
Please check the *monthly newsletter* for calendar of events and worship helpers!

MEMORIALS

In memory of Frank & Patty Ledwell
For: Undesignated Memorials
Given by: Julia Ledwell

In memory of Curtis Jamieson
For: Undesignated Memorials
Given by: Linda Thompson

HONORS

In honor of Dorothy Wilkerson
For: Undesignated Memorials
Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Scott

In honor of Sonny & Marilyn Duncan
For: Building Fund
Given by: Betty Nicholson

In honor of Janice Nelson
For: Building Fund
Given by: Faye Welsh

In honor of Jerry H. Mundy, Jr.
For: Undesignated Memorials
Given by: Ruth Mundy

VISITORS - SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Pat Musselwhite, Carlene Burns, Grace Stallings, Mary Lou Brady, David, Tanya & Maggie Underwood, Gladys Taylor, Beverly Wood, Julia Jordan, Gloria Hardin, Seth White, Peggy White, Sara Beth White, Joey White, Pam Porter, Kate Williamson, Jamie Wilkerson, Brook Hydell, Marcus McKnight

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 2
Sunday School - 128
Worship - 209

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Fuller, Charles Stansel, Jean Smith, Jesse Lamm, Lib Culbreth, Helen Sharpe, Sonny Duncan, Bobby Williams, Julie Dowless, Frances Byrd, Ruth Burch, Margaret B. White, Eva Cooper, David Thaggard, Pete Cline. Call Helen Wehunt at (735-0924) if you have a prayer request or wish to add someone to the list.

Friends of the Church: Charles Brady, Karen Fisher, Robert Stone, Sam Smith, Glenn Strickland, Vernon Cline, Frank Powers, Frances Tisdale, Lauren Gullatte.

Hermitage: Sara Stansel (Rm. 5 East)

Wesley Pines: Rosa Hunnings, Mary McLean, Lois Huggins (Room 410, Bed #1)

Carolina Rehab Center of Cumberland, 4600 Cumberland Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28305: John McLellan

Missionaries: Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Zigbuo.

Military: Major George B. Brown III, HHC, DSTB, ICD (CMD GRP), APO AE 09344; Raymond Martinez, HQ MNC-1, XVIII Airborne Corps, APO AE 09342.



MISSION STATEMENT

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THE NUTSHELL

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Stewardship Nugget

By Herb Miller

Many Americans live with two opposite feelings. On one hand, they want to experience meaning and purpose in their lives. On the other hand, they often feel that they are running on empty. In his classic novel, *Les Miserables*, Victor Hugo tells us how to eliminate that second feeling. The bishop befriends Jean Valjean and gives him lodging. Valjean repays that kindness by stealing the bishop's valuable candlesticks. After the bishop reports the theft, the police magistrate questions Valjean in the bishop's presence. As the interrogation progresses, Valjean seems headed for jail. At that point, the bishop unexpectedly retracts his charges and offers a plausible reason for why the candlesticks are missing. Jean Valjean is amazed. When he and the bishop are alone, he says, "Why did you do that? You know I am guilty." The bishop replies, "Life is for giving."

Why do churches receive an offering in their worship services? Some people say, "Because the church needs the money." That is only part of the answer. Even if a wealthy benefactor fully underwrote our congregation's expenses, we would still need to provide people with the opportunity to give an offering in our worship services. Weekly giving teaches us—and reminds us because we keep forgetting—that life without unselfish giving is life without meaning and purpose. Victor Hugo is right. Life is for giving.

Which God Shall We Elect? Loren Mead says he often asks this question in many church audiences across America: "Are you rich?" "The usual audience response is denial.

'Raise your hand if you are rich.' Most hands stay down, and only slowly and reluctantly, one by one they go up. Some refuse to participate." "Objectively the question should be easy to answer. I have never asked the question in any audience in which every person present is not rich. Some are absurdly rich in comparison to 99 percent of those in the world. And others, just by being Americans, are probably better off than most of the world's population. . ." "You see, wealth. . . is the natural condition of all North Americans. . ." "Why do we work so hard to hide the fact that we are rich? Why hide it even from ourselves? Why does our wealth embarrass us?" "Somewhere deep inside us is a place that cannot come to terms with what it means to be what we are. This is a spiritual question, and it is the one spiritual question all Americans share. It may be the one that most threatens us." (Financial Meltdown in the Mainline. Loren B Mead)

In the deep places of our souls, we know that Jesus was right when he said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Matthew 6:24). In each of our lives, two candidates are running for election as president. Each day of each week, each of us must decide which god to elect. The weekly offering in our worship service helps us to make the right choice. *Stewardship Nuggets: For Newsletters, Worship Bulletins, and Sermons* by Herb Miller. United Methodist Publishing House/Abingdon Press, 2004.

Circuit Riders

Dec. 6: Shop & Show-Depart at 8:00 a.m. Eat breakfast at home. Lunch will be a picnic at Mary Lou Brady's beach home. Show will be at Carolina Opry - Supper at Dockside. Cost: \$45 due Nov. 8th.

Dec. 20: Nutcracker cancelled due to ticket problems.

Circuit Riders Planning Meeting for 2009

Tuesday, Dec. 2, we will have a covered dish dinner in Wesley Hall to plan for next year. Come and bring your plans and ideas. I have 26 places already suggested to me for travel. We need everyone who has been on a trip or planning on a trip to be present. I look forward to seeing each of you. The time is 6:00p.m.

Nurse of the Week - Pat Horne

I hope you have been reading about parish nurses in the paper lately. They are becoming very important in all churches. The churches of today are serving their congregation more by caring for the body and the soul. Thanks to our volunteer nurses who offer their help to us freely. Give Pat a call when you have a health question or problem.

P.A.T. NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 4 | Grace Stallings | 15 | Jerry Powers |
| 5 | Marie Gibson | 20 | Carolyn McNeill, Lib Sealey |
| 8 | Jerry Jordan | 26 | Juanita Collins |
| 11 | Herbert Dowless | 27 | Faye Welsh |
| 13 | Boyd Gasque | | |

MANY THANKS!

CSUMC Family Ministries would like to thank everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat. It was nice to see all the different costumes and everyone just having fun! Thanks for making it a big success!

Thank you all for your prayers during my time of sickness. I have missed coming to church and still love Chestnut Street! Please continue to keep me in your prayers. - Lib Culbreth

FYI

To all who are interested, my brother is in the process of being transferred to a new facility. I forward this new address to you if you are interested in sending him any cards or mail. Our family and he appreciates all the support and prayers you have given him. Please continue to do so. With God's grace we shall persevere. - Myra

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Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Box Mission for Samaritan's Purse

GOAL - 100 BOXES!

There are brochures in the church office with details as to how to pack your shoe box for the Operation Christmas Child mission project. Sunday, November 16, we will dedicate our boxes during morning worship. This would be a great family project which could include shopping and wrapping the items together. **Help us reach our goal!**

Faith-Nurturing Family Activities - Suggestion - No. 6

This week's tip: **Celebrations** - Birthdays can be an all-day event. One child is special, and emphasize that. On holidays focus on giving to others. Each child could pick out a gift for their siblings. On Easter decorate together and invite another family to help. Tell the stories that make that holiday meaningful and focus on others in practical ways. Traditions are powerful ways to bond and cement what's important. Maybe granddad could tell the story "Twas the Night Before Christmas" on Christmas Eve and before gifts are opened on Christmas morning read the Bible's account of Jesus' birth.



Meal 6:15 p.m. Reservations required by Tuesday noon

Be sure to indicate if your children will eat in the Pizza Café or eat the regular dinner when you make your reservations. **Pizza Café for children/youth.**

Menu for Nov. 12

Salad, Hamburger Steak, Rice & Gravy, Turnips, Beverage, Dessert

COLLEGE STUDENTS *YOUNG ADULT COUPLES *SINGLES
THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 A.M.
COME TO THE CHURCH PARLOR (ADJACENT TO THE SANCTUARY)
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED AND VIDEO DISCUSSION CLASS
FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT JAN AT csumc-edu@nc.rr.com

♪♪♪ **MUSIC NOTES FROM HARRIETTE**

For all of you who secretly desire to wear the coveted CSUMC blue choir robe your chance is finally here! And you can earn a stole to boot! We have several important services coming up in these next two months. In order for everyone who would like to be a part of the festivities I am scheduling three extra practices. In addition to our regular Wednesday night practices at 7:00 p.m. I will be available on three Saturdays: November 8, December 6 and December 13. You may come for all sessions, or one, whatever fits your schedule!

We will be practicing the music for our Thanksgiving worship service, the Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 23 at Godwin Heights Baptist Church, our White Stocking service on December 14 and music for worship services for November and December.

The Saturday practice schedule is as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. - noon Practice in the choir room
- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch (bring a sandwich from home). Chips/drinks provided.
- 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Practice in the choir room

Please plan to come and be a part of our choir during this wonderful time of the year. It will be loads of fun, fellowship and praise!

Important Dates for the Choir:

Sunday: Nov. 9 "Song for the Unsung Hero" in honor of our veterans

Sunday: Nov. 23 "Fount of Every Blessing" (Thanksgiving)

Sunday: Dec. 14 White Stocking Service

Thanks to all of you who make the music at CSUMC so wonderful! It is a joy to work with such a dedicated group of people who love the Lord and love their church. -Harriette

REMINDER

Articles for the monthly "Nutshell" are due in the office by the 15th of the month. Please bring your information by the church office or email to: csumc@nc.rr.com

The Bakery Shoppe needs you!

We need your special, homemade goodies for Hearts & Hands for the Holidays. Please sign up in the church office! Questions?? Please call Henrietta Nance at 738-7056 or Laura Lynn Bailey at 618-0793. Thank you for your support!!

Feed the Hungry Ministry

Thank you to the Service Seekers Women's Circle for sponsoring the Feed the Hungry Ministry on Saturday, October 25th. Fifty-seven guests and twenty members were fed spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. The cooks were Richard Hydell, Herb Dowless and Bob Nelson who with the help of a small miracle made some extra fast spaghetti sauce. Maureen Regan, Becky Ward, Jean Crouch, Dot Davis, Vada and Julie Dowless, Donna Williams, Susan Williams, Sharon Pittman, Iris Moore, Edie Duncan, Harriette Lovin, Dot Wilkerson, Janice Nelson and Rosemary Long all pitched in to help get the meal ready and served the meal or were table hostesses. Rosemary Long gave the devotion and blessed the meal. Vada Dowless was the greeter.

The Tweens' mission project, Undies for Sundays, was a great success. The underwear for adults was distributed at Saturday's meal for the hungry and the recipients were very grateful. Jackets, gloves, scarves and hats were also given away.

In November, bag lunches will be handed out on Sat., Nov. 29. If you would like to help by fixing sandwiches or baking brownies please contact Donna Valenti 738-9706. Men's jackets are still needed to be handed out at this same time. There will not be a Feed the Hungry in December in order to give our members time to be with their families.

FAMILY MINISTRIES CORNER

On Saturday, November 1, N.C. State LFA Flag Football Team won the Super Bowl against the Demon Deacons 28-21. They were 7-0 for the season. Josh Britt, Walt Bailey and Andrew Patterson played on the team. Mat Patterson was head coach for the team. Bradley Patterson played on the LFA N.C. State B League Football Team and they placed 2nd in their Super Bowl. They were 5-2 for the season. Way to go, boys! If you have information you would like to report in the Family Ministries Corner, please contact Gaynelle Patterson or Jan Kennedy because we want to know what our church members are doing in our community.

Charge Conference

Monday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

Wesley Hall
