



Week of February 15, 2009

Sunday

8:15 UMM - Asbury Hall
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Morning Worship
5:30 UMYF; Men's Study
6:00 Confirmation Class - library
Children's Council

Monday

12:00 Emmaus Reunion Group-Asbury hall
1:30 Prayer Group - conference rm.

Tuesday

9:30 Aerobics
1:30 CWC Bible Study - library

Wednesday

12 - 2:00 Pre-School Activities
6 - 6:30 Jr. Handbells
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

Friday

9:30 Aerobics - Asbury Hall

Saturday

5 - 7:00 Youth Spaghetti dinner - Asbury Hall

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009

Sunday School 132
Morning Worship 188

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009

Sunday School 136
Morning Worship 178

LOVE AND SYMPATHY is expressed to Helen Wehunt at the death of her son- in-law Keith Harrison.

Sunday Helpers - February 15, 2009

Ushers: Ed & Gwen Bengtson, Bob & Ann Chaney

Lector: Luckey Welsh

Acolytes: Ann Smith, Laura Hill

Snack & Chat: Koinonia Sunday School Class

Trustee of the Month: Randy Wilkins

Wesley Pines Bus Ministry: Donnie Smith

Offering Verification: Nelson Price, Margaret White

Nursery Ministry: Brittany Gaines,/Heather Miller

Stephen Minister: Bob Scott

How beautiful

**the open church door
the outstretched hand
the generous heart
and
being surrounded with
steadfast Love.**

**Thank You and Much Love,
John and Ruth Ann McLellan**

THE NUTSHELL

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MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Ms. Sybil S. Davis joins by transfer of membership from St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Garner, NC. She lives at 1111 E. 9th Street, phone #910-785-3272.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Townsend Floyd.

June joins by letter from Godwin Heights Baptist Church and Henry by transfer of membership from Trinity United Methodist Church, Fairmont, NC. They live at 4207 Cricklewood Street, telephone #739-3929

Mr. & Mrs. Rob Armstrong.

Rob and Sara join by letter from First Baptist Church, Bladenboro, NC. They live at 304 Waterford Circle, telephone #910-739-5883. They have two children: Cecilia and Abby.

Feed the Hungry Ministry

Thank you to the New Directions Sunday school class and Bob and Janice Nelson for sponsoring the Feed the Hungry Ministry on January 31st. Twenty-one guests and twenty-seven members were fed hot dogs with chili, slaw and baked beans. It was delicious and well planned.

On Saturday, February 28th, several families will be sponsoring the Feed the Hungry lunch. Socks from the Tweens Sunday school sock drive will be given out to the needy. If you would like to be a table host or hostess, give the devotion, or help with security or clean-up please contact Donna at 738-9706 or dbvalenti@nc.rr.com.

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 Morning Glory classroom from 5:30-7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Eric Dent at 738-4997.

YOUTH SPAGHETTI SUPPER

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
5:00 - 7:00 P.M. - ASBURY HALL.**

**TICKETS: \$6.00 PER PERSON
takeouts available**

Prayer Concerns

Tracy Stoyer, Jo Neeley, Dick Herring, John McLellan, Becky Collins, Lib Culbreth, Helen Sharpe, Sonny Duncan, Bobby Williams, Susan McCray, Ruth Burch, Margaret B. White, Lynda Price, David Thaggard, Gibson Gray, Breck Regan, Jesse Lamm, Karen Fisher, Robert Stone, Mark Sumner (David's brother), Sam Smith, Glenn Strickland, Vernon Cline, Frank Powers, Peggy Morris, Guy Sinclair, Avis Tedder, Maxine Wimberly (Harriette Lovin's birth mother) Room 6 - Hospice House. Call Helen Wehunt at (735-0924) if you have a prayer request or wish to add someone to the list.

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

Wesley Pines Retirement Center: Mary Fuller, Mary McLean, Rosa Hunnings, Lois Huggins

Golden Living Center: Pete Cline

Autumn Care of Raeford: Frances Byrd, # 707-A, 1206 North Fulton St., Raeford, NC 28376

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.

THANK YOU!

- **Pat and I wish to thank** the Chestnut Street UMC family for the many kindnesses and sincere expressions of sympathies. Know that Becky loved each of you. That love extended far beyond the walls of our church. She worked faithfully to share God's love with everyone. We will all miss her love and spirit for life. Christ's love to all. - Lawton Baker
- A *special thank you* from the Missions Committee to all who helped to make the Souper Bowl Lunch a success. Through your generous donations, \$1,537.55 was raised to help Robeson County Church and Community Center meet the needs of many in our community. A round of applause to all who gave of their time and talents to make this lunch happen. Twelve shut-ins were carried soup and a card from our children as part of their mission project.

Altar Flowers Needed

Would you like to consider putting flowers on the altar one Sunday? They can be placed in honor or memory of someone or celebration of a special event. Sunday School classes might even consider putting them in to honor their teacher or teachers. Call the office at 739-3304 to reserve a date and give information you'd like printed in the Sunday bulletin. You might even consider sharing a Sunday with a family member or friend.



Flower
Calendar

CIRCUIT RIDERS

Feb.15 - Erwin United Methodist-The Methodist College Chorale -Depart at 3:00 p.m. instead of 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$2.00 plus meal. We will eat in Dunn for supper. We have 3 spaces left.

Feb. 21 - Dublin -Lu Mil Vineyard-Depart at 10:00 a.m. Tour vineyard on the red double-decker bus and visit the peanut outlet. Lunch of fried chicken and the trimmings catered by Dowless' Restaurant and wine tasting for those who wish to participate. Cost is \$19. Tasters will pay \$22. A souvenir glass is included in the price of the tasters. Home around 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 28 - Hamlet and Ellerbe Springs- Depart at 8:30 a.m. Tour at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at 12 noon. Home around 3:00 p.m. Cost \$5 plus meal. Full.

March 19 - Sanford -Temple Theatre - Magnolias and Tea. Depart at 9:00 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Play at 2:00 p.m. Home around 6:00 p.m. Cost \$20 plus meal. Full but will take alternates.

Nurse of the Week - Jean Harris. Call Jean with any advice needed about your health. She will be glad to answer your questions.

Come & Join Other Seniors: Aerobics on Tuesdays & Fridays

Come and be invigorated by exercising. It will help make your body strong. We all need to exercise at least 30 minutes three times a week to be fit. This time on Tuesday and Friday will cover 60 minutes of that time. Join us from 9:30 to 10:15 every week.

Special Person of the Month: Rose Byrd

Rose Byrd is our Special Person of the month. Send her a card or a call and let her know what a special lady she is and how much she is loved by our church.

WHAT A GREAT MONTH!! Only two substitutes. You regulars really came through in January! Thank you! It's so good, so good to have Rosa Hunnings back as a regular.

Regular:

Ann Neese
Beth Mitchell
Edith Duncan
Rose Byrd
Jo Ann Falls
Jackie Pearce



Marilyn Duncan
Joyce Musselwhite
Rosa Hunnings

Substitutes:

Dot Davis
Gretchen Reeves

MEMORIALS

In memory of Becky Baker

For: Bus Fund

Given by: Carolyn McNeill, Ted Avent, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Bengtson, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Doares, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Horne, Lib Sealey, Joy Sunday School Class, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bray, Linda Collins, Dot & Nell Fields, Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Harris, Mr. & Mrs. Drew Mills, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Monroe, Ginger Owen and Frank Bobo, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Owings, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Scott, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Southern, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Stansel, Ruth Wise, Frances Cameron, Juanita Collins, Susan, Tara, Dwight & Andrew Kelly

For: Building Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Heyward Calvert, Dot Wilkerson, Jean Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Olin Welsh, Jean Crouch, Mary Mason, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Seals, Irma Jeanette Shanklin, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Wilkins, Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Williams, Lula Williams, Rev. & Mrs. James MacLeod, UMC Circle 4, Sara & Brad Castelli, Lewis & Lewis CPAs, Frances McLean, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dzierzanoski, Jackie Utz, Donna Valenti, Paula Davis & Neil Graham, Sr., Jan Ruthven

For: Cooper Scholarship

Given by: Rosa Cooper

For: Bereavement Fund

Given by: Jo Ann Falls

In memory of Fran Harris

For: Bus Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Harris

Notes from Harriette

Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and Easter services are still in planning stages. In order for those of you who would like to sing with the choir, but find it difficult to get to Wednesday night practices, I am going to be available for practice the first Saturday after the first Wednesday of each month starting in February and running through May. The dates, time and location for these practices will be:

Saturday	March 7	9:30 – 11:00	Choir Room
Saturday	April 4	TBA	Choir Room
Saturday	May 9	9:30 – 11:00	Choir Room

We will work on anthems for Sunday morning worship as well as music for the Living Last Supper, *which will be April 9, 2009*. I hope you will be able to work these practices into your schedule and come join us in the Adult Choir. - Harriette

Responsive Call to Mission

Christ has no eyes but yours: Open my eyes that I may see the suffering, the hurt, and the need around me.

Christ has no ears here but yours: Open my ears that I may hear the cries of the oppressed and Your call to be in mission.

Christ has no heart here but yours: Open my heart to the pain and anguish around me and fill it full of Your love and compassion.

Christ has no body here but yours: Take me, O Lord, and use me for Your Kingdom.

Take my church, and make it an instrument of Your grace.

Take us all, bind us together through Your Spirit, that we may be Your spirit, that we may be Your bodily presence, doing Your work in the world.

A Mission Work Team to Jamaica needs you. Volunteers are needed to go for nine days to Jamaica. Wake Forest UMC is sending a work team to start putting a roof on a Methodist church which was removed by a hurricane. Our job would be to finish up the roof depending on how far along the Wake Forest group progresses, or begin on another project for a clinic. Eleven members are needed for the team. Every volunteer doesn't have to have roofing skills or be able to climb on a roof. Workers are needed on the ground and all workers are expected to work at their own pace. Six people have indicated a desire to be on the mission work team thus far. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a mission worker please contact Rev. Steve Little or Donna Valenti. The tentative dates being considered are June 23rd through July 1, or July 21st through 29th or the spring of 2010. The cost is approximately \$1,000 for each work team member. Rev. Butch Huffman would be our team leader.

Not only workers are needed. Your financial support to help with the expense of air travel, food and lodging are needed to ensure that all who want to go but can't afford the expenses of the trip will be able to be a part of the work team. God blesses each of us in special ways. Some can share their financial blessings and enable great things to be accomplished for mission work in His Kingdom; others can share their physical labor and time. Both are needed, and both are answering God's call to be a part of mission work in the world. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the mission work team, either as a worker or a financial supporter.



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



Confirmation Classes

Every Sunday Evening
 in Church Library

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

**February 18
 Wednesday Evening
 Fellowship Menu**

Salad, Hamburger Steak, Rice,
 Turnips, Green Beans, Rolls,
 Dessert, Beverage



Childcare Available

Nursery Ministry

Every Sunday during worship childcare is available for infants thru two year olds. Brittany Gaines and Heather Miller serve on a rotation basis to care for our infants and toddlers.

Information

Children’s Council Meeting

The children’s council will meet on Sunday, Feb.15 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room.

From the Pastor’s Desk

The Season of Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 25. Lent concludes with the Easter Sunday celebration. This year we are offering our church the opportunity to share in the study of a book we've recently discovered. The book is entitled "Revolutionizing Christian Stewardship for the 21st Century" and was written by Dan R. Dick. To make this book available to everyone, we are asking each of our Sunday School classes to use the book for their lessons during Lent. We are also offering a time to study the book for those who don't attend Sunday School. Jon Everson will lead one study on Wednesdays from 5:00 -6:00 p.m. Pastor Steve will offer another study at a different time for those who can't come to the Wednesday study. Our goal is to involve as many of our people as we can in this study. We think Lent is a good time to do this, since Lent is traditionally a time to focus on our faith and life as repentant disciples.

Following are a couple of quotes from the book.

“Over the past twenty or thirty years, a creeping evolution has been distorting a good biblical word. Churches have moved away from an understanding of the steward as one who responds to the invitation to use all that God has provided in ways that would please God. Stewardship has been redefined as a financial campaign or some other method of extracting funds from reluctant givers. While the church skewed the definition of stewardship into *fund-raising*, the secular world discovered the biblical meaning of the steward as *manager* of all we have and all we are. This book is a cry to the church to reclaim the biblical understanding of stewardship.”

“Today’s church faces a crisis similar to the church in the day of Copernicus. The leadership of the sixteenth-century church viewed itself as caretaker of the sacred truth. That truth held that the church stood at the very pinnacle of all creation. If the universe revolved around the earth, then the earth revolved around the church. In our day, the church has come once more to hold center stage. Somehow, the institutional church threatens to replace God at the center of our faith. The institution of the church.... threatens to become an end in itself. A great deal of our time, energy, and resources are channeled not into the work of the church, but directly into the preservation of the institution. The challenge today is to awaken to the fact that the church is not the center of the Christian universe—Christ is.”

Join us as we, a church family, take a trip of discovery together. Maybe, just maybe, our Lord has something he wants to teach us.