



Hello from In-Yong

Hi, friends,

From the Pastor

My name is In-Yong Lee, your incoming pastor. (You can call me In-Yong.) I am thrilled to come and be a part of First, Rutherfordton's life. Everyone who knows the church told me what a wonderful church it is. Starting from Sydnor, the leaders and the staff members that I met have been extremely kind. Thank you so much. Also, thank you, those of you who sent me warm welcome cards. It was very nice of you to reach out to me, even before I came to Rutherfordton. I cannot wait to meet you all in person.

Let me briefly introduce myself to you. I was born and raised in South Korea. In 1997, my husband, Hee-Soo, went to NC State University for his post-doctoral studies, while I got enrolled at Duke Divinity School for my M.Div. studies. Our sons, Ju-Heung (Ethan) and Ju-Sung, were 6 and 3. Completely with God's help, I finished M.Div. in 2000, Th.M. in 2002, and Ph.D. in 2012. I was ordained as an elder in 2008. I have served St. Paul's UMC in Asheville (2007-2015) and Cokesbury UMC in Charlotte (2015-current).

Hee-Soo and I celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary last May. He works at Burkert in Huntersville, a German company that makes valves. Both our sons graduated from UNC Asheville. Ethan is 28 and single. He is studying at CPCC in medical technology and will stay in Charlotte. Ju-Sung is 25 and married to Mimi. He is in a Ph.D. program at UNC Chapel-Hill in chemistry. My mother, Yohee, is 78 and has been living with us for 17 years. She is a sweet lady. You will meet all of them on July 14, even though you don't see Mimi in the family picture.

I love reading. My favorite books include Leslie Newbigin's *Foolishness to the Greeks* and John Howard Yoder's *Politics of Jesus*. Among the novels, John Grisham's *A Time to Kill* and *Sycamore Row* are my favorites. Also, friendship is everything to me. I have a lot of friends, and I love talking and working with people. I am looking forward to knowing each of you and hearing your stories.

We are packing now. For the first time since I came to the United States, I am taking time to sort out things to keep and things to throw away. It feels great. I have been praying for First. May God guide our days together and bless all of us as church family! See you in July!

In-Yong



**A Luncheon to Welcome
Dr. In-Yong Lee and her family
will be held on**

Sunday, July 14, 2019

12:15 pm

Fellowship Center

Join us for this time of fellowship!



**SAVE THE DATE
BEACH DAY AT LAKE JAMES**

On Saturday, August 10 the Travelers Sunday School Class is sponsoring a beach day on the shores of beautiful Lake James. The beach and picnic shelter at Lake James State Park's Catawba River Access are reserved for our use, and we'll picnic, swim, sunbathe, fish, and hike to our heart's content.

The Travelers will be grilling hot dogs for a picnic lunch, and they will provide paper products, ice, and drinking water for attendees. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. A small boat dock is available for those who want to sail or paddle in.

Picnic table seats and parking spaces are limited, so RSVP and be prepared to carpool. The Travelers look forward to sharing one of the last Saturdays of summer with you! Contact Karen Johnson at 828-748-1397 or granolagirlofgod@gmail.com with questions.

WELCOME TABLE

July 8, 15, & 22

Volunteer help is needed. **You** could volunteer to cook, serve, or help clean up. The hours of cooking are 11:00 until 4:00, serving 4:00 until 6:30, and clean up from 6:00 until 7:30. Some individuals cook, serve, and clean up, so any extra help is appreciated. You can get with Bud Deck when you arrive and let him know where you are willing to serve.

If you are unable to volunteer, please join us for a delicious meal and make friends with our Welcome Table neighbors.

MEET THE PASTOR: Plan to attend one of our scheduled in-home meetings and get to know the Reverend Dr. In-Yong Lee. Enjoy the fellowship and share your thoughts about our church with her. Sign up on the sheets posted outside the church office. Choose from one of the following dates/times:

July 9 at 7:00 pm, Home of Don and Betty Harris

July 11 at 6:00 pm, Home of Alan and Sherry Henderson

July 22 at 10:30 am, Home of Shirley Koone

July 25 at 6:00 pm, Home of David and Debbie Best

July 30 at 5:30 pm, Home of Bob and Teresa Bourne

August 3 at 2:00 pm, Home of Preston and Barbara Barden

August 13 at 7:00 pm, Home of Skip and Dib Logan

NEW CLASS OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

We are happy to welcome 9 new Stephen Ministers. These folks have taken 50 hours of training to prepare themselves to be part of the Stephen Ministry program at First Rutherfordton.



Front Row, L to R: Susan Keever, Gene Shuford, Stephen Stowe, Sonja Stobie, and Marcy Winberg. Back Row, L to R: Kim Tevis, Amelia Newton, Caroline Seyboldt, and Jeff Stobie.

As Stephen Ministers, they will provide Christ-centered care for individuals who are in need of someone to walk beside them during times of crisis. Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life. What do they have in common? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

You'll find Stephen Ministry in congregations from more than 170 Christian denominations, across the U.S. and Canada and in 30 other countries.

Stephen Ministry is built to last—going strong for over 20 or even 30 years in hundreds of congregations.

Since Stephen Ministries was founded in 1975:

- More than 13,000 congregations have enrolled in the Stephen Ministry program.
- More than 75,000 pastors and lay leaders from those congregations have been equipped at Leader's Training Courses.
- More than 600,000 laypeople have received Stephen Minister training.
- More than one-and-a-half-million people have had a Stephen Minister to walk with them, providing one-to-one Christian care during tough times.

Our First Rutherfordton Stephen Ministry program was founded over 25 years ago. Since then, over 40 people have been trained in our church as Stephen Ministers. If you are interested in becoming a part of our ministry, please reach out to the pastor or one of the Stephen Leaders.

If you or someone you know needs the support of a Stephen Minister, please reach out to the pastor or a Stephen Leader. First Rutherfordton Stephen Leaders are Susie King, Deedee McMahon, Donna Harrison, Kim King and Rick Furse.

MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR BIRTHDAYS

We will be including a listing of our Methodist Missionaries Birthdays each month. We would like you to include them in your prayers for that day. These come from the UMW Prayer Calendar Book for the year. Missionaries say they feel the prayers and even often plan "big things" for their birthdays because they know a lot of people are praying for them. Please join us in these prayers. Thank you, UMW

July 1, Rene Grant, Sara Floes Quinonez
July 2, Deborah Dornon
July 3, David Scott, Nora Stevens, Mary Winslow
July 4, Randy Joe Hildebrant
July 6, Sarah Brockus, David Widman, Mark Zimmerman
July 7, Shanda Dunn-Davis
July 8, Elizabeth Graham
July 9, James Perdue, Deborah Pittman, Andris Salter, Cherryetta Williams
July 10, Gale Koven, Robin Ridenour
July 11, Margaret Lohmeyer
July 12, Bettye Foulcard, Hyein Oh, Koni Purscell
July 13, Pamela Domer
July 14, Sun Lae Kim
July 15, Cynthia Ceballos, Darlene DiDomineck
July 16, Linda Douglas Smith
July 17, Herbert Gore, Rosalie Gorr, Deirdre Zimmerman
July 18, Edgar Avitia, Dionne Boissiere, Laura Curry, Erin Kim
July 19, Moses Alikali, Denise Nurse
July 20, Susan Lewandowski, Helen McCahill
July 21, Carol Barton
July 23, Tzovinar Ramian
July, 24, Alvin Collins
July 25, Sabrina Rodgers, Jessica Stewart
July 26, Tapiwa Blessing Kanengoni, Tazenda Mujeni
July 27, Carol Dorman
July 29, Glenn Pickens
July 30, Kennis Mei Yan Lam, Melba McCallum, Charles Mulemena, Claris Skerritt, Jana Marie Whitten
July 31, Agoussi Alain P. Abro, Beverly Barte, Earnestine Varnado

TO OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT FUMC,

The Parkers are experiencing a great number of conflicting emotions right now. First of all our Sunday School class has provided 2 weeks of delicious meals, as well as Soul Food. There have been notes, get well cards, and visitors to brighten our days; love and prayers holding us up!

Most of you know that we plan to move to Lexington, SC in a couple of weeks. We appreciate that our children want us to move closer to them so that they can help when we are sick or under the weather but that takes us away from you who we love so much.

Thank you for your continuing love and prayers and know that each of you remain in our prayers.

Ron and Dorothy Parker

New Address:

644 Carriage Lake Dr
Lexington, SC 29072

Ron: 828-980-3613; Dorothy: 828-305-3489



THE CHURCH OFFICE

will be closed on
Thursday, July 4.



OPERATION INASMUCH

Thank you to everyone who participated in and prayed for OIAM. We had 76 people work on teams and were able to complete 17 projects.

Thank you from Path & Noah's House

Dear FUMC family,

Thank you so much for all your hard work at the PATH shelter for OIAM! We appreciate you all doing the yard work, cleaning the vans, bringing lunch for our families and bringing the baked goods. We are so appreciative that you thought to include us. Please pray for our families.

Thank you,
Kelly Hudson, Director of Shelter Services



YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Throughout the month of June we have been going through a series titled, "More Than A Hashtag." During this series we covered the topic of Justice and what that means to us as well as what it meant to Jesus. We have learned a lot through this month about how to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."

Throughout the month of July we will be starting a new series titled, "Hear Me Roar." This is a series where we will be diving into the topic of evangelism. Throughout this month we will learn how we can reach those around us with the love of Christ. This is a very fitting time to talk about this with the youth as a new school year is very quickly approaching. Any opportunity you have to encourage our youth to reach out to others in their peer groups with love please take it. Our youth need to know they have the support of a loving church family behind them, as they prepare to start a new year.

We are also preparing to open our Neon Coffee Shop! We hope to have this new ministry open by August. This will be a year round fundraiser for the youth, as well as an opportunity for the youth to learn a skill in making coffee. We hope that you will support this new ministry in the youth when it opens!

Blessings,
Gary Williams



We need volunteers to help with Neon on Sunday nights as well as volunteers to help with upcoming youth trips. If you are interested please contact me at gwilliams@fumcrutherfordton.org.



In the month of June we have covered a series titled, "Power Up." This was a series all about how we can "level up" in our faith. During this series we took the approach of comparing our spiritual life to a video game to help the children understand different ways we grow in our spiritual walk with God.

We will be continuing this series next month, as we spend the entire summer teaching the children about how to grow in their spiritual walk.

In children's church we also explored the gospels, and how Jesus was man, miracle-worker, and messiah. The children enjoyed seeing their favorite characters in this curriculum come to life on screen every week. These character make learning the big point of our story fun, and they present the gospel in a way that the children can grasp ahold of easily.

As always we are always looking for volunteers in our Children's ministry. As we look to the future, and grow our children's ministry we need volunteers to support this growth. If you are interested in volunteering please send me an email: gwilliams@fumcrutherfordton.org

Blessings,
Gary Williams



VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for First Kids! If you are interested in volunteering to help out with Sunday School or Children's church, please send me an email at gwilliams@fumcrutherfordton.org.

THE FOLLOWING MONETARY GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

In honor of Mike Fields, by the Chancel Choir, designated for the Music Fund.

In memory of Bill and Peggy McBrayer, by Linda Haire, designated for the General Budget.

In memory of Peggy McBrayer, by Ettalee Kearns, designated for the Audio-Visual Fund.

In memory of Rachel McKinney, mother of Cheryl Walker, by the Chancel Choir, Jeep & Johnnie Martin, designated for the Music Fund.

In memory of John Newton, father of Amelia Newton, by the Chancel Choir, designated for Music Fund.

In memory of Ken Turner, by Harry & Patricia Harrelson, designated for the Music Fund; by Ettalee Kearns, designated for the Audio-Visual Fund.

In honor of the Voices of Truth, by Harry & Patricia Harrelson, designated for the Music Fund.

In honor of Kathy Watson, by Ron & Nanette Edwards, designated for the Tot Learning Center.

In memory of Charles Young, by Bill & Maggie Young, Molly & Miette Fox, Jae Berry & Seon Joon Young, designated for the Dillard Morrow Sunday School Class.

UMW YARD SALE TOTAL

Thank you again to everyone who helped make the Yard Sale a success. The final total is \$1817.31

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

July 17 at 12:00 noon

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Every Monday at Noon

Send information for Newsletter & Bulletin to pcraft@fumcrutherfordton.org

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters (9:00)

1st Sunday Sandra Turner & Mabel Satrape
2nd Sunday Bobbie Tedford & Cheryl Waddingham
3rd Sunday Jim & Shelia Cuthbertson
4th Sunday Jim & Shelia Cuthbertson

Greeters (11:00)

1st Sunday Joyce Gray & Margaret Britt
2nd Sunday Connie Hicks & Ginny Moore
3rd Sunday Scott & Stacey Griffith
4th Sunday Debbie Best & Betsy Woolridge

Sound System

1st Sunday Steve Wright
2nd Sunday Ralph Hier
3rd Sunday Eric Wells
4th Sunday Don Suttles

Ushers (9:00)

Russ & Linda Armentrout,
Earl Furbish

Ushers (11:00)

Bud Deck, Charles Wright,
Gene Shuford, Don Harris,
Wayne Keever, John Lewis,
David McMillan

Bread Makers

1st Sunday Bobbie Tedford
2nd Sunday Laurie Furse
3rd Sunday Debbie Best
4th Sunday Diane McMillan

Acolytes

1st Sunday Meg Prevatt
2nd Sunday Maris Rogers
3rd Sunday Johannah Deese
4th Sunday Dee Dee Majors

Communion Stewards

1st Sunday Ken & Diane Sanford

UMW CRAFT MEETING

We had one meeting and will continue to meet on the third Monday at 6:00 after Welcome Table. If you have items that we could use let us know. Also, let us know if you have ideas for crafts, or **if there is a day and time that will work better for you. We are flexible. Thank you!**

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