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# The Congregational Connection

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Pastor Michael C. Dubbs

## Pastor's Message

The renovation project(s) recently have been cause for excitement, frustration, and pretty much everything in between! Working in the midst of the noise and dust has certainly NOT been any fun.

However, I think we can all agree, looking at the finished (or near finished) product, it was definitely worth it!

I would like to share a story from a rather unique perspec-

tive of all of the changes. Bobby and Leigh Ann are a young couple that just got married in our church. The first time they visited to look at the facility, the bricks in the atrium had just been torn out and the place was a mess!

I explained the project and how the construction zone they were looking at would eventually become the bridal room for weddings. I further explained that there were no other weddings scheduled so they would probably be the first couple to use the room.

They loved the church and booked the date.

Fast forward several months to another session with the bride and groom. The bridal room still looked closer to the construction mess than the now finished product! I assured them that the room would look much better by wedding day!

In fact, I asked Richard Dana in March or April if the project would be done by September 24. He joked, "if it's not – you'll be doing my funeral!"

We pray for Bobby and Leigh Ann and their new life together. We can also see the first bride to use the new room, and even better than that we can look forward to the future use of the room for weddings to come!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike



Leigh Ann, the first bride to use the newly renovated bride's room



*"The mission of The Community Congregational Church is to be a place to praise the Lord through Christian teaching, fellowship, and outreach."*

## Scholarship Program

The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize individual effort, achievement and need by providing financial assistance to individuals to attend accredited institutions of higher learning as part of the church's outreach program of ministry in the community. The scholarship program is open to all students who have attended high school in Moore County. The Scholarship Committee awarded four \$1,000.00 scholarships, including the Elon Scholarship, in 2022.

Clarissa Angeloff is the daughter of Robert and Susan Angeloff and the granddaughter of Ralph Cole. In 2021 Clarissa began graduate school at East Carolina University with a major in Public Health and a concentration in Community Health. She has a Cumulative GPA of 3.8. Clarissa is planning on graduating in the winter 2022.

Nadia Boron is the daughter of Jackie Borelliz and David Boron and granddaughter of Patsy McDonald. She has completed her junior year at NC State and is majoring in Elementary Education. While attending college, Nadia has been working with elementary school students. She has a Cumulative GPA of 3.94 and was inducted into the honor society this school year.

Suzannah Davis is a 2022 graduate from North Moore High School. She is the daughter of Deborah Davis. She will be attending UNC Greensboro in the fall, where she is planning on majoring in piano performance. Suzannah is a piano student of Sue Aceves. Suzannah was dual enrolled at North Moore High School and Sandhills Community College. She has a GPA of 4.45. Suzannah has been an active member of her community; playing the piano and directing the choir at her church since she was twelve years old. She is also a member of the Moore Philharmonic, a volunteer community orchestra.

Jeffrey Yurk received the Elon University Scholarship given by the church. He is the son of Jeffrey and Jennifer Yurk. Jeffrey attends Elon University and will be beginning his sophomore year in the fall of 2022. He has a Cumulative GPA of 3.6. Jeffrey is the starting punter for the Elon University football team. Jeffrey is planning on graduating with a business degree and becoming a Commissioned Officer in the United States Army.



Nadia Boron, Suzannah Davis, Clarissa Angeloff. Absent: Jeffrey Yurk



Becky Cameron, Jane Newton, Nadia Boron, Suzannah Davis, Clarissa Angeloff, Pastor Mike Dubbs Absent: Jeffrey Yurk

# Congratulations



Michael and Annie

On July 9, Michael Kline and Ann Marie Anthony were married in the Church Sanctuary, inviting the entire Church Congregation to attend their wedding. A reception followed in the Church Fellowship Hall, joyfully provided by the Women's Fellowship.

Michael has been an active member of Community Congregational Church since joining the Church in 2019. He has lived in the Sandhills since 1994, moving here from upstate New York, where members of his family still reside. In April of last year, Michael's sister Joan and brother-in-law David were coming to visit and said they would be bringing a family friend, Annie Anthony. Actually, Annie and Michael first met nearly 50 years ago when they were both in 4H. Last April they were reintroduced and six months later they became engaged! Michael and Annie, your Church family wishes you both much happiness.



Michael and Annie with our other Church newlyweds, Jack Dauner and Natalie.



Pastor Mike congratulating the happy couple!



## Simple Formula for a Happy Life

Live beneath your means. Return everything you borrow. Stop blaming other people. Admit it when you make a mistake. Give clothes not worn to charity. Do something nice and try not to get caught. Listen more; talk less. Every day take a 30-minute walk. Strive for excellence, not perfection. Be on time. Don't make excuses. Don't argue. Get organized. Be kind to people. Be kind to unkind people. Let someone cut ahead of you in line. Take time to be alone. Cultivate good manners. Be humble. Realize and accept that life isn't always fair. Know when to keep your mouth shut. Go an entire day without criticizing anyone. Learn from the past. Plan for the future. Live in the present. Don't sweat the small stuff...It's all small stuff.

## Music Ministry

We've had an exciting start to the program year of the music ministry at CCC! Our choir had a much-needed rest over the summer, with many of them graciously taking turns to provide special music. The choir's regular rehearsals began just after Labor Day and we had a Saturday mini-retreat to get a jump start on our first several weeks of anthems. We'll be revisiting some old favorites requested by choir members that we hope are your old favorites as well. We have enjoyed the fellowship of singing together again.

We are so happy to welcome new choir member Rhonda Duncan! Rhonda grew up at CCC and sang in the junior choir. She said she had been thinking about joining our choir for a while and finally took the plunge and we're so glad she did! Rhonda, a soprano, joins our current choir members: sopranos Becky Cameron, Jeanne Dennis, Sharon Hogan, Ginger Rolfe and Luellen Sorget; altos Sue Aceves, Sharon Shirer Cavanaugh and Anne Ryder; tenors Shelton Raynor, Ann Shields and Joan B. Smith; and basses Ross Caudell, Pastor Mike Dubbs, Thomas Hall, Richard Lawrenson and Barron Maness.

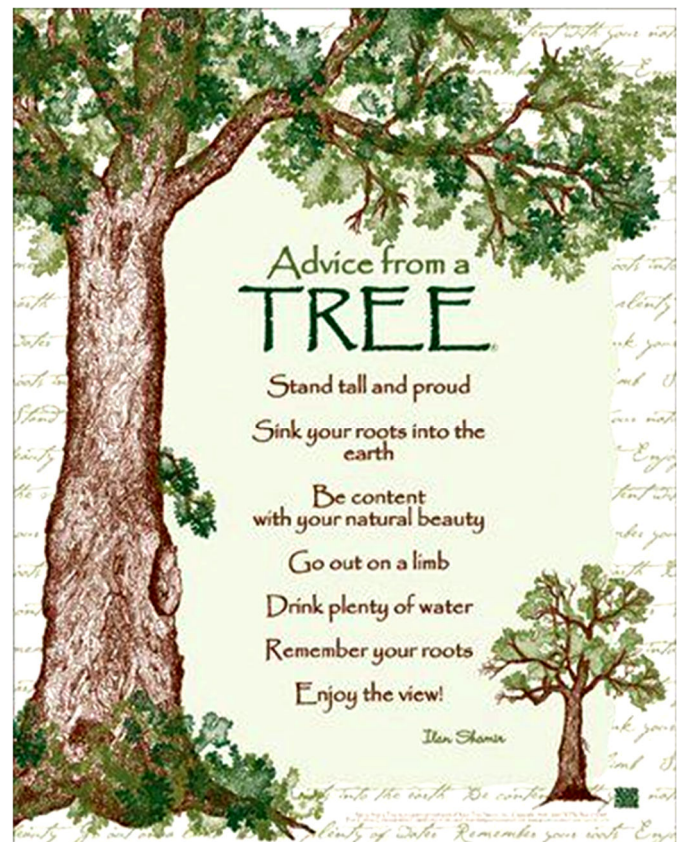
While membership is open year-round, NOW is a great time for YOU to join our music-making! Please don't let any concern you may have about not singing well enough or not reading music prevent you from participating. We have choir members at all levels of vocal and musical training including some with no training whatsoever, and yet we all come together to make a joyful noise in worship each week, September through mid-June and for important church holidays. The choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the sanctuary and sings an expansive repertoire that encompasses music of the Baroque period to the finest choral music of our era. All are welcome! I especially want to encourage basses and tenors to consider this invitation.

I found a book called "How to Solve 50% of your problems" ....so I bought two!

We have a wonderful musical treat planned as part of our Christmas Eve service, and we will begin working on this music in early November. The choir will be presenting portions of the Christmas Oratorio of Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, with guest vocal, harp and organ soloists. It's a gorgeous piece that will offer a very special way to proclaim Christ's birth during our worship that evening. We will be publicizing this service in the hope that people from the community will attend and see what a special place CCC is, and you are asked to help spread the word as well.

If singing is truly not your thing but you play an instrument, let's create an opportunity to share your gifts during our Sunday morning services. If you have any interest in either singing or playing or both, I want to know! You can chat with me before or after an 11:00 service, give me a call at 910-315-6049, or email me at [robinlynnefrye@gmail.com](mailto:robinlynnefrye@gmail.com). I look forward to talking with you!

~ Robin Lynne Frye



## Jack Dauner Receives French Legion of Honor Award

On June 1, Jack Dauner received France's highest tribute, the French Legion of Honor. This award is bestowed upon both French citizens and foreign nationals who have demonstrated meritorious service to France, in either a civil or military capacity. Jack served in World War II with the United States Army from 1943 through 1946. On November 1, 1944, Jack landed in Normandy and was sent to the front lines. As a WWII veteran, Jack is one of

approximately 240,000 United States soldiers remaining from the Greatest Generation. The United States government has recognized Jack with multiple awards and honors for his military service. And on June 1, the country of France also honored Jack. Mr. Vincent Hommeril is the French Consul General overseeing the relationship between France and the Southeast United States. Mr. Hommeril traveled from Atlanta, where he

is based, to present this award to Jack at a service held at Community Congregational Church. He thanked Jack for his participation in a war fought nearly eight decades ago. He said, "Mr. Dauner, you embody the shared French American history; you are a true hero. Your example gives us inspiration for the future. And your legacy provides a moral compass for generations to come."



Jack Dauner with 1943 Army photo



Jack with Vincent Hommeril at Legion of Honor ceremony

### *The Wade Vollmer Memorial Open*

Wade and Lois and I used to sit in the library a few days before the golf outings and painstakingly try to make fair teams to ensure close competition. Then, the morning of the event someone would inevitably cancel or call and say, "I didn't sign up, but I would like to play!"

At 'The Wade Vollmer Memorial Open' this past June, we decided to forget the scores and let everyone form their own groups. The result? All four teams were within two shots! (For you non-golfers, that is very close!) We had 14 golfers, hence the four teams. One of the teams that tied for best score was team Vollmer! Lois, her son Scott, and her grandson Matt. I'm sure Wade loved that result!

There is a rule that each team must use each player's tee shot at least once. According to a trust-worthy but anonymous source, Team Harris used Mike's drive only once (to meet the rule!) while using Anna's drive seven times!

The golf outings are wonderful fellowship, and the next one will be the Pumpkin open in October or November. Think about playing; a good time is promised to be had by all.

~ Pastor Mike

## Prayer Shawls

As many of you know, the Prayer Shawl knitting group meets monthly to create shawls that are passed along to Hospice House in Pinehurst for their patients. To date over 585 shawls have been lovingly created and passed along.

Recently a new photograph appeared on the Church bulletin board. It was a picture of Joan Smith and a Shawl featuring the colors of the Ukrainian flag. When asked about this, Joan tells the following story:



"I was trying to think of a pattern for my 180th shawl. Because of the horrible problems in Ukraine, the flag of Ukraine is pictured frequently in the news and I thought I would make my shawl representative of this time in my personal history. I keep a scrapbook of all of the shawls I've made with the dates I've finished them.

"I spoke with Lois Vollmer, who heads up our knitters group, and told her what I was doing, but we wondered how would we find an appropriate recipient, someone of Ukrainian heritage. Well, as luck would have it, or maybe it was the hand of God...I go to a local natur-opath/chiropractor every month. I take my knitting with me because

there's usually a wait and I can knit maybe 10 to 12 rows before it's my turn. The two girls who work in the doctor's office like to see what I'm working on every month and I told them my story.

They surprised me when they said, 'We have a Ukrainian patient in our practice! She's a young woman but has an 88 year old grandmother who won't leave her country to join other family members who have come here.' The office gals contacted their patient, Alisa, and asked if she would be interested in having a shawl that represented her country's flag. If so, she could contact me, and they gave her my email address. The next day she did contact me and we arranged a day and time for me to pass the finished shawl along to her. The girls in the office took a photo of the exchange.



Alisa will keep the shawl and enjoy it until the time comes when it will be safe to send it to her grandmother. "Right now nothing is getting through to anyone in the mail."

"So that's the story! I designed the shawl so that when it's around the person's shoulders, the blue color is over the gold. And the light gray is smoke from the war. I do feel that God did have a hand in this."

~ Joan Smith



### October

Rhonda Duncan	10/04
Gertrude Strine	10/06
Clarissa Angeloff	10/12
Jane Newton	10/13
Fuller Motsinger	10/14
Eli Jaksic	10/16
Ralph Cole	10/20
Becky Cameron	10/22
Sharon Hogan	10/22
Mavis B. Martin	10/30
Sally Raynor	10/30

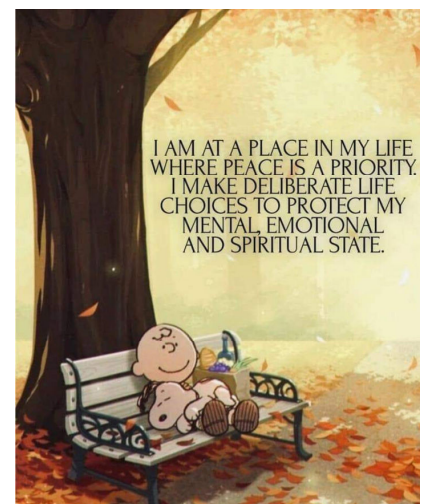
### November

Scott Chase	11/03
Emily Tobias	11/07
Tony Mawyer	11/11
Lynn Hammond	11/21
Joni Mawyer	11/24
Natalie Richardson	11/26
Thomas Hall, Jr.	11/29

### December

Delylah M. Thomas	12/01
Michael Dubbs	12/04
Barbara Motsinger	12/04
Edgar Smith	12/24
Alex Cameron	12/28
Lois Vollmer	12/29
Lillian Richardson	12/30

*We would love to add to the list above! Please let us have the date for our records. Thank you!*



## Completed Renovations!

Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to 'tour' the newly reconstructed Ladies Parlor as well as the Groom's Room, in the front corner of the Church. They are both beautiful! There are so many people to thank for the success of this project. There are people who contributed furnishings, there are those who contributed funds to purchase additional furnishings and there are those who put in so much time and effort! Richard and Sandy Dana spent many, many hours performing, overseeing and completing the work that was done. Thank you especially to Sandy and Richard and thank you to everyone who participated.

Richard said it all started with a leaky roof and from there things took on a life of their own. The Trustees got the ball rolling ... the leaks in the roof needed repair, windows and doors in the Education Wing were replaced, new air conditioning units were installed. And soon there will be new carpeting. These upgrades have made such an improvement to the overall appearance of the church. We thank everyone who was involved in this labor of love. The Church has hosted its first wedding since completion of these renovations and it is expected that many more brides and grooms will enjoy these beautiful new spaces.



Entrance to the Ladies Parlor (Bride's Room)



Ladies Parlor (Bride's Room)



Ladies Parlor (Bride's Room)



The Groom's Room



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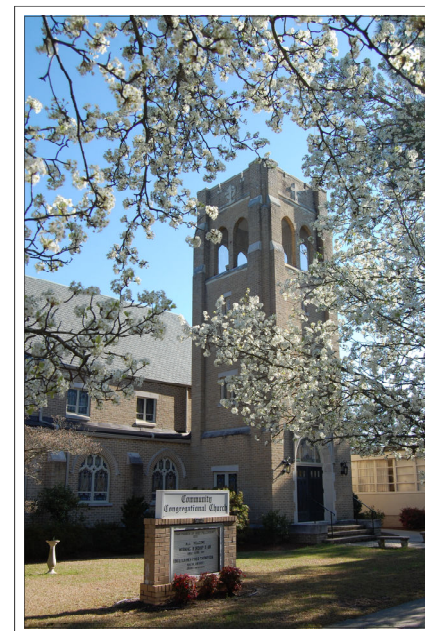
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141 N. Bennett Street, Southern Pines, NC 28387		
	<u>Sunday Worship Service</u> 9:00 am and 11:00 am	
	<u>Sunday Bible Study</u> 10:00 am	



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Photo by Renee Shawn Clement

## Weekly Calendar

- Sundays:** Worship Services - 9 am and 11 am  
Adult Bible Study - 10 am - Bill Shockley, Moderator
- Mondays:** 1st Monday - Deacons Meeting - 6:30 pm  
2nd Monday - Trustees Meeting - 6:00 pm  
3rd Monday - Church Council - 6:30 pm
- Tuesdays:** Bible Study - 10 am - Pastor Mike - The Gospel of John  
Yoga Class - 2nd Tuesday with Maryann - 5:30 pm  
Yoga Class - 4th Tuesday with Lexi - 5:30 pm
- Wednesdays:** Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm  
2nd Wednesday - Women’s Fellowship - 12:00 noon  
4th Wednesday - Prayer Shawl Group - 2:00 pm

*Our newsletter will be interesting and helpful to our congregation, if YOU help us make it so! Call the church office with your news.*