

Surfside United Methodist Church



THE MESSENGER

November 2008

November

Liturgical Readings

November 2

Daylight Saving Time Ends

All Saints Sunday

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

November 9

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 16

27th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123 or Psalm 76

(UMH 797)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 23

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100 (UMH 821)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 30

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

**NEW CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Friday

8:30 AM-1:00 PM

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

These last four months have been some of the busiest and best months of my ministry. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting acquainted with the Grand Strand from the perspective of a resident rather than a visitor. As many of you know, the Surfside Beach area has a lot to offer. I'm still working on visiting all the restaurants in the area!

As for Surfside UMC, I have discovered that our congregation is alive with the Spirit of God. I'm still learning about the outstanding ministries of our people. Surfside UMC offers tremendous opportunities for being involved in the life of the Church of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to take advantage of the worship services, classes, Bible studies, and various ministry groups you will read about in this newsletter and on our new website: surfsideumc.org

On November 9, our District Superintendent (former Surfside UMC pastor the Rev. Quay Adams) will be here to conduct our Charge Conference at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In preparation for this meeting, the Committee on Lay Leadership has worked hard to put forth a slate of nominees to serve us next year. I want to thank the members of this committee for their hard work. Also, a big thanks to those who answered the call to service in 2009.

The Finance Committee has recommended a budget for 2009 and the Church Council has approved the same. While the Finance Committee feels good about our budget, we will take a hard look at our giving and expenses after the first quarter of 2009 to see where we stand. While the 2009 budget is less than the original 2008 budget, there are two areas where the budget is being significantly increased: Youth Ministries and Music Ministries. Our level of giving will determine if the Finance Committee and the Church Council are right in deeming both these areas of ministry worthy of this additional financial support.

One of the factors affecting our budget is the interest payments on the loan for our Family Life Center. Over 12% of our budget in 2008 is earmarked for interest payments. Due to principle payments of \$310,000 so far this year, our interest payments for 2009 will drop to a little over 9% of our total budgetary expenses. As soon as we can pay off the remaining debt—\$840,000, we will save our congregation over \$58,000 per year in interest payments — money that is needed to provide for new ministries and a new roof for our sanctuary. Please consider giving a special gift to our building fund prior to the end of 2008 to help Surfside UMC retire our debt and grow into our future.

Finally, a policy manual for our church is nearing completion. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee adopted a Personnel Policy on October 20. A group led by Sarah Beck has worked to create a Safe Sanctuary Policy which will be presented to our Church Council by the end of the year. Our staff has been at work to update the Life Center Policy and Procedure Manual compiled by Paul Hawley and a committee appointed for this purpose. We are expanding this to include all of our facilities. And, Gini Abee is working to create a new Wedding Policy for our church.

Stay Tuned!

Blessings,

Pastor Scott Wachter

A NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

A MEASURE OF LOVE

“And now faith, hope and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.”

1st Cor. 13:13

In 1873, a Belgian Catholic priest named Joseph Damien De Veuster was sent to minister to lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai.

Father Damien arrived to the island in high spirits, hoping to build friendships with each of the lepers. People shunned Father Damien, however, at every turn.

The committed priest built a chapel...he began worship services....and he poured his heart out, in service, to the lepers. But all seemed futile. No one responded to Father Damien's ministry, and so, after twelve years of struggling, the discouraged priest decided to leave the island.

As Father Damien stood in dejection on the dock, waiting to board the ship, he looked down at the hands he was wringing and noticed some mysterious white spots on them. Feeling some numbness, Father Damien knew immediately what was happening – he had contracted leprosy!

Father Damien immediately went back to the leper colony and to his ministry. Word spread quickly about Father Damien's recent health developments, and within hours, hundreds of people gathered outside the priest's hut, fully identifying with his plight.

A bigger surprise came for Father Damien the very next Sunday – for when he arrived at the chapel, Father Damien found the church packed full!

From that point on, Father Damien began to preach from the empathy of love rather than from the distance of theology and ideas.....and his ministry became enormously successful.

For any church which practices a ministry of love and fellowship, amazing things will happen! Here at Surfside UMC, we have a community of faith which is filled with loving, caring, compassionate people, who reach out, from their hearts, to others....in commonality, in humility and in genuine commitment.

Thank you for being a fellowship of believers who lives out the biblical challenge to practice....."faith, hope and love".....with the "greatest of these being love"!

~Pastor Kim



COMING SOON

A Contemporary Service

If any youth or young adult can sing or play an instrument please contact our Lay Leader, Jeff Jewell at 293-8476.

UMW UPDATE

As I am writing this we have not had the Fall Festival yet, it is 5 days away. I however know as always it will be successful and so I want to thank all of you who baked and worked the bake sale. We could not do it without everyone's help. Thanks so much.

I will report to you all next newsletter on how many awards you brought home with you from the District Meeting this year.

Mark your calendars for our next General Meeting which will be on Saturday morning at 10:00 on November 15th. Quest Circle and Joy Circle are our host for the morning. Please make the General Meetings one of your events to attend for UMW. We are not just five separate circles, we are five circles that make up one unit, Surfside UMW and our General Meetings give us a chance to get to know one another.

The Executive Board Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10th in the Fellowship Hall.

Then last but not least, for this year we will have the Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 13th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. So ladies be ready to bake your favorite cookies for the event. We will discuss this further at the General Meeting. See you then.

God Bless,
Debbie Smith

To All United Methodist Women of SUMC,

It has been another great year, thanks to all of you. Our budget for the year has been met and even though it is beginning to look like we will have a small carryover balance into the new year after supporting our local missions this month, please pay your pledges in full by the end of November, if possible. I would like to share the following message from Linda DuRant, VP, South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women organization:

"Let me remind you that there are two kinds of members of UMW...those who are members in name only and those who are active participants. UMW is an organization, not a club, and it is dependent on the participation of members. We do not have dues, but rather VOLUNTARY pledges to keep our Missions, and indeed our Units, Districts, and Convergence going. What you give is between you and GOD, and what you give allows UMW to do missions on a local, national and global level. As a member of UMW you need to take advantage of the planned events that give you an opportunity to be a part of the organization..District Day Apart, Conference Legislative Day, Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska, School of Christian Missions, Conference and District Annual Meetings, and your local circle and unit meetings. Being a member of UMW is a lot like having a bank account; if you never put anything in it, you won't get anything out of it."

- Linda DuRant

All of the UMW events Linda named above are opportunities for personal spiritual growth; are plain fun and fellowship. Thank you for your active participation in 2008. I look forward to seeing you at our November 15 General Meeting where we will be turning in our World Thank Offerings.

Judy Lienemann, Secretary/Treasurer
Surfside United Methodist Women



HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet Thursday, November 6, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kathy Pearson and Fran Horn will be the hostesses and Judy Lienemann will give the devotion. Our topic for discussion will be "Cheerfulness." Our meetings are open to anyone interested in attending, so bring a sandwich and join us in fellowship. Call Judy Lienemann, Circle Leader, 650-1232 if you have questions.

JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle will meet Tuesday, November 11 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. Charlotte Sandel and Maddy Joyce will be the hostesses. Charlotte Sandel will lead the devotions. Dee Fields will have the program. All are invited, bring a sandwich and join us.

For information call Charlotte Sandel 650-0729.

MARY BAKER CIRCLE

We will meet on Wednesday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At this time we will present our World Thank offering, with Judy Thomas leading us in a challenging program. Hostesses will be Lillian Daily and Nancy Yongue. All are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join us.

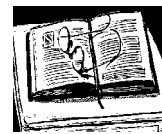
CARE CIRCLE

Care Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Lisa Terry's house. The November mission project is canned foods for South Strand Helping Hands.

The annual Care Circle Christmas Party will be at Gini Abee's house on December 8—please note the change in date from our regular meetings. Bring a \$15 gift for the gift exchange as well as a food item to compliment Gini's traditional soup entrée.

QUEST CIRCLE

Quest Circle will meet Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nell Boyd, 708 Triple Oak Lane, Murrells Inlet.



UMW READING PROGRAM

There are two additions to our reading program library. "Earth Trek," in the Social Action category, is sub-titled "Celebrating and Sustaining God's Creation"—a definite challenge to all of us. The second book, in the Nurturing for Community category is entitled "Keeping Spiritual Balance As We Grow Older"—a highly recommended book for all ages. Remember—R.R.

FRIENDLY SENIORS

Thanksgiving is coming! How about a pre-Thanksgiving dinner? We will have the turkey, dressing, gravy and potatoes, you bring the rest. We will have a book exchange again. Bring what you've read and take what you haven't. Leftover books go to Surfside Library.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

November is election month for our nation and also for Surfside United Methodist Church United Methodist Men. Our election day will be November 20th, our next UMMen meeting. We will be electing a new President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. I urge all men to look into their hearts and ask themselves if they are ready to help take a leadership role in UMMen at Surfside United Methodist Church.

Here is a brief description of each office:
 President - organize and lead meetings
 Vice-President - assist the President
 Treasurer - keep track of the finances
 Secretary - keep a record of our meetings

Although it may sound like a lot to do, we all work together as a team to get things done so there is never a burden on any one person. We'll ask for nominations and hold elections on the 20th.

At our last meeting we discussed again being part of the Boys & Girls Club Christmas event in December. Even though it won't be held at SUMC this year, we will still participate along with our youth group. We will finalize the details at the next meeting and look for more information in the December newsletter.

Thanks to all that supported us at the Fall Festival. We are going to be holding more fundraisers soon to help purchase a new sound system for the sanctuary.

All men of the church are invited to our next meeting, Thursday November 20th at 6:30 p.m. This time we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of your meal and be ready to take part in this dynamic group of United Methodist Men and elect new officers for 2009.

John Ferguson
 UMMen President



NOVEMBER USHERS

8:30 AM

Ed Curlee (C)
 Bob Lang
 Bill Pierson
 Rod Smith

11:00 AM

TBA

ADULT MUSIC PROGRAMS

JUBILATION RINGERS

Our bell choir is preparing anthems to ring during worship services on November 2, All Saints Day, and December 7. Also, we eagerly anticipate ringing at Brookgreen Gardens' Nights of 1,000 Candles events on December 19 and 20. Pastor Kim will be joining us on percussion instruments in several of our selections.

ADULT CHOIRS

Rehearsals are underway for our Christmas cantata, 'Voices of the Season', to be presented with chamber orchestra at both worship services on Sunday, December 14. This is a great time to join the choir, as we excitedly prepare our special Advent music. If you are interested in sharing the excitement of Advent musically, but are unable to commit to weekly anthems in our worship services, you are still welcome to join us! We rehearse with on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Last June, we received an invitation to participate in Shawnee Press' Festival in New York City in June, 2009. Twenty-three choirs from across the US and Canada were selected based on audition cds. (Our audition included three selections from our most recent Christmas and Easter cantatas.) We will rehearse and perform with the Festival Choir in Carnegie Hall on June 4-7, 2009 with some of this nation's top choral conductors. We are thrilled to be participating in this prestigious event. However, the total cost for our participation, travel and accommodation is estimated to be about \$20,000 for the group of 19 choir members. We have planned several fundraising events, which have thus far earned \$1919. These include: monthly bake sales, held on the first Sunday of each month; benefit concert given by Glyndeli Trio; benefit concert given by Glynis Hopkins and Lisa Couture, piano/flute duo; SUMC Fall Festival participation; Valentine concert; pre-tour concert of Carnegie Festival music. Please watch for more information concerning these events and plan to support your SUMC choirs.

The choir will be having their monthly fundraiser bake sale for their trip to New York City, Carnegie Hall, after the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. services on November 2nd. This fundraiser-bake sale will be held the 1st Sunday of each month thru May, 2009.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR DREW LATTIN

A Benefit Concert for Drew Lattin will be held on Monday, November 3 at Socastee High School from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00. See Jon Marcus or Rachel Ramsbottom or the church office. There will be three local bands in concert. Drew is a youth in our church battling cancer.

HOST CLASSES FOR SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME

November	Discovery Class
December	Discipleship Class
January	Fellowship Class
February	International Class

***WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE
A UNITED METHODIST?***

Beginning Wednesday, October 29, Pastor Scott will lead this class (with DVD teaching) as part of Spirit Night from 6:20-7:30 p.m. in Room 110 in the Family Life Center.

Sessions include:

- ◇ Wesleyan Heritage
- ◇ John Wesley's Theology
- ◇ Wesleyan Quadrilateral
- ◇ Sacraments
- ◇ How Do United Methodists "Do" Church

Join us as we learn more about who we are as Christians in a United Methodist Church through the presentations and lively discussion!

SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

Our church is currently receiving bids from four of the top companies based in South Carolina that install church sound systems. Our desire is that all of our worship participants will be able to hear everything that goes on in worship and that our music ministries will be enhanced in our worship services through a new sound system. Our United Methodist Men are spearheading this effort. However, your support is needed. Contact John Ferguson or Pastor Scott if you or your group would like to support this project.

CAN YOU HELP US FIND OUR LOST SHEEP?

We do not have an address for the following members. Can you help us? If you know someone from this list, please call Kesha in the church office 238-2734.

Claire Cutts Abbott	Selma Graves	Harry Peeler
Sheryl Ackley	Rendi Guyton	Alvin Pickens
Angela Adams	Michelle Hackett	Laura Pohlman
Janet Adams	Misty Hagy	Mike Pohlman
Rachel Adams	Kelley Hancock	Sharon Pohlman
Lara Cettei Adler	Cecil Haney	Margaret Price
Karen Allen	Ivy Hanks	Don Pruitt
Kevin Atkins	Beth Hardee	Jamie Pruitt
Tina Atkins	Diane Hardee	Shannon Pruitt
Jean Bailey	Ed Hardee	Hattie Pugh
Kimberly Baumann	Julia Hardee	Kevin Reilly
Millie Beckwith	Peggy Hastings	Mitzie Rhodes
John Benton	Forrest Heath	Larry Risher
Cathy Blankenship	Tal Heath	David Ritch
Madge Blanton	Cindy Hitselberger	Robin Ritch
Georgia Bodkin	Jeanette Hitselberger	Dwight Roberts
Bart Bodkin	Casey Jones	Sheila Roberts
Kathy Bracy	Hazel Jones	Anne Rogers
Julia Brown	Jerry Kirk	Charles Rogers
Laura Bryan	Richard Kotwa	Stacey Singleton
Lucia Burchell	Michelle Kotwa	Jim Sinkway
Budd Capps	Faye Krumnacher	Tony Smith
Pam Cary	Gene Krumnacher	Rhonda Smith
Todd Cary	Branan Logan	Cherie Snyder
Matthew Cettei	Jane Logan	Harold Stanley
John Conness	Steve Logan	Lena Stanley
Ryan Cooke	Jeana Long	William Suggs
Deborah Crews	Judy Long	Richard Swanson
Jim Crews	Cynthia Lower	Sandy Swanson
Sherry Darte	Jane Lower	Florence Thacker
Tracy Davis	Warren Lower	Tammie Thaggard
Michael Dibble	Steve Maddox	Donna Thompson
Farah Dill	Margarette McDaniel	Reed Tripp
Brad Doughty	Charles McGinnis	Sheila Tripp
Linda Edwards	Mazie McGinnis	Clara Vanderlinder
Julia Ellerbe	Chip McIntyre	Robin Vansplinter
Keith Evans	Gab McMeekin	Ann Vantrigt
Frank Facini	Jean-Paul Michaud	Diane Wadsten
Britton Franks	Marlene Norton	Pam Young
Linda Franks	Shawn Norton	
Sandy Gallagher	Dot Pedersen	
Jan Garner	Heather Peek	
Gayle Gay	Melanie Peek	
Ivan Gay	Zach Peek	



OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER is now on our website. We hope this new format will be convenient and that you will help us save postal costs and paper by choosing to read your newsletter online. If you would like to start accessing the newsletter online, go to our website at www.surfsideumc.org and click on newsletters, complete the form and click send, and we will remove you from our newsletter mailing list.

SURGE (UMYF)

Surge,

I am literally wiping rotten pumpkin off my hands while I write to you. What a month it has been! We have had great success with our fundraising. I want to take this chance to thank all of you that have been helping out. Youth, thanks for dedicating your time to the pumpkin patch, Surfside Fall Festival, and to the SUMC Fall Festival. **BUT MOST OF ALL**, I want to thank all the members of the church that have devoted their time to the pumpkin patch. The majority of our youth's pumpkin patch has been run by our church family, many of who do not have youth in the youth group. This is just a warm reminder of the heart of this congregation. Thank you!

BTW, did you know we had three different Myrtle Beach news stations at our pumpkin patch?!

Have you checked out our new youth room yet? It's coming a long real nicely. With the approval of the board of trustees, Bill Gulledge (with help) tore down a wall joining two rooms together. We now have more space for our ever growing youth group. We hope to be painting the room soon, along with decking it out with some casual entertainment. While I'm on the topic, I need to make a request. We need to get the following items for the youth room: couches, matching bar stools, a pool table, a foosball table, and an arcade game. If you have any of these items and are looking to get rid of them, please contact me. Let this room be an example of the exciting, creative passion this being poured into our youth. I see it; I hope you see it too.

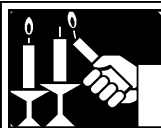
Remember our Wednesday night program. This is a great opportunity for youth to get in-depth teaching of what it means to live the Christian identity. Surge, I hope you'll join us every Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30.

In November, the Surge will be heading to Camp Monroe for our Fall Retreat. We will be camping out, playing games, doing a low ropes course, canoeing...and many other camp-like events. If you are planning to go, we need \$30 by November 2nd. Contact me with any questions. Also, we are always looking for church members looking to sponsor youth. If you feel led to help the youth out in that manner, let me know.

So as October comes to a close, I once again thank you, my church family. Be praying for our youth as they are continuing to find ways to impact community, impact each other, and are being personally impacted by God.

Oh, and GO PHILLIES!!!

Blessings,
Jon Marcus
Director of Youth



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
11/2	Maggie Warner	Madeline Brown
11/9	Alec Tuttle	Eric Josephs
11/16	Meredith Kiser	Finn Melko
11/23	Caroline Gamble	Hannah Hoyt
11/30	Luke Conness	Karleigh Jones

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Carol Ann Thrall, Preschool Director

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday -Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM, Fellowship Time 9:30 AM, Church School 9:45 AM Monday -Art Class 9:00 AM, Staff Meeting 12:00 PM, Bell Choir 7:15 PM Tuesday -Craft Club 9:00 AM Wednesday -Prayer Group 9:00 AM, Bible Study 10:00 AM, Spirit Night 5:30-7:30 PM, Chancel Choirs 6:30-8:30 PM						1
2 Communion 8:30 Daylight Saving Time Ends Choir Bake Sale	3 Cub Scouts 5:00	4 Election Day 7:00-7:00 Cub Scouts 6:00	5	6 Hope Circle 12:00 Brownie Troop 4:45 Cub Scouts 6:30	7 Surge Fall Retreat 4:00 (7th-9th)	8
9 Charge Conference 6:30	10 UMW Board Meeting 1:00 Cub Scouts 5:00	11 Joy Circle 12:00 Cub Scouts 6:00	12 Mary Baker Circle 10:30	13 Cub Scouts 6:30	14	15 UMW General Meeting 10:00
16 Surge 5:00-7:00	17 Newsletter Articles Due Cub Scouts 5:00	18 Cub Scouts 6:00 Church Council 7:00	19	20 Brownie Troop 4:45 UMMen 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30	21 Surge Lock-In 5:00	22
23 Surge 5:00-7:00	24	25 Collate Newsletter 9:00 Care Circle 6:30 Quest Circle 7:00	26 No Adult Choir Rehearsal No Spirit Night	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29
30 First Sunday of Advent						