

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of January 18, 2009

Sunday - Human Relations Day

- 8:15 UMM - Asbury Hall
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 6:00 Confirmation Class - library

Monday

- 12:00 Emmaus Reunion Group-Asbury hall
- 1:30 Prayer Group - conference rm.
- 6:00 Stephen Ministers - library

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 12:15 - 2:15 Pre-School Activities
- 6:15 Wed. night supper
- 7:00 Adult Choir
- 7:15 Trustees Ministry -library
Education Ministry - conf. room
- 8:00 Praise Team

Thursday

- 3:30 -5:00 Girl Scouts
- 5:30 Intercessory Prayer Group - library

Saturday

- 9 - 12:00 United Ministry Council Retreat - Wesley Hall

Attendance

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009

- Sunday School 130
- Morning Worship 187

Visitors - Sunday, January 11

D. D. Harrell, Erich Hackney

HONORS

In honor of Jan Kennedy
For: Building Fund
Given by: Angela Moldovan

Sunday Helpers - January 18, 2009

Ushers: Keith & Melody Britt, Jackie Utz, Raymond Spivey

Lector: Ken Windley

Acolytes: Joshua Sumner, Richie Hydell

Snack & Chat: 3M Sunday School Class

Trustee of the Month: Randy Wilkins

Wesley Pines Bus Ministry: Donnie Smith

Offering Verification: Bob Horne, Mary Anna Gray

Nursery Ministry: Brittany Gaines/Heather Miller

Messenger:

Stephen Minister: Marilyn Duncan

LOVE & SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to Todd Nurnburger and family at the death of his grandfather who passed away Sunday, January 4, 2009.

MISSION STATEMENT

Win, Nurture and Serve in Christ.

THE NUTSHELL

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CHURCH LEADERS RETREAT

On Saturday, January 24, we will have a retreat for all church leaders. This is an annual event sponsored by the United Ministry Council for all committees, representatives, and at-large members of the Council. The purpose is to start the year off with a shared focus and vision for the ministries of our church. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and finish up around noon. Light refreshments will be served. If you serve on the Council or are a member of a church committee, you are invited to join us.

THE INFORMATION DEADLINE for the monthly *Nutshell* is Wed., January 21.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

The annual celebration of Human Relations Day is Sunday, January 18. When you give generously on this special day, you strengthen outreach to communities in the U. S. and Puerto Rico and encourage social justice and work with at-risk youth. A special envelope will be included in the Sunday bulletin for your donation.

SOUPER BOWL, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2009

Mark your Calendar now!!

Join us for our traditional soup, chili, sandwich lunch in Asbury Hall following the morning worship service. Donations for the meal will be accepted and will go to benefit the Robeson County Church & Community Center. For more information contact Donna Valenti, Chair of Missions.

MISSIONS WORK TEAM

The Missions Committee and Rev. Steve Little have invited Mr. Butch Huffman to come and talk to the Missions Committee and anyone in the congregation who is interested in forming a Missions Work Team from Chestnut Street UMC. Mr. Huffman wants to build a school and clinic in Jamaica. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:15 p.m. in the church library.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Becky Collins, Lib Culbreth, Helen Sharpe, Sonny Duncan, Bobby Williams, Ruth Burch, Margaret B. White, Lynda Price, Pete Cline, and David Thaggard. Call Helen Wehunt at (735-0924) if you have a prayer request or wish to add someone to the list.

Friends of the Church: Doris Plant (Dodie Taylor's mother), Karen Fisher, Robert Stone, Sam Smith, Glenn Strickland, Vernon Cline, Frank Powers, Peggy Morris, Guy Sinclair, Avis Tedder.

Hermitage Retirement Center: Sara Stansel (Rm. 5 East)

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

Carolina Rehab, 4600 Cumberland Rd., Room 804, Fayetteville, NC 28305:

John McLellan

Southeastern Regional Medical Center: Frances Byrd, Rm. 329

Missionaries: Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Zigbuo.

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

Feed the Hungry

Feed the Hungry Ministry will be starting again for 2009. The New Directions Sunday School Class will be sponsoring the meal in Asbury Hall from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 31. They will be serving hot dogs. All other Feed the Hungry meals will be served on the fourth Saturday of the month. Please place the following dates on your calendar: Jan. 31 - New Directions Class, Feb. 28, March 28 - Covenant Class, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24 and Nov. 28 (bag lunch). If classes, circles, groups, or individuals would like to sign up for one of the above dates, please see Donna Valenti or call 738-9706.

Emmaus Covered Dish Fellowship

The Chestnut Street Emmaus members invite anyone interested in learning more about the Sandhills Walk to Emmaus to attend a covered dish dinner on Saturday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. in Asbury Hall. All members who have been on the walk are encouraged to bring a covered dish and a spouse or friend for a time of fellowship. Mark your calendars now. The Women's Spring Walk will be March 24 -29.

“Reading for Success” Volunteers Needed!!

If you would like to consider volunteering please call the RCC&CC and let them know (738-5204). Pro-Literacy training (free of charge) will be held on Saturdays, January 24 & 30; February 7 & 14, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If you feel like you would like to make a difference by becoming a certified tutor of adults/children, call by the office (738-5204).

CIRCUIT RIDERS

Depart for Hamlet at 8:30 on January 31. Museum tour by R. L. Watson. Ellerbe Springs for lunch. Home by 4:00 p.m. Cost \$5 each. Due January 16.

Nurse of the Week - Joyce Musselwhite!! Give her a call if you have a health need. She can be reached at 671-8811.

Senior Adult of the Month: Give Charles Stansel a call, card or visit!

Come & Join Other Seniors

Aerobic classes will meet in Asbury Hall on Tuesday & Friday mornings at 9:30 in Asbury Hall. Jackie Utz is in charge. Come and enjoy the exercise, fun and fellowship.

P.A.T. - February 3

Come and join us at Golden Corral at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our own private dining room.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT LAY SPEAKER TRAINING EVENT

Sunday, February 1, 2009

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Hamlet, NC

If you are interested, please get in touch with Anne Lomax,

816 Sycamore Lane, Jackson Springs, NC 27281;

phone # 910-652-5834; e-mail: derby2@etinternet.net



Rockingham District Prayer Conference

“A Heart of Worship, A Willing Spirit”

Friday, March 6 & Saturday, March 7

First UMC Rockingham , N.C.

For more information come by the church office to get a brochure or e-mail:

praying4u2@bellsouth.net

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Menu - January 21

Salad, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Beverage



Confirmation Classes - Every Sunday Evening

Church Library 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.



Sunday School Classes

Please take time to contact your inactive class members. When updating class records let Jan know if you have change of addresses. If you will be making changes in your curriculum order, please contact Jan by January 15.

For Men Only!

Is your life too hectic? Have you ever asked yourself how can I be the best disciple, the best worker, the best son, the best husband, the best father? Beginning Sunday, February 8 and continuing each Sunday thru March 29 these and many more issues will be addressed. Meet in the Koinonia classroom from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Eric Dent at 738-4997.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

....Mary Anna Gray

On a recent visit to Robeson County Church & Community Center (RCC&CC) I observed the activity in the reception/waiting area as I waited my turn to speak with the receptionist.

(1) The receptionist was trying to communicate someone's need and concern to another staff person. At the same time the phone kept ringing.

(2) One staff person was on the phone obviously dealing with someone's housing repair need. I later learned there was no funding available for a housing staff person to direct these projects until about July 1st.

(3) There were two or three ladies, a child or two, waiting to be helped with food.

(4) A man came in with a look of embarrassment and speaking softly to the receptionist "I need some food."

(5) As I waited I looked to a room at the right and saw a member of Chestnut Street teaching a man to read. (How gratifying it was to see one of our members giving her time, patience, and talent to helping another adult learn to read. Thanks, Gretchen!)

I was at the Center that day to deliver pennies from P.A.T (our senior citizens). The pennies project started as a challenge to the P.A.T. group in November "to save a couple of pennies a day from the first week in November until mid December." This would make it possible for P.A.T. to donate \$20 to purchase a Christmas gift certificate for a senior citizen chosen by RCC&CC. Others of you caught the spirit and joined in. What started out as an effort to raise \$20 actually raised over \$316. With your generosity we were able to help several senior citizens to have a Christmas gift for themselves or help with medication. (Keep this in mind, pennies can bring joy to someone who has very little.)

After delivering the pennies I spoke with Jane Esdale, Executive Director, on specific needs for RCC&CC. She identified a number of needs: (1) Money, (2) Volunteers to help at the Home Store, (3) Volunteers to pick up food from the Fairmont Food Lion in the mornings, (4) Hosting work teams, (5) School supplies in August, (6) Food during the summer months when children are out of school and not receiving the two meals provided at school.

As liaison person between RCC&CC and Chestnut Street I hope that we can help meet some of the Center's needs through our mission activities.

Donna Valenti, Chair of Missions, is pulling together a committee dedicated to helping others. We'll be hearing from them. If you have a special interest in missions please speak to Donna.

As I reflect on that visit to RCC&CC I am reminded again what a blessing *it is to share with those whom Christ referred to as the least of these.*