

Calendar of Events - week of March 15

Sunday

- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:15 Children's practice
- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 5:30 UMYF; Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 Confirmation Class

Monday

- 12:00 Emmaus
- 1:30 Prayer Group - library
- 6:00 Stephen Ministry - library

Tuesday - *St. Patrick's Day*

- 1:30 Christian Woman's Club - library

Wednesday

- 12 - 2:00 Pre-school program
- 5:00 Lenten Study - library
- 6:00 WEF dinner - Wesley Hall
- 6:45 Emmaus Reunion Group
- 7:15 Trustees Ministry - library
Education Ministry - conference rm.
- 8:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - choir room

Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.- Circuit Riders - Sanford
- 3:30 - 5:00 Girl Scout Troop 855

Attendance

(March 1, 2009)

Sunday School	124
Traditional Service	180

(March 8, 2009)

Sunday School	121
Traditional Service	186

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Sunday Helpers - Sunday, March 15

Ushers: Buddy Bodiford, Garry Kennedy, Mat Patterson, Dodie Taylor

Lector: Bruce Bergstresser

Acolytes: Will & Mary Grace Norton

Snack & Chat: Morning Glories S/S Class

Trustee of the Month: Eddie Smith

Wesley Pines Bus Ministry: Donnie Smith

Offering Verification: Tim Bell, Ann Chaney

Nursery Ministry: Brittany Gaines/Heather Miller

Stephen Minister: Bob Scott

Visitors - *February 22*

Ben, Heather, Betsie & Charlie Miller,
Thomas & Becca Cornett, Mark Williams, Steven Bourquin, Hailey Harris

March 1, 2009

Dee & Hubert Welsh, Tyler French, D. D. Harrell,
Roland, Linda, Joelle & Malea Stout

March 8, 2009

John Crouch, India Smith, Ken & Denise Davis

MISSION STATEMENT

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LENTEN STUDY - **Revolutionizing Christian Stewardship For the 21st Century** By D .R Dick



CHAPTER 3 - *The earth at the center: The danger of displacing the Christ*
- summarized by Mary Anna Gray

In this chapter the author states, "We call for a radical reorientation in our understanding of Christian stewardship. Such a reorientation must begin with the question of what it means to **be** the church. Stewardship is not a program of the church, but a way of understanding the church in relationship to Christ. We are stewards striving to honor and glorify God through everything we do."

Each person has gifts to give. Some are material gifts while some are time and energy. Some gifts are creative and special talents. **All gifts** are valuable and important both to the giver and to the church.

The first scripture reference to a tithe is found in Genesis 14:20. "For the Hebrew people, the tithe was a supreme act of faith that endorsed their belief that God would provide for them in time of need," says Dick. For us today tithing is a response to God's goodness. Dr. John Ed Mathison said in one of his sermons, "Tithing is a spiritual discipline. It is a tangible way for us to demonstrate that God comes first in our lives. Tithing reminds us that all we have comes from God."

We are reminded again in this chapter that "the institutional church is **NOT** the center of the Christian universe—**Christ is**. When the attention of the institutional church is on itself, the real work of the church, the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God, will not get done. If, however, the attention of the church is on the people and on strengthening their relationship with God and their community in Christ, the church will grow, and the institutional church will flourish."

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the ways our church celebrates giving? How do we communicate joy in giving? How do we communicate obligation?
2. Where did we learn to give? How was giving taught by our church when we were children? How is giving taught in our church now?
3. When giving is spoken of in our church, what specifically does it mean? Does our church seem to value one kind of giving over others?
4. In what ways does our church teach the need of the institution to receive? In what ways does our church teach the spiritual need of the giver to give?

MEMORIALS

In memory of Becky Baker

For: Building Fund

Given by: Dr. & Mrs. Tom Inman

For: Bus Fund

Given by: Clara Hewitt, Angela & Mike

Moldovan, Maureen Regan, LRA

For: Bereavement Fund

Given by: Frances Gold

For: Bolivia Fund

Given by: Dr. & Mrs. Jesse Lamm

For: Bus Fund

Given by: Mary Brady

For: Undesignated Memorials

Given by: Grover Godwin, Mr. & Mrs

Joseph James, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Jolly, Julia

Ledwell, Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Nelson

In memory of Maxine Wimberly

For: Building Fund

Given by: Susan Rozier, Kim Holloman

For: Undesignated Memorials

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Scott

For: Bolivia Fund

Given by: Dr. & Mrs. Jesse Lamm

For: Music Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Scott

In memory of S. H. Welsh, Sr.

For: Undesignated Memorials

Given by: Samuel Welsh, Jr.

In memory of Katherine Long Perry

(Carolyn Stephens' sister)

For: Undesignated Memorials

Given by: Lula Williams

For: Building Fund

Given by: Rev. & Mrs. James MacLeod

In memory of Helen White

For: Undesignated Memorials

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Scott

In memory of Frances Byrd

For: Building Fund

Given by: Irma Shanklin

In memory of Lloyd Wiedemann

For: Building Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Randy Wilkins

HONORS

In honor of Katye Jobe

For: Building Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Seals, Dot

Wilkerson

CANNED FOOD FOR RCC&CC

A grocery shopping cart for the collection of canned goods for Robeson County Church and Community Center will be located in the church narthex. Each Sunday morning you may bring a canned food item for the Home Store. They are in need of canned fruit so we will be collecting canned fruit for the rest of March and into April. We would love to see parents encourage their children to become involved with this mission project. - The Mission Committee

Mission Work Team Meeting

Anyone interested in going on a work team to Jamaica in June or July is invited to attend an organizational meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the church library on Tuesday, March 17. Call Kim Holloman or Donna Valenti if you have questions.

Circuit Riders

Spring Outing for Seniors



March 19 - Depart at 9:00 a.m. for Sanford. Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at The Tea Room. Free time 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Temple Theatre 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Home around 6:00 p.m. Full

April 4 - Lexington, S.C.- "The Real Easter Story" presented by the First Baptist Church in Lexington. Depart at 9:00 a.m. Lunch at Lizard's Thicket in Columbia. Play at 1:00 p.m. Tour of Museum. Cost \$10 for gas and tour. Home around 7:00 p.m. Four spaces left. Due March 20

April 19 - Landfall -Barbara McKenzie's piano concert.

May 2 - Sanford - Pottery Festival - 8 spaces left.



Senior Adult Advisory Council

Something new has been added to the Adult Ministries. We have a new Advisory Council for Adult Ministries. They met in March and made some decisions about our Wednesday Nighter. We discussed food, place of meeting, and more positive input into our Wednesday Nighters. Those serving on the committee are the following: Dot Davis, Margaret White, Pete and Joyce Gammon, Bess and Jimmy Harrington, Beth and Mitch Mitchell, Edith Duncan, Phiena and Bill Doares. Thank you for serving and being of service to others that may know of new and better ways of making Adult Ministries more effective.

Nurse of the Week - Jo Ann Falls

Give Jean a call for your questions for health needs. She will be glad to help you in any way she can.

Special Person of the Month - Martha McKinnon

Give Martha a call, card, or visit and let her know how much you care for her this week. Let her know how much she means to our church.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On March 22nd you will be provided the opportunity to give an offering for *One Great Hour of Sharing*. This Special Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's costs of doing business and helps UMCOR keep their promise that 100 percent of every gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project and not on home office costs. UMCOR helps with hunger, refugees, and disaster relief.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend these special services.

- Monday - April 6 @ Chestnut St. UMC
- Tuesday - April 7 @ First Presby. Church
- Wednesday - April 8 @ First Baptist Church
- Thursday - April 9 @ St. Mark's Lutheran
- Friday - April 10 @ Trinity Episcopal Church

Volunteers Needed - Missions on the Move

Please help us assemble food bags on April 25th for Stop Hunger Now. Forty to fifty volunteers are needed to assemble 10,000 food bags for distribution in famine stricken areas around the world. If you have a passion to put an end to world hunger, please sign up in the church office to work in a time slot from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. You may call the church office 739-3304 or email dbvalenti@nc.rr.com. To assemble the food bags, five or six volunteers at each table place a scoop of rice, soy, vitamins and minerals and flavor packet in a funnel with a plastic bag attached. The meals cost 25 cents each and our goal is 10,000 meals. When you contribute as a sponsor to the youth's 30 hour famine, you are helping to purchase meals. When you bring your offering of 30 pieces of silver to the altar on Palm Sunday you will be helping to purchase meals and sponsor mission work team members to Jamaica.

This mission activity needs helping hands with compassion for the hungry in the world, financial support, and prayer. Please consider serving in a sacrificial way for this important mission during the season of Lent.

Prayer Concerns

Tom Long, John McLellan, Lib Culbreth, Helen Sharpe, Sonny Duncan, Bobby Williams, Margaret B. White, Lynda Price, David Thaggard, Breck Regan, Karen Fisher, Robert Stone, Sam Smith, Glenn Strickland, Vernon Cline, Rena Hausmann, Frank Powers, Bob Bland, Peggy Morris, Karen Brown (164 Cantrell Ridge Dr., Bolling Springs, S. C. 29316), Guy Sinclair, Pearl Bowen (Margaret O. White's sister). 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 (Room 5 East)

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

Golden Living Center: Pete Cline (Room 402)

Duke Medical Center, Durham, NC: Susan McCray (Room #3114)

Missionaries: Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Zigbuo, Dept. of Vocational Education; United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 10-1010; Monrovia, Liberia

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.



Something to SAY from Jan K

Most of you know I love to read and many times I will invade our conversations with the highlights from the current book I am reading. You are always so kind to listen to my tidbits of "theology according to Jan." Once again I have a book to recommend which is light and somewhat nostalgic and at the same time challenges the depth of our faith journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is entitled, "I Knew Them All by Heart" : The legacy of a Sunday School Teacher by Myrtle Felkner. True stories of children, as told by their Sunday School teacher, will inspire you to listen more closely and learn from the children around you. Ms. Felkner believes that every Sunday school classroom should be a microcosm of the Kingdom of God. This book is not about her but about the children who taught her to teach. Please come to my office and borrow my copy.

Children's choir in March

Ms. Harriette will rehearse with the children thru grade 4 during the last part of Sunday School during the month of March. Teachers should bring their children to the choir room at 10:00. These rehearsals are to prepare the children to sing during worship on Palm Sunday, April 5.

5th & 6th Grade Girls' Retreat

Parents of 5th & 6th grade girls please call or e-mail Jan, Sharon, or Chris to respond to the retreat invitation by Wednesday, March 18.

Children in Sunday School

A reminder to help "fill your class jar with marbles" by attending Sunday School, bringing your offering, bringing your Bible, and learning your Bible verse. Let's see which class can fill their container first!

Coming in April

Preschool-Kindergarten Choir

Each Sunday following the Children's time in worship. Call Jan to see how you may help.

Menu for WEF, March 18:

Salad, BBQ, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Beverage

😊 Congratulations, Richard Hydell

Congratulations to Richard, winner of the Superintendent's Artist Choice award for Lumberton Jr. High School. The original is now hanging at the RBC Center behind our church.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS, WHAT A GREAT MONTH!!! Only one substitute.

You regulars really came through in February!! Thank you!!

<u>Regulars</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Ann Neese	Jackie Pearce
Marilyn Duncan	Frances Britt
Joyce Musselwhite	Rosa Hunnings
Beth Mitchell	Edith Duncan
Rose Byrd	Jo Ann Falls



♪ ♪ **Notes from Harriette**

Let me begin by thanking our musicians for the wonderful music we experienced Sunday, March 1. I'm sure I speak for the entire congregation when I say how blessed our church is to have such wonderful talent among us, lifting up praise to our Lord through both instrumental and vocal music offerings.

Thank you to Richard Hydell, Juliet Singletary, Betsy Kinlaw, Julia Dent, Tyler Franklin, Jay White and Kaj Best for their beautiful rendition of Brad Paisley and Dolly Parton's song "When I Get Where I Am Going." I remember Steve telling me, after hearing Richard sing for the first time, that he had a song in mind that he wanted Richard to learn. Richard, Juliet, and all of you who played instruments, it was such a beautiful song and you did a tremendous job sharing it with us.

Now, about those Junior Handbells....weren't they fabulous? You guys get better every time I hear you! *Thanks* to Bucky Sigmon for his teaching and directing of this great group of young people and to Beth Sigmon for her assistance in both practices each week and when they perform. A lot of you don't know this but most of the songs you hear the Junior Handbells play have been arranged by Bucky Sigmon. He has a great talent for taking a piece of music and making magic with it on the handbells. Thank you so much, Bucky, for your devotion to our young handbell ringers and for sharing your talent with them and with us.

During the month of March the Adult Choir will be working on anthems for Sunday morning worship as well as music for our Living Last Supper program on April 9. If you would like to sing for the Living Last Supper, we will be devoting the first 30 minutes of choir practice each Wednesday night to working on music for that program. As always, choir practice is open to anyone who wants to share their singing talents and feels God's call to give of their talents in worship. We have a good time and the hour flies by so come visit us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. We'd love to have you join us! In Christ's service, Harriette

THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

When a church member dies or loses a family member, our Bereavement Ministry is notified by the Minister. He contacts Eva Cooper who coordinates with Marilyn and Edith Duncan. They in turn contact Team 1, 2, or 3 (whichever is up due to rotation). These teams consist of volunteers who serve a meal the day of the funeral according to the wishes of the family. This meal becomes a priority for the willing team members. Most donate their dishes, but when a family is large and/or there are many out of town guests, we have a budget for big expenses, such as meat, which is funded completely by Love gifts and Memorials. At this time, we have lost several on the Bereavement Teams due to relocation or death. Men and women are always needed because **many hands make light work!** A bonus is the fellowship we enjoy as we serve!

If you would consider serving with this large, loving group, please sign below and drop in the collection plate, or contact Eva, Marilyn, Edith, or the church office.



Bereavement Ministry

Don't Be Bashful... JOIN US! I would like to serve _____

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: The United Methodist Men will meet Sunday morning, March 22 at 8:15 instead of regular 3rd Sunday. Please mark your calendar!

Love and sympathy

- to the family of Mrs. Frances Byrd who passed away Wednesday night, March 4. She is survived by a son, Henry Byrd and wife, Carol, of Laurel Hill, N.C.
- to Mrs. Carolyn Stephens at the death of her sister, Katherine Long Perry of Franklin, N. C.
- to Raymond Spivey and family at the death of his sister, Betty Spivey Tedder.