

Calendar of Events - week of March 29

Sunday

9:30 Sunday School
10:15 Children's practice
10:30 Morning Worship
4:00 Confirmation Class
5 - 7:00 Family Ministries Skate Party
5:30 UMYF; Men's Bible Study

Monday

12:00 Emmaus
1:30 Prayer Group - library

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12 - 2:00 Pre-school program
5:00 Lenten Study - library
6:00 WEF dinner - Wesley Hall
Family Game night/supper - Asbury Hall
7:00 Adult Choir
7:15 Mission Ministry - library
8:00 Praise Team Rehearsal - choir room

Thursday

3:30 - 5:00 Girl Scout Troop 855

Friday-

9:30 Senior Adult Aerobics - Asbury Hall

Saturday

Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Circuit Riders Trip

Visitors - Sunday, March 22

Evan Sealey, Margie Britt, Rachel Shinnick

Note: new webpage address: www.chestnutst.org
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Sunday Helpers - Sunday, March 29

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

Lector: Tim Bell

Acolytes: Callie Davis, Madison Britt

Snack & Chat: Morning Glories S/S Class

Trustee of the Month: Eddie Smith

Wesley Pines Bus Ministry: Lawton Baker

Offering Verification: Margaret White, David Sumner

Nursery Ministry: Brittany Gaines/Heather Miller

Stephen Minister: Dot Wilkerson

The Covenant Sunday School Class will

sponsor "Feed the Hungry Ministry" on Saturday, March 28 in Asbury Hall from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please join us!

Attendance- March 22, 2009

Sunday School 113
Traditional Service 182

Love and Sympathy

to Heyward Calvert & family at the death of his brother, Richard Calvert, on Friday, March 20;

to Dustin Rhodes & family at the death of his father.

MISSION STATEMENT

Win, Nurture and Serve in Christ.

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LENTEN STUDY

Revolutionizing Christian Stewardship For the 21st Century by D. R. Dick

Chapter 5 - The sun-centered scandal: Change is hard, but the status quo can be deadly.

- Summarized by Mary Anna Gray

The church in the 1500s held to the belief that the earth was the center of the universe and all other planets were identical to one another but inferior to the earth. The church dismissed any deviation from this belief. This was the church's way of dealing with scientific discovery.

Our author notes that "just as it is obvious that all heavenly bodies are **not** identical, so it is clear that not all people who enter our churches are the same." The most valuable resources in ministry are people who are gifted, passionate, visionary who want to make a difference in the world. For ministry to be successful we must begin with a clear understanding of the people for whom the ministry is designed.

This chapter views the diversity in a congregation and gives us a picture (cosmology) of the five levels of participation within a local church (p.72).

1. SOLAR CENTER - 10 - 15% of membership

These are members most committed to Christ and the ministry of the church. In most churches 90% of leadership and support are from this group.

2. INNER PLANETS - 10 - 15% of membership

- Faithful in attendance and support of the church.
- They see the church in terms of what they receive, not what they give.
- They have very strong opinions about everything.
- They are resistant to change.

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(Lenten Study continued)

3. ASTEROID BELT - 30% of membership

- They “do” the church (attend on Sunday).
- They believe the church exists to serve their needs.
- This group tends to be most offended by financial campaigns.
- They are suspicious of how the money is spent.
- They give to appeals that interest them.
- Spectator Christians.

4. OUTER PLANETS

- Show up at Christmas and Easter or from time to time.
- Consider themselves as faithful Christians.
- Requests for commitments are confusing to this group.
- They think the church just exists.

5. LOST IN SPACE

- Persons in this group send a clear statement: “Something is broken, something is not right.” “It does not mean much to be a member of the church.”
- The church sends a message that it does not make any difference if you come or not.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. How does the *Cosmology of Church Participation* fit into our experience of the church?
2. To which of the five levels of church participation are the majority of our church programs tailored? How can we expand our ministries to be more sensitive to and inclusive of the other levels?
3. How do we attempt to connect newcomers to our fellowship? Are we sensitive to the differences among levels of commitment?
4. What are some concrete ways we can begin new conversations with each of the five levels?

CORRECTION

Missions on the Move

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Prayer Concerns

Maurice Mitchell (Mitch’s dad), Tom Long, John McLellan, Lib Culbreth, Helen Sharpe, Tom Collins, Mary Stephens Townsend, 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, Mrs. Jason Lowry (Jane West’s mother), Peggy Morris, Wallace Prevatte (Marilyn Whitley’s brother), 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.

Lenten Worship - *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

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CANNED FOOD FOR RCC&CC

A grocery shopping cart for the collection of canned goods for Robeson County Church and Community Center’s Food Pantry will be located in the church narthex. 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



March Mission Madness - Children!

All children remember the two ways we are participating in missions in March.

1. Bring canned fruit for the Robeson Co Church & Community Center. Place your cans in the grocery basket in the church narthex.
2. Make an Easter card for our missionaries in Liberia, the Zigbous. Bring the card to Ms. Jan's office by March 31st.

Menu - April 1: Salad, Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Green Limas, Rolls, Dessert, Beverage.

Family Fun at TNT SKATE ZONE!

Skate & Boogie

Come this Sunday, March 29 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and bring a friend. You do not have to skate to come, visit the arcade, visit with fellow members, line dance, and enjoy just plain fun! Snack Bar - offers hot dogs, hot wings, pizza, nachos, drinks, chips, and candy.

Note to Scout Campers

If you are camping with a church troop on a Sunday during the Sunday School time, please let Ms. Jan know so we can add you to our attendance roster on the Sunday you miss.

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School at Chestnut St. UMC

June 14 -17

5:30-8:00 p.m.

For more information contact Kathy Smith 738-3197

or

Ann Neese 738-4430

How Much Do You Know About World Hunger?

1. How many people in the world are chronically hungry?
a. 798 million b. 862 million c. 854 million d. 902 million
2. Hunger manifests itself in many ways besides just starvation. Most poor people who battle hunger deal with chronic undernourishment and vitamin/mineral deficiencies. Which of the following conditions are not commonly associated with chronic hunger?
a. Dementia b. Weakness c. Stunted growth
d. Greater susceptibility to illness
3. Most poor countries have the following "safety net" programs in place to help the poorest of the citizens.
a. Soup kitchen b. Food stamps c. Job training programs
d. None of the above
4. In 2006, how many children died before their fifth birthday as a result of hunger-related causes?
a. 7.8 million b. 8.4 million c. 9.7 million d. 10.1 million
5. True or false: the world's food problems are solely caused by nature.
6. True or false: the number of chronically hungry people is growing at a rate of 4 million per year at current trends.
a. True b. False

Answers:

1. B – 862 million
2. A – dementia. Although hunger can affect brain development in younger children, dementia is not a condition commonly associated with chronic hunger.
3. D – none of the above. In most developing countries, the governments do not have the resources or infrastructure to assist their own citizens, meaning there is no one to turn to for help. Contrast that to the U. S., where all of these programs exist to help those who need assistance.
4. C – 9.7 million
5. False. Human-made forces are making people increasingly vulnerable to forces of nature. Food is available for those who can afford it—starvation during hard times hits only the poorest.
6. True. Enough wheat, rice and other grains are produced to provide every human being with 3,500 calories a day. Enough food is available to provide at least 4.3 pounds of food per day worldwide.

Questions 1 - 4 www.bread.org

Questions 5 - 6 www.stophungernow.org

Current information as of August 19, 2008

Circuit Riders

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 due *now!* Home around 7:00 p.m. Four spaces left.

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

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

Nurse of the Week - Jo Ann Falls

Give Jo Ann a call for your questions for health needs. She is always happy to help!

P.A.T. cancelled for month of April due to Holy Week.

Join the Missions Committee and the UMYF on Saturday, April 25, in Asbury Hall to assemble food bags for Stop Hunger Now. A volunteer sign up sheet is in the church office. You may volunteer from 4:00 – 5:00 or 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. or for both hours 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Attention High School Seniors and College Students

The deadline for scholarship applications is Thursday, April 30, 2009. Please get a copy of the application form from the church office if you are interested. Deadline for applications to be submitted - Thursday, April 20, 2009.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Family Fun Day - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Luther Britt Park, Shelter C

Noon - 4:00 p.m. - (12:30 p.m. lunch served)

Covered dish (bring enough for your family + one). The committee will supply the paper products and the drinks

Dress casual – be prepared to play kickball, softball, disc golf, croquet, or horseshoes.

We have rented a Bouncy House and Slide too!! You may also like to fish or just enjoy God's gift of one another.

* * *Bring a lawn chair or blanket* * *

Honors

In honor of Katy Jobe

For: Youth Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Heyward Calvert

For: Building Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Garry Kennedy,
Rev. & Mrs. James MacLeod, Mr. & Mrs.
Mac Starke

For: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Given by: Janice Fisher

In honor of Dot Wilkerson & Ruth Mundy

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Given by: Janice Fisher

In honor of Cleo Beasley & Carolyn McNeill

For: General Fund

Given by: June Nygaard

In honor of Lee Summersett & Ted Avent

For: Building Fund

Given by: Gretchen Reeves

In honor of Tweens & Youth

For: Building Fund

Given by: Jean Smith

In honor of Handbell Choir

For: Music Fund

Given by: Jean Smith

Honors

In honor of Girl Scouts

For: Scout Fund

Given by: Jean Smith

In honor of Bradley Smith

For: Building Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Mac Starke

Memorials

In memory of Nell Freeman (Jean Starke's mother)

For: Building Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Heyward Calvert,
Jean Crouch, Dr. John Lawrence, Rev. &
Mrs. James MacLeod, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry
Seals, Juanita Collins

For: Bereavement Committee

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Harrington,
Jean Smith, Juanita Collins

In memory of Becky Baker

For: Bus Fund

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Olin Welsh,
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Holland

