

Surfside United Methodist Church



THE MESSENGER

September 2008

SEPTEMBER



Liturgical Readings

September 7

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149 or Psalm 148
(UMH 861)

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 14

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21
(UMH 135)

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 21

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
(UMH 828)

or Psalm 78 (UMH 799)

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 28

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
(UMH 799)

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



Church Office will be
closed Monday,
September 1

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I love this time of the year. So many of the things I enjoy start up in the fall. Of course football season is upon us. For the last several years I had the privilege of serving as the chaplain of the local high school football team. I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to provide spiritual guidance and encouragement to young people. Being a part of three state championships over the last five years doesn't hurt either! I look forward to attending and supporting our local high school athletic events. I'm already a member of the Booster Club at Socastee High School where my wife is teaching math.

One of my favorite pastimes is being outside enjoying nature. When the vegetation stops growing and the snakes start slowing down, I begin to venture out more often. Hopefully, I'll soon find a spot to run my pack of beagles and hang a deer stand or two. I hope to dust off my crab pots as well. They haven't been in the water in over eight years. Losing myself in God's beautiful creation is a way for me to be spiritually, emotionally, and psychologically recharged.

But, the number one reason I love this time of year is because it is the time that all the ministries of the church are starting back up. Surfside UMC has ministry opportunities for people of all ages and varying interests. You will find details about many of our ministries in this newsletter. If you didn't make it to our Spirit Night Kickoff, it's not too late to get started. We have a wonderful meal and ministries for all ages planned for Wednesday nights. You will be blessed by the food, fellowship and discipleship.

With all the ministries Surfside offers—mostly existing ones with a few new ones thrown in to the mix—we have a great need for volunteers. If there is an area of ministry in which you would like to serve, don't wait to be asked. Go ahead and volunteer. Your gifts and graces for ministry will be appreciated by your pastors and your congregation.

Charge Conference has been set for Sunday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m. Thanks in advance to everyone who will play a part in making this a successful time of celebrating our current ministries and planning for our ministries for 2009.

Finally, thanks again for the gracious ways you have accepted me as your new pastor!

Blessings,

Pastor Scott

A NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

"Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ." Ephesians 4:32

An old legend tells of a covey of quail that lived in a forest. The quail would have been happy except for their enemy, the quail catcher. The quail catcher would imitate their call, and then, when they gathered together, the quail catcher would throw a net over them, stuff them into his huge hunting basket, and carry them off to market.

One wise quail said, "brothers, I have a plan. When the fowler puts his net over us, we each should put our head into one section of the net and begin to flap our wings. That way, we can lift the net together and fly away with it".

All of the quail agreed to this plan. And the next day, they did just that, making a successful escape.

After several days, the fowler's wife asked him, "where are the quail to take to market?"

The fowler replied, "well, the trouble is, all the birds are working together and they're helping each other escape."

A few days later, one quail began to fight with another...."I lifted all the weight on the net - you didn't help at all"....he cried.

The other quail became angry and before long, the entire covey was quarreling.

So the fowler saw his chance! He once again imitated the cry of the quail and he cast his net over them. Preoccupied with their quarreling, the quail didn't work together to lift the net in flight.....and they were all captured once again.

As we minister together as a community of faith, let us remember to "flap our wings in unity", and work together. Let us not "do ourselves in" by finding faults in others. And let us live in love with each other, as we move forward in sharing the good news with the world!

Pastor Kim

UMW UPDATE

Hello Ladies,

I hope that you all had a great summer and are ready to get back with your circles and with all of our up coming events. The first thing on our list is the General Meeting on Sept. 20 at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We have a conflict on that date as that is also the weekend for Spring-maid Retreat. We try not to have these conflicts but for different reasons this year the district had to change their

dates and now we have ended up on the same day. I will have on the bulletin board the registration forms for Spring-maid for any of you who want to go. The rest of you I hope we will see you in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember you don't have to be a member of a circle to join us. Care Circle will be our host for the morning and I know it will be a wonderful time of fellowship. So mark your calendars and come join us.

Also mark your calendars for the Bake Sale at our Fall Festival again this year Oct. 25th. Watch the Oct newsletter for more details on the bake sale.

I would also like to thank everyone who stepped up and helped us fill our spots at the Community Kitchen this summer. It is truly appreciated.

As always we are looking for new faces and hearts to come join us on our different missions that the Lord places before us. If you have not found a circle to be a part of or are new to the church come try out the different circles to see which one works for you. If I can answer any questions or help in any way please feel free to give me a call. My number is 650-5471

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

God Bless
Debbie Smith

CARE CIRCLE

Care Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. Our mission project will be personal hygiene items for Julie Warner's upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic. We will be planning the program for the UMW General Meeting on September 20. All members and anyone interested in joining our fellowship are encouraged to attend! Any questions, call Barbara Ramsbottom, 650-8825.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet Thursday, September 4, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bonnie Maddox and Betty Sherman will be the hostesses and Betty Sherman will also present the devotions. Our topic of discussion will be "Worry." 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 September 9th at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Dolorette Chastain and Sally Jones will be the hostesses. Bee Swartz will lead the devotions. Bring a sandwich and join us for a time of fellowship and fun. Visitors are welcome.



MARY BAKER CIRCLE

Mary Baker Circle will resume with joy our meetings starting Wednesday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. The program "The 12 Apostles" based on material bequeath to us by Janet Orbeck. Hostesses will be Gloria Smith and Martha McCullough. Please join us as we review our summer activities. Bring a sandwich and a friend.

QUEST CIRCLE

Quest Circle will meet Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Frankie O'Donnell, 354 Waterside Lane, Murrells Inlet (357-6085).

UMW READING PROGRAM

Last call to submit your list for a certificate. This year promises to out do last year in number of entries. Let's keep reading for our own benefit if not for a certificate. Have you read Response?



I'd like to wish a heartfelt 'thank you' to Pastor Scott, Pastor Kim, and others for their visits, prayers, and cards while I was in rehab at NHC. It's good to be home again and hobbling around.

~Jeanne Johnson



*Dear Friends of SUMC,
I want to say thank you for all the calls, cards, and prayers. I really don't know how to say thank you enough. I would also like to thank my wonderful husband, Paul, for all his nurturing and care. Four and half years is a long time. I am indebted to all of you. May God send his blessing to each and everyone of you.*

*Sincerely,
Freda Marold*



*Dear VBSers,
Thank you all so much for all your time, prayers and hard work which made this year a great success. We must give a special thanks to all who kept us so well fed—Doris Artz, Karen Robinson, Ken Sizemore, Riley Reynolds, Wendy Meletes and Bill Porter—Yummy!*

This year was so blessed with 135 children and youth and 40 volunteers. The Missions were answered prayers with:

300 food donations for South Strand Helping Hand

70 buckets and beach toys for Jason's House

300 school supplies for Help-4-Kids

\$795 for Salkehatchie

Thank you for all your donations. I hope you'll join us next year for all the fun and blessings!

*Sincerely grateful,
Kelly Williams*

UNITED METHODIST MEN

It's fall and UMMen are back to our regular meeting schedule. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Church. We invite ALL men of the Church to join us for food, fellowship and fun. You don't have to be a member, just show up!

UMMen have been busy so far this year. We have hosted pancake breakfasts so we can all enjoy each other's company in between services. We started the quest last year to get Internet installed in the Church and, thanks to the Trustees, that happened recently. Look for our page on the Church website...coming soon.

We are looking at some new projects for our Family Life Center for the fall and we will be cooking again at the Fall Festival at our Church in October. More on that in the October newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who have supported us so far this year and to the many men of the Church who have helped make these functions a success. We look forward to continuing our service to Surfside UMC and our community.

John Ferguson
UMMen President

ADULT MUSIC PROGRAMS
JUBILATION RINGERS



Our bell choir is preparing anthems to ring during worship services this fall and advent.

We have accepted Brookgreen Gardens' invitation to ring at the much anticipated Nights of 1,000 Candles events in December. We will be ringing in the central tent at the entrance to the gardens on Friday, December 19, and Saturday, December 20.

ADULT CHOIRS

We will begin rehearsals for our Christmas cantata in September. Our cantata will 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. We are always seeking new choir members, and urge anyone interested to come rehearse with us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Last June, we received an invitation to participate in Shawnee Press' Festival in New York City in June, 2009. Participating 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 perform with the Festival Choir in Carnegie Hall on Saturday, June 7, 2009. We are thrilled to be participating in this prestigious event. We have planned several fundraising events in order to defray a portion of the expenses this trip will incur. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

SURFSIDE SPIRIT NIGHT HAS STARTED WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30-7:30 PM

You are invited to join us for our new weekly fellowship gatherings! SURFSIDE SPIRIT NIGHT is what we are calling these brand new exciting evenings of food, fellowship and fun!

We will begin each Wednesday gathering at 5:30PM. A delicious meal will be served in the FLC, at the cost of \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children. If you can't get there during the "early bird" hour, come whenever you can – dinner will be served until 6:15PM.

At 6:15PM, we will dismiss the children and youth to their fellowship activities. At the same time, the adults will share together in a brief time of announcements and prayers.

At 6:30PM, the adults will then move into assigned rooms for our various Bible Study opportunities. Three different Bible Studies will be offered beginning August 27. Bible Study teachers include SUMC member Craig Miller, Pastor Scott, and Pastor Kim.

At our announcement time, the Bible Study topics will be introduced, and room assignments will be given. EACH ADULT is asked to attend the Bible Study of their choice! The Studies will adjourn slightly before 7:30PM.

All parents are encouraged to then pick up their children in the FLC at 7:30PM.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR/MINISTRY

Wednesday Spirit Night is an exciting new prospect for our church. With this new church-wide offering, Leigh Gamble has decided to do children's choir on Wednesday nights instead of Sunday nights. We will incorporate singing and missions, Bible study and fun recreation for all children ages 3 years old through fifth grade. I hope that this will be a good change for everyone. Call Leigh with any questions, 293-4212. Room 102—FLC.

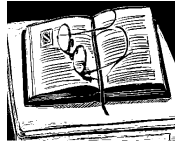
YOUTH MINISTRIES

Surfside UMC's youth ministries (grades 6—12) are entering a new era. In addition to our regular Sunday night meetings and special activities, we are adding a new component which will offer our youth the opportunity each week at SPIRIT NIGHT to grow deeper in their faith. On August 27, the youth will meet for the first time on SPIRIT NIGHT with their new Youth Director, Jon Marcus. The youth will meet in Room 200, upstairs in the Family Life Center following the supper each week. Call Jon at the church office for more information. Jon's office is located near the entrance of the FLC. Come and bring a friend.

Simply Untranslatable with
Dr. Craig Miller, TH.D.

This adult Bible study will include a fusion of Biblical linguistics (Hebrew, Greek, and Latin), text transmission, art, history, and an assessment of competing views to interesting, yet difficult to translate biblical concepts. After framing the weekly discussion with exemplars ranging from *Genesis* to *Jonah*, the participants will center on perceptions springing from the Mount Sinai/Ten Commandments episodes of *Exodus*, Michelangelo's early 16th-century *Moses*, in particular those horns, and the corollary text/theological issues of Moses' radiance. The issues are huge, multilayered, and fascinating. This course is designed to be naturally geared to you as a layperson, while at the same time tugging upward on your thought processes. The course invites continual participation with sessions designed to be as much forum as classroom. The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

TOUGH QUESTIONS WITH PASTOR KIM EANES



Francis Schaeffer said, “It is not more spiritual to believe without asking questions. It is not more biblical. It is less biblical and eventually it will be less spiritual because the whole [man] will not be involved.”

Beginning on Wednesday, August 27th, you are invited to attend a Bible Study entitled “Tough Questions”. This “Tough Questions” series was produced with the conviction that spiritual truth claims can and should be tested. Religious systems – sometimes considered exempt from scrutiny – are not free to make sweeping demands without providing reasons why they should be taken as fact. Religious truth, and Christianity in particular, purports to tell us about the most significant of life’s mysteries, with consequences alleged to be eternal. This is a grand claim, and therefore should be analyzed carefully. If questioning shows weaknesses in such claims, it only makes sense to refuse to place trust in flawed systems of belief.

This “Tough Questions” study suggests that God is not afraid of sincere questioning; in fact, it’s a matter of historical record that Jesus wasn’t. The Bible is not a secret kept only for the initiated few – but an open book – available for study and debate.


This “Tough Questions” study will help us sort out the truth from the supposed, and offer a reasonable defense of the Christian faith. Some of the questions we will be examining are: “How Can Anyone Be Sure God Exists?”; “What Is God Really Like?”; “How Can Rational People Believe in Miracles?”; “Does God Care What Happens To Us?”; and “How Can A Person Get To Know God?”.

Whether you are a nonbeliever or a skeptic, or someone who is already convinced and looking to fortify your faith, this study will lead you to a fascinating exploration of vital truths.—Rooms 8-10

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR SCOTT
Meet in Room 110 – FLC

NURSERY: A nursery for infants and toddlers will be provided every Wednesday from 6:00—8:00 p.m. The nursery is located in Room 6 of the Education Building.

FALL FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, October 25. We will be mailing the applications around the first of September. If you know of someone interested in getting a booth, please have them call Kesha in the church office (238-2734).



HOST CLASSES FOR SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME

September	Fellowship Class
October	International Class
November	Discovery Class
December	Discipleship Class



Surfside United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Hello my new church family! My name is Jon Marcus, and I am your new Youth Pastor as well as Pastor of Young Adult and Family Life Center ministries. A lot of you had a chance to meet me already, but for those of you who haven't, I look forward to meeting you soon.

If you come by my office, you'll see that my walls are cluttered with Philadelphia and Socastee sports memorabilia. I do have an explanation for this!! I am originally from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area, however my family moved to the Myrtle Beach area in 1996. I have had the fortunate privilege to spend half of my life in the north and half of my life in the south, greatly valuing both experiences. My education in South Carolina has taken me through Seaside Elementary School, St. James Middle, and finally Socastee High School, a graduate of the class of 2004. Once a Brave, always a Brave!

In May 2008, I graduated from Eastern University in St. David's Pennsylvania, which is a part of the greater Philadelphia area. My degree is in Biblical Studies. I am very proud of this degree because it not only is a deep interest of mine to read, study, and challenge myself with all of scripture (even the hard to understand Old Testament stuff!!) but also it affords me the great opportunity to participate in the Kingdom of God by ministering to youth and young adults who are asking many questions upon their spiritual journey. I don't pretend to think I have all the answers, but with the grace of God and my degree, I hope to minister here in your church by building fantastic relationships and sharing the information that God has blessed me with.

I am a HUGE sports fan. I have always continued to like all Philadelphia teams regardless of my interest in the sport (in fact, the only thing I don't like from Philadelphia is their cream cheese...blah!). I played football and baseball growing up, so these are the two sports that I am most passionate about. Sorry Clemson fans, I did become a South Carolina Gamecocks fan when I moved to the Myrtle Beach area, and much to the dismay of Ken Sizemore, that is not changing anytime soon. However when it comes to sports, I will always be a bigger Eagles and Phillies fan than anything else.

Finally, I am excited to be here with you, my new church family. I am very fortunate to be working with such a great ministry staff, and even more fortunate that I get to minister to all of you. Please pray for me and the youth ministry as we start our journey together this fall. I am excited for what we have planned and the volunteer staff that is here to help with the vision God has for your youth. I look forward to doing life with each of you. Thank you and God Bless!

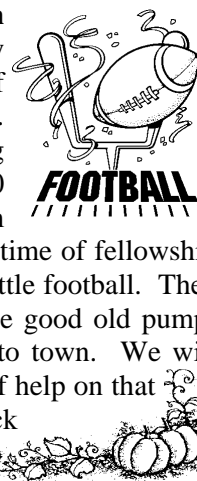
Blessings,
Jon Marcus

For my office I am looking for:

1. Love Seats or comfortable chairs that are smaller (anything bulky will not fit.)
2. A coffee table
3. Two end tables
4. Two Floor Lamps



We are off to a very busy and fun filled fall; we have a very packed schedule for September. We have our first trip of the year planned the weekend of September 19th thru the 21st. We will be traveling to Clemson University to attend the "Rally in the Valley" hosted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. We will be meeting up with over 2500 other youth from across the state for a time of fellowship and also to watch a little football. Then on September 28th the good old pumpkin truck is coming to town. We will be looking for a lot of help on that day to get the truck unloaded.



We are also very excited to have Jon Marcus here with us. We are looking forward to getting to know him more over the next few months as we begin to grow and develop our youth program with his leadership and guidance.

~Bill Gullede



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
9/7	Maggie Warner	Meredith Kiser
9/14	Finn Melko	Caroline Gamble
9/21	Hannah Hoyt	Luke Conness
9/28	Karleigh Jones	Danielle Ives

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Leigh Gamble, Children's Choir Director
Carol Ann Thrall, Preschool Director

Sunday-Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM, Fellowship Time 9:30 AM, Church School 9:45 AM

Monday-Art Class 9:00 AM, 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, Son-Rise and Chancel Choirs 6:30-8:00 PM

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Labor Day</i> Church Office Closed	2 Preschool Begins	3 Spirit Night 5:30-7:30 Care Circle 7:00	4 Hope Circle 12:00	5	6
7 Communion 8:30 Choir Bake Sale	8	9 Joy Circle 12:00 Cabinet 1:00-6:00 Cub Scouts Registration 6:00	10 Mary Baker Circle 10:30 Spirit Night 5:30-7:30	11	12	13
14	15 UMW Board Meeting 1:00	16 Friendly Seniors 12:15 Staff Parish 6:30	17 Spirit Night 5:30-7:30	18 UMMen 6:30	19	20 UMW General Meeting 10:00
					UMYF Rally in the Valley 19th-21st	
21	22	23 Church Council 7:00 Quest Circle 7:00	24 Spirit Night 5:30-7:30	25	26	27
28 Pumpkins Arrive!	29	30				