on the UMM webpage at fairviewumc.org/men or called into the church office.



The dinner event for the UMM and their families was well attended and enjoyed by all. More frequent events like this may be forthcoming.

Next UMM Meeting Sun. Feb. 11th at 8AM in 204-A.



The Chosen, Season 3, continues following the worship service.

It doesn't matter if you haven't watched Season 1 or 2, the stories are familiar. If you have watched this season, join us anyway, Much like reading scripture, each time it speaks to you in a different way.

We will meet in Wesley for 8 weeks. The videos run about an hour and we will have a brief discussion about the episode. A good preparation for the Lenten season or preparation for viewing Season 4 which will hopefully be available soon on DVD.

Weather permitting, we will be viewing Season 3 with the following Episodes in February:

Feb. 4: Episode 4 – Clean Part 1 Feb. 11: Episode 5 – Clean Part 2 Feb. 8: Episode 6 – Intensity in Tent City

Feb. 24: Episode 7 – Ears to Hear

We will finish up Season 3 of The Chosen the first Sunday on March 3rd with Episode 8.

COMMUNION SERVANTS

We are thankful for our members who serve Fair View during Communion and to our homebound.

Communion Servants for February are as follows:



Kathy Mazewski Kia Whittlesey Alan & Judy Donaldson

COMPASSIONATECAREGIVING



What does caring for someone with mental health issues look like?

It could be bringing sunshine and a plant to someone who is lonely.

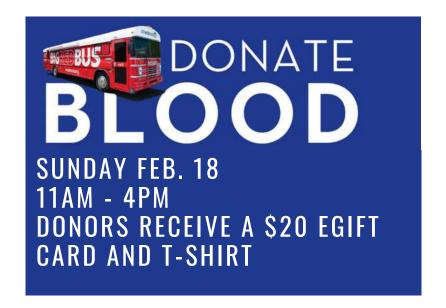
It could be seeing a person not as a bad apple because of their one rotten spot, but as the sweet fruit they have to offer.

On January 20, more than 25 people came to our Fellowship Hall to learn about understanding and caring for loved ones who have mental health issues. The presentations delved deep with information about brain function, integrated mental health and substance abuse treatment, family dynamics, neurodivergence, and more.

Special thanks to our speakers:

Brenda Denning with Iredell Department of Social Services Jesse Stroud with Southern Family Medicine Sherri Robbins with Sound Mind Counseling and Neurotherapy

Stacey Steck with CareNet Counseling Rosalyn Wilkinson and Jackie Negley with Counsel on Aging Pastor Nathan Finsel



BOOK CLUB

BY BRENDA HARVEY

In February, the Book Club will discuss Kinfolk by Sean Dietrich, released Nov. 2023. Ann Goode will lead the discussion.

Sean Dietrich has become one of our favorite authors. Ann Goode, joined by her friend Beth Ann, will be traveling to SC to see him on Valentine's Day and hopefully get our Book Group copy autographed! Penny and Barry Price are hoping to go as well!

Blurb:

Sometimes it's the most unlikely meetings that give us life's greatest gifts.

1970s, Southern Alabama. Sixty-two-year-old Jeremiah Lewis Taylor, or "Nub," has spent his whole life listening to those he loves tell him he's no good—first his ex-wife, now his always-disapproving daughter. Sure, his escapades have made him, along with his cousin and perennial sidekick, Benny, just a smidge too familiar with small-town law enforcement, but he's never harmed anyone-except perhaps himself.

Nub never meant to change his ways, but when he and fifteen-year-old Waffle House waitress Minnie form an unlikely friendship, he realizes for the first time that there may be some good in him after all. Six-foot-five Minnie has been dealt a full deck of bad luck—her father is a convicted murderer serving a life sentence, her mother is dead and buried, and she has a Grand Ole Opry-worthy singing voice with no place to perform. Oh, and there's the small fact that she's unexpectedly pregnant, courtesy of a no-good high-school boy.

Gradually, Nub realizes the gift he's been given: a second chance to make a difference.

Paperback 18.99 Kindle 12.99

Come join us for any of our discussions and sharing of our love to read!

2nd Mondays at 6:45 in Wesley March 11: Send Down the Rain by Charles Martin. Led by Penny Price. April 8: The House on Fire by Rachel Beanland. Led by Judy Donaldson. May 14: The Brighter the Light by Mary Ellen Taylor. Led by Jo Rossini. SEAN DIETRICH

Upcoming Studies

CROSS CONNECTIONS

Our new Cross Connections contemporary prayer and worship service seeks to reach people where they are. The service, in conjunction with the community meal, is designed to give people a break in the middle of the week to come and spend time with God and other fellow believers.

On Wed. Feb, 14th, our service will celebrate the beginning of Lent with a special Ash Wednesday service. All are invited to join us starting with the family meal at 5:30 and service following at 6:30. We still need help during the meal time and continuing to spread the word by inviting your friends and family in the community.

If you are able to help in any way with this worthwhile ministry, please contact Pastor Nathan at nfinsel@wnccumc.net.



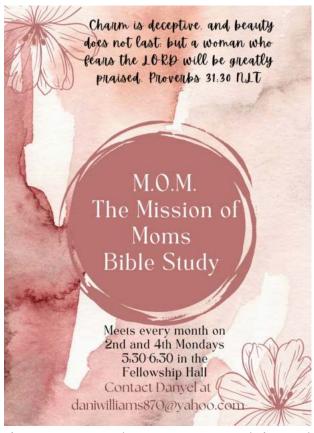
THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED FOR FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DINNER FOLLOWED BY A CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE.

DINNER | 5:30PM (drop-in) SERVICE | 6:30PM #allarewelcome



FAIR VIEW UMC 1430 MECKLENBURG HWY FAIR VIEW MOORESVILLE fairviewumc.org

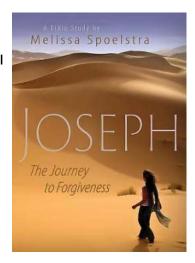




M.O.M. - The Mission of Moms Bible Study Meeting 2nd/4th Mondays from 5:30-6:30 Current Study: Joseph - The Journey to Forgiveness

All of us know what it's like to be hurt or betrayed. Often it's a small breach such as being spoken to rudely or overlooked in a time of need. Other times we experience lies, gossip, or harsh words that cut us to the core. Some of us have endured unspeakable pain through abuse, adultery, or abandonment. God knows the pain we cause each other and longs to help us learn to practice forgiveness. Nowhere do we see forgiveness played out more fully in Scripture than in the biblical story of Joseph.

This six-week study explores what God has to say to us about grace and forgiveness through Joseph's story of trial and triumph found in Genesis 37-50. As we study his dreams, his betrayers, his dysfunctional family, his struggle to forgive, and his journey toward reconciliation, we'll find truths that echo into our own personal situations. Find the link to the participant guide at www.fairviewumc.org/women.



If you have questions or need more information, please contact Danyel Williams (<u>daniwilliams870@yahoo.com</u>)

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

BY MARY STUTTS

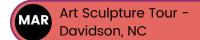
On January 18th, the Movers and Shakers gathered to plan their events for 2024. We enjoyed wonderful food and fabulous fellowship. We signed Valentine's Day cards for some of the members of our congregation.

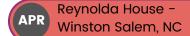


On February 15th, we'll gather in Wesley at 10 am. We'll start a fun and simple craft that we plan on giving away. We'll break for lunch which will likely be at Talley House in Troutman. Then we will return to the church to finish the craft. Please join us for a fun day of fellowship and food.

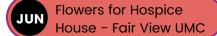
Our schedule for 2024 is now posted. All are welcome to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMaryl@windstream.net. We hope you will join us for a time of fun and fellowship!





MAY Smithmore Castle Spruce Pine, NC



JUL Shopping & Lunch -Black Mountain, NC

Wohlfahrt Hause Theatre
- The Motown Sound

Shelton Vineyards -Dobson, NC

Daniel Boone Inn -Boone, NC

NOV Spa Day -

Christmas Lunch Fair View UMC

COME JOIN US!



SUNDAYS AT FAIR VIEW

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:00AM





AGAPE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 11:00AM IN ROOM 204-A



2nd SUNDAYS 8:00AM IN 204A

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

FAITH STUDY
MONDAYS
5:30PM IN WESLEY

UPPER ROOMWEDNESDAYS
11:00AM IN WESLEY



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28							Celebration of Life & Covered Dish for Richard Mazewski
4	USHER TRAINING 9AM SANCTUARY	M.O.M. STUDY 5:30PM 204A	SPRC 7PM 204A				
II	UMM MEETING 8AM in 204A FV KIDZ LUNCH 11AM 304			FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DINNER 5:30 CROSS CONNECTIONS 6:30	MOVERS & SHAKERS 10AM IN WESLEY	LIFELINE SCREENING 8A-5P 204A	
18	BIG RED BUS BLOOD DRIVE 11A - 4P	M.O.M. STUDY 5:30PM 204A		STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING 9:30-12 IN 103			VBS CRAFT EVENT 9A-2P 204A
25				STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING 9:30-12 IN 103			



BOOK CLUB 2ND MONDAYS 6:30PM IN WESLEY

STEPHEN MINISTRIES2ND/4TH THURSDAY
7:00PM IN WESLEY

SPECIAL EVENTS



Feb. 3 - Bob & Jean Newman Feb. 6 - James & Danyel Williams

Feb. 23- Kelly & Susie Stapleton



Aspire Women's Event is coming to Fair View on Saturday March 16th and you aren't going to want to miss it!

Members and friends of Fair View are eligible to purchase discounted tickets for \$25/ticket directly from Krystal up until Thursday March 14th.

We will also need 15-20 volunteers the night of the event to help with merchandise sales, ticketing/check in table and handing out programs (need to be able to be at the church at 3:30pm). Volunteers receive tickets at the discounted rate of \$10. Please see Krystal if you are able to help in a volunteer role.

VBS COMING SOON JUNE 24-28

Registration is now open! Visit our website and find the FV Kidz page under connect to find the link. You'll hear more about VBS in the weeks to come! It's going to be great!



We regularly accept flowers for any special remembrance during Sunday worship. Visit the church website and find the request form at the bottom of the home page under "admin forms" to

submit your request.





- Dona Jean McCoy
- **Travis Miller**
- **Hailey Shields**
- Judy Donaldson
- Lisa Shields
- Vicki Richardson
- **Hope Williams**
- Tammy Glaze
- **Charles Pinkston**
- Ashley Potocnak
- Brenda Hyland







2024 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The following individuals serve as our 2024 Church Leadership. If you have specific needs or concerns in any particular area, please reach out to any of these individuals.

We thank them for accepting their positions to help guide Fair View in the year ahead.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair - Alan Donaldson

Recording Secretary - Karen Caldwell

Chair of NOW Ministries - Kathy Schilling & Ellar Hicks

Chair, Trustees - Elaine Willeford

Chair, SPRC - Michael Haire

Chair, Finance - John Gustafson

Rep. United Meth. Men - Eddie Brotherton

Women of Fair View - Brenda Harvey

Youth Representative - Ava Rogers

Lay Leader (Serves on all committees) - Todd Danner

Lay Delegate, Annual Conference - Alan Donaldson & Alternate

Jane Testerman

Church Treasurer - Mary Stutts

Tech Team Chair - Carl Willeford

At Large Members - Sara Tice & Jean Newman

LAY LEADERSHIP

2024 2025 2026

Tammy Glaze Ann Goode **Brenda Harvey**

Cheryl Rogers Judy Donaldson Ellar Hicks

TRUSTEES

2025 2024 2026

James Williams Tom Gray Peggy Jones Elaine Willeford (Chair) Bill Hicks Mark Gurley

STAFF PARRISH RELATIONS (SPRC)

2024 2025 2026

Brenda Agan Mandy Wright Barry Boling Kathy Schilling

Michael Haire (Chair) Carrigan McCann

TECH. TEAM

Carl Willeford (Chair) Alan Donaldson Susan Donaldson Kimi Stutts Bill Hicks Bob Newman John Gustafson Addisyn Finsel Carrigan McCann



UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP Join us through Lent!

Each Wed. at 11:00 a.m. in Wesley, attendees meet with prayers and scripture before reading & discussing the current Upper Room devotional.

Our structure follows morning worship service from red hymnal with the reading of a Psalm, followed by prayers for Fair View, those suffering, our community, our country, the world, the church universal and communion of

AGAPE CLASS

The Agape Class continues meeting immediately after service in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Jean Newman (jlnewman063@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like more information about the class.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like to request one of our **Communion Servant to administer** Communion, please call the church office to schedule a time.

Communion Servants have been trained to administer communion and are Stephen Ministers and Congregants. We appreciate their service to the church body.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Fair View church volunteers each Thursday delivering Meals on Wheels. Many are widows or widowers, some in ill health and dealing with disabilities or aging restrictions. We would ask you to keep them in your prayers as we have ministered to their needs and have developed friendships.

If you would like to join this ministry, contact Judy at judithdonaldson@windstream.net.

FAIR VIEW KIDZ

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Danyel Williams & Krystal Davis Contact: fairviewkidz@yahoo.com

"THE LORD WILL INDEED GIVE WHAT IS GOOD, AND OUR LAND WILL YIELD ITS HARVEST."

PSALM 85-12

CHILDREN'S

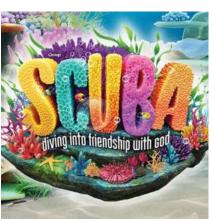


Ages 3-5 years experience the Bible in fun and exciting ways! Using a highenergy and creative curriculum, children also enjoy fellowship with their peers!



Kidz Kindergarten –
5th grade enjoy fun
and interactive
studies using age
appropriate crafts,
videos and object
lessons to study the
Word as they grow in
faith with their peers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We are in full swing planning for Vacation Bible School 2024 and can not wait to bring the Scuba adventure to Fair View June 24-28!

We had our first planning meeting at the end of January and will host our first VBS Crafting Day on Saturday February 24th 9am-2pm in the fellowship hall. Come in old clothes and stay for as long as you can. Feel free to bring your lunch or snacks.

If you are interested in helping to facilitate VBS please see Krystal and Danyel to sign up! A donation wish list can be found on the church website. A few additional items that are needed are:



Plastic Bottle Caps (all sizes)



Packing Peanuts



cardboard boxes (all shapes and sizes)



Small paper lanterns (any color)



Egg Cartons

FAIR VIEW KIDZ SWEETHEART LUNCH



On Saturday Sun. Feb. 11th, children are invited to gather following worship for the annual Fair Kidz Sweetheart lunch.

Mrs. Danyel and Ms. Krystal will have a yummy meal planned and themed activities! All are welcome to stay for the fun!

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER



On Saturday March 23rd from 11am-2pm we will host our annual Fair View Kidz Easter event. This year we are planning to host an Easter Egg Hunt along with the Easter Story Walk that we introduced last year. We will have hot dogs, chips and drinks for all in attendance. Volunteers are needed!

MISSION OUTREACH



LAKE NORMAN HUMANE OUTREACH

For the month of February we will be collecting useful items for Lake Norman Humane.



Lake Norman Humane is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal LAKE NORMAN welfare organization located in Mooresville, NC. We receive no ongoing state, local, or federal funding. We rely entirely on the generosity of donors and supporters to continue our lifesaving programs.

Many of the necessary items can be found on their Amazon Wishlist. The link can be found on our website under Missions or you can purchase the following products locally:

- **Paper Towels**
- Windex Refills
- **Liquid Hand Soap**
- Arm & Hammer Sensitive Skin Clothes Detergent
- Fresh Step Clumping Cat Litter with Febreez
- **Temptations Cat Treats**
- Cascade Dishwasher Pods

BACKPACK MINISTRY FOOD BOXES



Our Back Pack ministry continues to prepare 21 children with filled grocery bags each week.

As that number has grown, our food supplies can be used up pretty quickly. You can find the list of food items needed on our website. Your giving enables us to fill our pantry so that we always have food items to give.

Donated items can be left in Narthex or monetary donations earmarked Back Pack Ministry



Church finances ended 2023 in relatively good shape. Our expenses exceed our income by about \$15K which was better than expected. With continued generous giving we can do as well or even better this year.



2024 will start off with some planned and some unplanned expenses. Planned will be the roof replacement and steeple painting. Unplanned will be the repair of the stained glass window on the south wall of the sanctuary. Anyone who would like to contribute financially to the repair please earmark your giving envelope "sanctuary window".

2024 will again bring some financial challenges, but as our church has shown in the past, we will meet those challenges and go forward doing God's will.

THANK YOU! FOR THE GIFTS YOU GIVE TO KEEP OUR CHURCH FACILITIES ACTIVE AND THRIVING!

2024 Vicki Gurley David Ryon

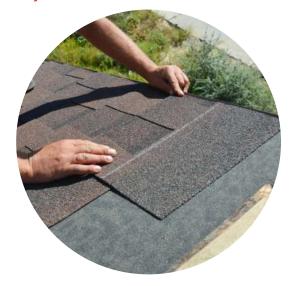
2025 John Gustafson(Chair) Rick Howard

2026 Heather Gray Susan Donaldson

Ex Officio Members
Council Chair: Alan Donaldson
SPRC Chair: Michael Haire
Trustees Chairs: Elaine
Willeford
Lay Leader: Todd Danner
Lay Delegate:Alan
Donaldson/Jane Testerman
Treasurer: Mary Stutts

TRUSTEE UPDATE

By Elaine Willeford - Trustee Chair



In the coming weeks, we will be performing maintenance on the church steeple and replacing the church (sanctuary)roof. Work areas will be well marked and parts of the parking lot on the sanctuary side will be closed while the work is being done.

Please be aware of announcements to follow so we can keep the congregation informed of what to expect as the project nears the beginning point. Weather and temperatures will play a large part in this process. Once we have a few weeks of temperatures above 40 degrees consistently, the project should begin.

THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW



By Bill Hicks

PACK #173

On Monday, January 15th the Scouts attended a Vesper Service at the Rocky Mount Church involving Packs and Troops from all of Iredell County.

On January 27th Cub Scout Pack # 173 held its annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Race at the Coddle Creek Elementary School. Scouts raced in the event that was exciting for all involved. The top three winners will advance to the Gemstone District (Iredell County) race in April. For the adults, there was also held an "Almost Anything Goes Race" as well as a race for siblings of the Scouts.



February is the birthday month for the Boy Scouts of America. The Boys Scouts of America was formed in 1910. The Cub Scout program was not formed however until 1930 so the month of February will be their 94th anniversary at the national level. Cub Scout Pack #173 that is sponsored by Fair View was formed 54 years ago on January 23, 1970.

Leaders from the Pack will attend the annual Gemstone District Adult Leader Recognition Banquet on Friday Feb. 9th at the Triplett UMC. Then, Scout Sunday will be observed at Fair View on February 11th. The Cubs annual Blue & Gold Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 24th at the Coddle Creek Elementary School for a great 54th Year Anniversary celebration.

On behalf of all of the Scouts and Scout Leaders, thank you Fair View United Methodist Church for all the support and encouragement you have given to the Scouting program in Mt. Mourne for all these 54 years.



Be sure to pass this month's newsletter on to a friend. You never know that might inspire them for a visit!

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