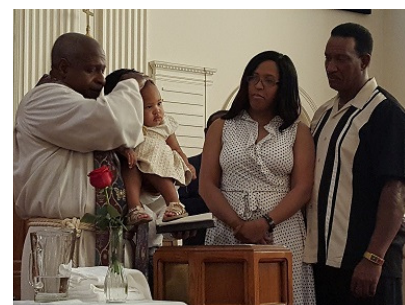


# 2018 Year in Review

- Hosted a “Journey” Church Retreat on January 13, 2018 to embark on a journey into God’s preferred future.
- Jimmie Shuler and Nicolette Weeks participated in the “Eating Together Faithfully: Food that Laughs” training at Celebrity Dairy Farm near Siler City. This is an eight-session curriculum that explores what it means to eat daily bread as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Dr. Chung from Huree University in Mongolia gave a presentation on that institution at a dinner hosted by New Creation.
- Mary Jones participated in the Women’s March.
- Felicia Joyner and Jimmie Shuler crocheted or knitted red hats for newborn infants in celebration of Heart Health Month. This is to make the public more aware of congenital heart defects.
- Ruby Sales was to preach on February 4, 2018. Due to her illness, her sermon was shared by her justice advocate friend. It was a joint worship with Asbury, Resurrection and Calvary churches.
- In honor of Black History Month, hosted our first “Meet the Heroes,” an inter-active program to introduce historic African American heroes to children and youth.
- New Creation UMW, (Mary Jones, Fran Lynch, Bernice, Jimmie Shuler and LaNella Smith) participated in the District UMW Mission Encounter at the Diaper Bank. Fifty women from around the district wrapped 23,750 diapers.
- Hosted the Bennett College Choir for a Palm Sunday Concert. Over 300 people were in attendance.
- Six members of the Mature Years Ministry served dinner at the Rescue Mission. They served 150 persons.
- United Methodist Men host a Spaghetti Diner fund-raiser in April



- United Methodist Women hosted a Tea which focused on Maternal Health, one of the four priority issues for the organization. Women from Mt. Sylvan and Duke's Chapel as well as the two district officers attended the tea. Baby supplies, valued at over \$1,000.00, were collected and given to Welcome Baby.
- Mary Jones and LaNella Smith travelled to Washington D.C. with other members of the North Carolina Conference to participate in the A.C.T. Now: United to End Racism rally sponsored by the National Council of Churches. The rally also commemorated the 50th anniversary of MLK assassination.
- At a Charge Conference in May, New Creation approved 3 candidates for ordained ministry, Saul Gastelum, Johnny Llrena and Adam Benson.
- Twenty-five members of New Creation participated in C.A.N. Listening Sessions.
- Timothy Arthur and Abi Lopez were consecrated as acolytes on June 17, 2018.
- Welcomed our new associate pastor, Rev. Edgar Vergara.
- Hosted 4th of July Celebration for the community
- Jointly hosted Vacation Bible School with Asbury UMC. Participants made and distributed 150 "manna" bags.
- Collected and donated eyeglasses for Liberia
- Hosted a Latin American Brunch and Learn that included group activities and a Panel Discussion with visiting Methodist Pastors from Central America.
- Collected 24 backpacks for the Walltown Neighborhood celebration.
- Donated 48 hygiene kits and 15 flood buckets to Disaster Recovery.
- New Creation rejoices in the baptism of mother and daughter, Eugenia Amorita Lofton and baby Rosilyn Leigh Jordan on Sunday, June 10th.
- United Methodist Women awarded Harriett Strong Wright scholarships to Chris Cole, Moise Keese, Ben Colon-Emeric and Teemer Barry.
- On the third Monday night in August, Ernest Turner, debuted in the "Jazz in the Basement" program at Calvary UMC.
- United Methodist Men hosted their Annual Norman Hanner Gospel Jamboree on Sunday, August 26, 2018. Five singing groups from the Durham Community sang uplifting music. It was a day of singing and praising God.
- New Creation celebrates the baptism of baby Lishelle English.
- Hosted our 2nd Worship in the park with 118 in attendance at Piney Wood Part.



- Pastor Shuler participated in the swearing in service of Myra Griffin as Commissioner of the NC Industrial Commission.
- We welcomed Rev. Juan de Dios Peña, president of the Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador, to our pulpit on Pentecost Sunday.
- Hosted a 6-week bible study on immigration. The study was titled *“Immigration Through the Lens of Scripture.”*
- In September, we celebrated the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Lawrence Johnson and Dr. Bernice Johnson.
- Welcomed a second Duke intern, Katy Medinas-Lockley.
- Confirmation classes begin in October with 10 youth.
- For Thanksgiving, New Creation distributed 45 turkeys with the trimmings to the Durham community
- For Christmas, New Creation distributed 45 hams to the Durham community.
- Hosted our First Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.
- Ten youth and 4 adults from New Creation attended the Conference Pilgrimage event in Fayetteville.

