

Surfside United Methodist Church



THE MESSENGER

January 2009



Liturgical Readings

January 4

Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 11

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29 (UMH 761)

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 18

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 25

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12 (UMH 787)

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year!

Several days ago I received a beautiful color postcard in my mailbox announcing the exciting worship opportunities at our great church. Like you, I was at that moment proud to be a part of this wonderful congregation. I am excited about what I believe God is going to do at Surfside United Methodist Church in 2009. Pastor Kim is going to have to preach a sequel to her famous sermon from last fall, "Call 911. This Church Is on Fire!" Do you still have your kindling?

Our 2009 Budget which is enclosed in this newsletter highlights some of our ministry emphases for this year. While our total budget is only increasing by less than 1%, the budget for our program ministries is being increased by over 46%. This is a significant investment in the ministries of Surfside UMC. Education, Youth, Missions, Publicity, and Adult Music Ministries will receive the most dramatic increases in support for 2009. This reflects both growth in these ministry areas and the additional cost of providing quality ministries for our congregation and community. What I find amazing is that our Finance Committee, working with the budget requests of our committees, was able to recommend a budget that allowed us to add these increases while adding less than \$5 per week to our weekly needed offering.

Our officers for 2009 are also included in this newsletter. Our Church Council elected these persons at our Charge Conference in November. We have a great group of church members serving in leadership positions. AND, we have many more who are capable of serving in leadership. One of the strengths of our United Methodist policy as it relates to leadership is the rotation of officers, allowing us the opportunity to elect one-third of our leaders each year. Our Committee on Lay Leadership will continue to do its best to insure that the gifts and graces of our membership are used in helping to build the Kingdom of God at Surfside.

In December, our Church Council approved using undesignated memorials (\$17,820 at that time) for the purchase of a new sound system and providing additional funds from our accumulated surplus as necessary. The United Methodist Men's club of SUMC has taken the responsibility for raising and repaying these funds. Many of you have already pitched in to retire this debt before we even install the sound system. Thank you! This addition to our sanctuary will make a huge difference in the ability of many of our worshippers to hear everything in our worship services. Also, the new system will greatly enhance our music ministries and provide us the platform for our new contemporary worship service which will kick off in the next couple of months. As soon as we finish working through the six proposals we received, the plans will be taken before our Board of Trustees for approval.

While much has already been planned for 2009, I am certain that God wants to do even more. I encourage you to listen for the voice of God and then act on what He is calling on you to do for Him and His Kingdom! Imagine what would happen at Surfside UMC and in our community if we all served God gladly in 2009.

Blessings,

Pastor Scott

APPORTIONMENTS		PROGRAM EXPENSES Cont.	
World Service	7,791.00	Worship	
Conference Benevolence	9,454.00	Altar Flowers	150.00
Retiree Health Insurance/Grants	7,029.00	Christmas Decorations	200.00
Episcopal Fund	2,116.00	General Worship Supplies	800.00
Dist Superintendent Compensation	4,040.00	Children's Church	150.00
Equitable Compensation	2,020.00	General Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
District Administration	2,891.00	Total	1,500.00
District Parsonage/Office	2,843.00	Adult Music Ministries	
Conference Administration	5,462.00	Handbell Choir Supplies	2,500.00
Jurisdictional Mission/Ministry	637.00	Adult Choir Supplies	2,600.00
General Conf Administration	868.00	Instrumentalist & Soloist	<u>7,200.00</u>
Senior College Fund	5,562.00	Total	12,300.00
Spartanburg Methodist College	2,805.00	Nursery	
Campus Ministry	2,311.00	Nursery Attendants	3,000.00
Methodist Homes Residents Assist	2,388.00	Nursery Supplies	<u>500.00</u>
Camps/Retreats Ministry	1,421.00	Total	3,500.00
Congregational Development	4,564.00	Children's Ministry	
Ministerial Education	2,695.00	Children's Choir Supplies	500.00
Interdenominational Fund	210.00	Fellowship Activities	<u>1,200.00</u>
Black College Fund	1,075.00	Total	1,700.00
Africa University Fund	<u>241.00</u>	Youth Ministry	
Total	68,423.00	General Fund	2,200.00
		Retreats	<u>4,100.00</u>
ASKINGS		Total	6,300.00
Marion District 1% Fund	3,386.00	Family Ministries	
Junaluska Dam	<u>136.00</u>	Recreation	400.00
Total	<u>3,522.00</u>	Activities	1,500.00
		Fellowship Activities	1,000.00
APPORTIONMENTS AND ASKINGS	71,945.00	Kitchen Supplies	<u>2,500.00</u>
		Total	5,400.00
DIRECT BILLING	31,074.00	Other Programs	
(Pension and Insurance)		Communications	1,000.00
		Evangelism Programs	1,000.00
APPT/ASKINGS/DIR BILLING	103,019.00	Nurture - Bereavement Meals	<u>300.00</u>
		TOTAL PROGRAMS	51,400.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES		ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
Education		Office	
Curriculum & Supplies	6,050.00	General	1,000.00
Vacation Bible School	3,000.00	Postage	4,000.00
Upper Rooms	800.00	Printing	1,500.00
College Students	<u>100.00</u>	Supplies	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	9,950.00	Total	9,000.00
Missions		Finance	
Salkehatchie	4,850.00	Finance	3,000.00
Mobile Meals	1,000.00	Financial Accounting Fee	<u>1,600.00</u>
South Strand Helping Hand	2,000.00	Total	4,600.00
Church & Society Projects	100.00		
Jason's House	<u>500.00</u>		
Total	8,450.00		

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES Cont.

Trustees	
Insurance	24,000.00
Janitorial Supplies	2,000.00
Church Repair & Maint	10,000.00
Parsonage	800.00
Church Electricity	12,000.00
Church Propane	4,000.00
Church Telephone	4,300.00
Church Water & Sewer	2,500.00
Pest Control	1,600.00
Piano Tuning	600.00
Organ Maintenance	1,000.00
Equipment & Maintenance	6,000.00
Grounds Maintenance	5,500.00
Van Maintenance	800.00
Interest on Loan	58,800.00
Supt Building & Grounds	<u>36,000.00</u>
Total Trustees	169,900.00

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION **183,500.00**

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Appointed Pastors Salaries	
Pastor	80,250.00
Associate Pastor	<u>48,350.00</u>
Total	128,600.00

Hired Staff Salaries Total 106,352.00

Administrative Expenses	
Employee SS Tax	8,150.00
Lay Member to Annual Conference	1,000.00
General Fund	4,116.00
Housing Allowance	20,000.00
Pastor Account Reimb Plan	6,500.00
Assoc Pastor Account Reimb	5,500.00
Youth Director Reimb.	1,000.00
Music Director Continuing Education	500.00
Organist Continuing Education	500.00
Fulltime Lay Staff Insurance	<u>6,310.00</u>
Total	53,576.00

TOTAL SPRC **288,528.00**

GRAND TOTAL **626,447.00**

NEEDED PER WEEK **\$ 12,047.06**

**Surfside United Methodist Church
Lay Leadership**

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson	Paul Baldrige	2
Vice-Chairperson	Betsy Swaim	1
Recording Secretary	Paul Hawley	2
Membership Secretary	Norma Culler	1
Lay Leader	Buddy Jenkins (SPRC), Rod Swaim (Finance)	
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Art and Jane Chamberlain, Ted and Mickey Potts	
Nurture Team Chairperson	Lisa Terry	1
Education Team Chairperson	Nancy Tuttle	1
Evangelism Team Chairperson	Ken Sizemore	1
Mission Team Chairperson	Judy Thomas	2
Worship Team Chairperson	Cindy Ferguson	2
Contemporary Worship Task Force Leader	Jeff Jewell	1
Sunday School Superintendent	Belinda McKee	2
Communications/Publicity Coordinator	Bruce French	1
Children's Coordinator	Kelly Williams	2
Youth Coordinator	Bill Gullede	3
Young Adult Coordinator	Brad Hatoway	2
Adult and Family Coordinator	Ken Josephs	1
Senior Adult Coordinator	Lois Denham	2
Preschool Chairperson	Bre Willoughby	2
Trustees Chairperson	Al Faidley	2
SPRC Chairperson	Rosella Croft	2
Finance Chairperson	Al Beck	1
Stewardship Chairperson	Ken Paige	1
Treasurer	Bill Porter	1
Financial Secretary	Judy Walsh	1
UMYF President	Lauren Gullede	1
UMM President	John Ferguson	2
UMW President	Debbie Smith	4
Scouting Coordinator	Al Beck / Ray Williams	2 / 1
Disaster Relief Coordinator	Steve Moore / Art Chamberlain	1 / 1
Church Historian	Nancy Yongue	1
Bereavement Coordinator	Debbie Smith	2
Epworth Children's Home Representative	Nancy Yongue	1
Festivals	Harvey and Rosemary Purcell	3

At-Large Members

2009	2010	2011
Matt Dove	Burt Brown	Andrew Brown, Bill Bensarasky,
Scott Gasperson	Mike Culler	Chris Conness, Donna Helton,
Charlene Henderson	John Hartley	Alicia Klouser, Betty Lang, Gary Livesay,
Rhett Jones	Lois Hoover	Lynn Livesay, Bonnie Maddox, Pat
Jay Parrish	Sonny Reichert	Maldoven, Fred Parsons, Shirley
Mark Sims	Mike Vereen	Pendergrass, Ed Rivenbark, Sandy
Roderick Smith		Rivenbark, Joe Russ, Michelle Sizemore,
Bernice Swartz		Hattie Thacher, Dorothy Wallace

Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference	Jeff Jewell
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference	Marlene Jewell

Administrative Committees

Finance Committee

Chairperson	Al Beck
Pastors	Scott Wachter, Kim Eanes
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Ted Potts
Church Council Chairperson	Paul Baldrige
SPRC Chairperson	Rosella Croft
Trustees Representative	elects own
Stewardship Chairperson	Ken Paige
Lay Leader	Rod Swaim
Financial Secretary	Judy Walsh
Treasurer	Bill Porter
	At-Large Members

2009	2010	2011
Doris Artz	Bruce French	John Boyd
Alan Beck	Morris Hucks	Sarah Lane Norton
Dolores Parsons	Mike Gamble	Larry Tuttle

Committee on Lay Leadership

2009	2010	2011
Art Chamberlain	Jerry Ives	Liz Sizemore (YA)
Kathy Pearson	Rhett Jones	Danny Walsh (Y)
	Pastor Scott Wachter, Chairperson	Lay Leader, Rod Swaim

Staff Parish Relations Committee

2009	2010	2011
Tom Benfield	Nell Boyd	Brad Hatoway (YA)
Jim Neely	Rosella Croft (Chair)	Brian Adams
Robert Warner	Ron Sowers	Riley Reynolds
	Lay Leader, Buddy Jenkins	Lay Member to Annual Conference, Jane Chamberlain

Board of Trustees

2009	2010	2011
Bruce Ellis	Harry Altman	Sophie Neely
Al Faidley (Chair)	Joan Coleman	Shirley Christy
Ray Williams	Andy Ritter	David Griffin

Worship Committee

Chairperson	Cindy Ferguson	2
Altar Guild/Communion Steward	Sally Jones	4
Nursery	Angela Ives	4
Head Usher 8:30 A.M.	John Boyd	1
Head Usher 11:00 A.M.	Sonny Reichert	1
Tape Ministry	Howard Brunko	4
Children's Church	Amy Martin	3
Music	Edna Winkler	4
Acolytes	Ruth Lilly	3
Wedding Coordinator	Gini Abee	1

Preschool Committee

Chairperson	Bre Willoughby	2
	Heather Ziegler	1
	Karrie Fussaro	1
	Sarah Beck	1
	Diane Sowers	1

A NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

TAKING TIME IN 2009

Dr. C.C. Albertson once wrote this about the use of time: "It might be wise for us to take a little inventory of our resources as to time, and review our habits of using it. There are 168 hours in each week. Approximately 56 of those we spend in sleep. Of the remaining 112 hours, we devote approximately 48 to labor. This leaves around 64 hours....of which let us assign 12 hours for our daily meals.....

.....that leaves 52 hours, net, of conscious, active life, to devote to any purpose for which we are inclined! Is it too much, then, to assume that God might expect a tithe of this free time? Just consider this.....one tenth of 52 hours is 5.2 hours. So.....how much of this tithe of time do we devote to strictly religious uses?"

If a person allowed an hour for church....and an hour for a Bible Study or prayer gathering every week, that would still leave 192 minutes each week.....enough for nearly a half hour, every day, to spend in prayer and Bible reading. With all of this included in our regular schedules, a person would still have more than 45 hours a week for personal fun!!!

The old excuse of...."I don't have enough time"....doesn't really fly, according to this breakdown. A more likely explanation would be.....poor planning of the time we actually do have!

As we make our resolutions and plan our schedules for the New Year, I challenge you to "make some time" for God.....after all, it's our blessing – and it's our privilege!!!!

Pastor Kim

UMW UPDATE

Thank you all so much for everything that you did in 2008 to help with all of our Missions. Our last project was the Cookie Walk which went very well. Thank you for baking, setting up and helping with the sale. Each year we get new ideas for next year and it is a great time of fellowship. Thanks a bunch.

I would like to have our first executive board meeting on January 5th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We need to set our dates on the calendar for 2009. I hope this time works for all of you. I am looking forward to the new year and all we have ahead of us.

Blessings,
Debbie

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet Thursday, January 8, (date change from first Thursday to second Thursday) at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Velva Clyne and Evelyn Cockey will be the hostesses and Judy Lienemann will present the devotions. Our program will be the Christian Women's Club with guest speaker Billye Brown. Officers for 2009 are President, June Reese, Vice President, Bonnie Maddox, Secretary, Mary Mikolajczak, Treasurer, Diane Stiles, Sunshine, Betty Sherman, Historian, Evelyn Cockey and Loving Friends Chairman, Lois Hoover. We invite snowbirds and anyone interested in attending our meeting to bring a sandwich and fellowship with us. Call June Reese, Circle Leader, 215-1762 if you have questions.

JOY CIRCLE

On Tuesday, January 13 at 12:00 p.m., Joy Circle will meet at Drunken Jacks in Murrells Inlet, to have lunch and plan for next year. Call Bee Swartz if you can't attend. A Big Thank You to Bee Swartz and Ann Smith for hosting our Christmas party in their lovely homes.

MARY BAKER CIRCLE

We will meet on Wednesday, January 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Winn will lead us as we make our pledge to mission for the coming year. This is one of the most important areas of the work we do. After the program, we will meet for refreshments and fellowship. Bring a sandwich and join us. Our hostesses will be Nancy Yongue and Judy Thomas.

CARE CIRCLE

Care Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. at SUMC in the Adult Sunday School Room 10. We will be planning our mission projects and meetings for 2009. Bring your calendars, day planners and blackberries! Our mission project will be collecting canned or dry foods for South Strand Helping Hand. Looking forward to a new year of fellowship and fun!

Barbara Ramsbottom, 650-8835

QUEST CIRCLE

Quest Circle will meet Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. Watch bulletin for more information.

UMW READING PROGRAM



A wonderful start to the New Year is to read "52 Simple Ways To Make A Difference" by Paul Simon. It explains how people of goodwill can help change the world. (Nurturing for Community category). Make a resolution to Read Response!





*The Church Staff
wishes each of
you a very
Happy New Year!*

FRIENDLY SENIORS

Friendly Seniors will meet Tuesday, January 20 at 12:15 p.m. in the FLC. The Rockin-ettes will perform for us. Bring a covered dish and join us. Remember our book exchange.

JASON'S HOUSE UPDATE

Jason's House will begin our 25th year in 2009. Many people, places and things have changed over these years, but our sincere desire to provide cancer children and their families a wonderful, free weeks vacation remains the same. Our church not only gives us the structure, but provides spiritually, physically and financially. During these hard economic times, Jason's House really appreciates your support. If you would like to help us, or know more about Jason's House please call me at 238-1320 or visit the church website. We need thank-you notes or blank inside notes for our families to send to all the places they visit. If you would like to donate a book of stamps, just leave these and the cards with Kesha, our church secretary, or place them (marked Jason's House) in the old Fellowship Hall under the mail slots. Also, if you have never escorted a family from our church to their accommodation in June, July or August, please contact Sallie Crowley at 650-0181. She will tell you weeks in advance what motel it is so you can check out the location of registration before the family arrives.

THANKS!
Elaine Paige, Chairman



My family and I would like to thank you all so much for your visits, cards and most of all for your prayers, when I was in the hospital and nursing home during the last two months. I have always been proud to be a member of this church and especially enjoyed the visits from members.

*Love, Patricia Bunch,
Evans, III, Sally and Patsy*



My Family and I want to thank my church family and the Mary Baker Circle for the support you gave to Marge and myself during her hospital and Hospice home care and passing on Thanksgiving Day.

Your visits, calls, cards and prayers were especially appreciated the final weeks. The Memorial Service for Marge gave me additional strength when so many friends came to the service. Thank you so much for everything.

*Love,
Ed Coles*

Martin Boehling will be giving an organ concert in January. It will include the best of classical Christmas Bach to modern Christmas favorites. The concert will be held on Sunday, January 4th at 3:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church (2637 Hwy 17 S., Garden City). A love offering will be received.

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 **January 4th**. This fundraiser-bake sale will be held the 1st Sunday of each month thru May, 2009.



**2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES
ARE AVAILABLE!**

**PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLE
IN THE NARTHEX!**

**IF YOU DO NOT SEE A BOX
WITH YOUR NAME,
PLEASE CONTACT KESHA IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE.**



“THE SHACK” DISCUSSION GROUP

William P. Young’s “**The Shack**” has been received among Christians with decidedly mixed reviews. While many have acclaimed it as a groundbreaking story that brings to life heart-stirring theology, others insist that some of what it teaches is patently unbiblical.

Now it’s your turn to give your “two cents worth” about “**The Shack**”. Several members and friends of the Surfside UMC have already read this popular story, and many others are currently in the midst of finding out for themselves what all the fuss is about.

Beginning **Tuesday, January 6th**, and running for approximately 8 weeks, Pastor Kim will lead a discussion group focusing on William P. Young’s “**The Shack**”. We will meet each **Tuesday afternoon at 4PM**, for approximately one hour of discussion, debate and insight. Please bring your own copy of “**The Shack**”, along with your favorite Bible.

We will meet in Sunday School Room #10 – adjacent to Pastor Kim’s office. See you there!

“90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN” DISCUSSION GROUP

Nearly two years after its release, “**90 Minutes in Heaven**” remained on the New York Times Paperback Non-fiction Bestseller List for its’ 14th straight week! “**90 Minutes in Heaven**” offers a glimpse into a very real dimension of God’s reality. It encourages those recovering from serious injuries and those dealing with the loss of a loved one. “**90 Minutes in Heaven**” has become, for many people, a book of comfort and promise.

“I’m thoroughly convinced that God answers prayer”....writes author Don Piper. “Answered prayer is why I’m still alive.....I have an unquestionable belief that God still is in the miracle business. Too many people read about the supernatural in the Bible and think, ‘That’s the way it was in biblical times’. I’m convinced that God continues to do more than ordinary. Every day I thank God that I’m a living, walking, talking miracle”....concludes Piper.

Several members and friends of the Surfside UMC have already had the pleasure of reading Piper’s book “**90 Minutes in Heaven**”. Consequently, you are invited to share your thoughts about this book, and listen to the feedback of other readers as we join together in a book discussion beginning **Thursday, January 8th at 4PM**. Pastor Kim will lead the weekly discussion of this interesting yet challenging book, as we gather **every Thursday** for an hour or so – for approximately eight weeks.

Room #10 of the “old building” Sunday School wing will be our study room (the room adjacent to Pastor Kim’s office). See you there!



REMINDER—OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER is now on our website. Go to our website (surfsideumc.org) and click on Newsletters, scroll to the bottom of the page and select the newsletter you would like. If you want to be removed from our mailing list and access your newsletter through the website, scroll to the top of the page and fill in your information.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

As outgoing UMMen President, I was asked to take care of the information for the January newsletter, so here I am again.

Many people have been asking me about the new sanctuary sound system so I wanted to give everyone an update. At the called Church Council meeting in November, it was agreed that the Church would purchase a new sound system for the Sanctuary. It is to be paid for by existing money from the Memorial Fund and the rest will come from the Church general fund. The money from the general fund is to be paid back through fundraising by United Methodist Men.

If you are interested in making a donation to help pay for the new sound system, please make your check out to Surfside United Methodist Church, with a notation that it is for the new sound system, and drop it off at the Church office. All fundraising from this project will funnel through us so we can have one account to work from to make it easier for bookkeeping purposes.

The exact cost will be made known as soon as a bid is accepted. We have had 6 different companies give us their bids and ideas of what would be best for us. We are trying to keep the cost of the system reasonable but we also want to make sure we get the best system we can afford so we won't have to keep asking for more donations in the near future to add to our sound system.

The new sound system will make our worship services more enjoyable for everyone. It is also a necessity for our new Contemporary worship services scheduled to begin in February. This is just another chapter in the growth of our Church.

The next UMMen meeting will be Thursday, January 15th at 6:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our new President, Harry Altman, and Vice-President, Brad Hatoway, will be leading us in the New Year. We will also be discussing fundraising ideas and planning events for 2009. All men are invited to join us for dinner and fellowship. Look for more updates in your Sunday bulletins.

Thank You,
John Ferguson

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.

Sheryl Ackley	Selma Graves	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	Don Pruitt
Karen Allen	Ivy Hanks	Jamie Pruitt
Kevin Atkins	Beth Hardee	Shannon Pruitt
Tina Atkins	Diane Hardee	Hattie Pugh
Jean Bailey	Ed Hardee	Kevin Reilly
Kimberly Baumann	Julia Hardee	Mitzie Rhodes
John Benton	Peggy Hastings	Larry Risher
Cathy Blankenship	Forrest Heath	David Ritch
Madge Blanton	Casey Jones	Robin Ritch
Georgia Bodkin	Hazel Jones	Dwight Roberts
Bart Bodkin	Jerry Kirk	Sheila Roberts
Kathy Bracy	Richard Kotwa	Anne Rogers
Julia Brown	Michelle Kotwa	Charles Rogers
Laura Bryan	Faye Krumnacher	Stacey Singleton
Lucia Burchell	Gene Krumnacher	Jim Sinkway
Budd Capps	Jeana Long	Tony Smith
Pam Cary	Judy Long	Rhonda Smith
Todd Cary	Cynthia Lower	Cherie Snyder
Matthew Cettei	Jane Lower	Harold Stanley
John Conness	Warren Lower	Lena Stanley
Ryan Cooke	Steve Maddox	William Suggs
Deborah Crews	Margarette McDaniel	Richard Swanson
Jim Crews	Charles McGinnis	Sandy Swanson
Sherry Dartz	Mazie McGinnis	Florence Thacker
Tracy Davis	Chip McIntyre	Tammie Thaggard
Michael Dibble	Gab McMeekin	Donna Thompson
Linda Edwards	Jean-Paul Michaud	Reed Tripp
Julia Ellerbe	Marlene Norton	Sheila Tripp
Keith Evans	Shawn Norton	Clara Vanderlinder
Frank Facini	Dot Pedersen	Robin Vansplinter
Britton Franks	Heather Peek	Ann Vantrigt
Linda Franks	Melanie Peek	Diane Wadsten
Sandy Gallagher	Zach Peek	Pam Young
Jan Garner	Harry Peeler	

HOST CLASSES FOR SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME

January	Fellowship Class
February	International Class
March	Discovery Class
April	Discipleship Class

JANUARY USHERS

8:30 AM

Bruce Ellis (C)
Dail Ellis
Dick Hoover
Lois Hoover

11:00 AM

Leigh Gamble (C)
Rebecca Leggett
Belinda McKee
Teresa Wachter

SPIRIT NIGHT AND YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Craig Miller, Th.D.

I'm proud and humble to be a member of the Spirit Night teaching team and to teach the Young Adult Bible class—a group that now exceeds its age limit; all are welcome. A background note: My training centered on the ancient Mediterranean and Near East, Classical and Biblical Studies, and ancient languages (Assyro-Babylonian, Hebrew, Greek, and Latin), with a doctorate in theology focused on semantics (ways of expressing deep meaning) in New Testament Greek.

Now, we are all eager to discover the truest, deepest meanings to be gained from the Bible, both Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT). Receipt of meaning, for most of us, requires reliance on an English-language Bible. Yet, we know that no matter how readable and expert an edition, we still have a translation. What role does a translation play in our Scriptural understanding? Essentially, translation is a bridge across the divide of language and history. But it's also a filter that keeps us from directly encountering the source text.

When we read the Bible, we place our firm faith in God and our voluntary trust in the translator. That said, the translator is sometimes at an extraordinary disadvantage. Although fairly simple in its structure, Biblical Hebrew can be sophisticated and complex in its meaning; moreover, we have a large time gap with which to wrestle when interpreting that language. This alone is a daunting task for the translator. But it doesn't end there. A translation may also exhibit an additional filter that shows how vulnerable a translator can be. See how many "Heb[rew] obscure" and "Meaning of the Heb[rew] uncertain" you can find in the RSV/NRSV for the OT. You may be surprised at the tally and how they impact crucial points in the text.

New Testament translation has its own filtering issues that affect our reading. Just think: The NT in the original Greek is not original when reporting Jesus' words, which were spoken in Aramaic, the everyday language of Roman Judaea, although Jesus likely spoke limited Greek and a smattering of Latin. Because the Gospels were directed at Greek readers, their authors had to translate even residual non-Greek elements—for example, "Rabbi (which means Teacher)," Jn 1:38.

A second filter is used by the modern scholar, who not only moves the text into English but applies a personal but rigorous perspective to the text that affects the translation. These overarching interpretive frameworks, called "hermeneutics," underpin much debate in Biblical Studies circles.

A third filter in contemporary versions is translation into everyday (colloquial) English, as with E.H. Peterson's The Message, which aims at "the same language in which we do our shopping." Although this version has popular appeal, it's unlikely that the Gospels intended Jesus' message to sound like a Wal-Mart special. Also, such versions, in stressing Jesus as a timeless figure, reduce Biblical history and context into what can read like fable—not for the serious student of the Bible.

You can see that distances may separate the original source from the final product.

How does all this impact Spirit Night's *Simply Untranslatable* class and our Young Adult Bible Study? Our goal is the exploration of the Bible on its own turf. That means reliance on its original languages complemented by the tools of modern Biblical investigation. We delve into key issues from the ground up. So, come as you are because you don't have to know a single word of any other language. Join us for Spirit Night or Young Adult Bible Study (no matter your age), or, as some do, for both. We promise you a new experience full of discussion, controversy, and a lot of food for spiritual thought and modern living.

SPIRIT NIGHT UPDATE

There is something – Someone – inside each one of us who tells us there is more to life than just sitting in the boat. We were made for something more....there is something inside each one of us that wants to walk on the water – to leave the comfort of routine existence and abandon our self to the high adventure of following God.

Beginning with our January **Spirit Night** learning sessions, Pastor Kim will start a new spiritual growth class based upon the John Ortberg book “If You Want To Walk On Water, You’ve Got To Get Out of the Boat”. This class will cover a six week span of time, in which we will study Scripture, challenge our thinking and share in discussion with our fellow class mates. Please join us from 6:30-7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Scott and Dr. Craig Miller will also be teaching individual classes at the 6:30-7:30PM **Spirit Night** time block. Please refer to other articles in this newsletter for descriptions of their classes.

Our **Spirit Night** dinner menus for the month of January include delicious offerings such as Beef Stroganoff, Pork Tenderloin, Sweet and Sour Chicken and Beef Stew. For only \$5 per person (\$3 for children) you can delight in a sumptuous meal complete with vegetables, bread, dessert and a beverage.

Please continue to keep in mind that we need you to sign up (for dinner only) each week on the roster located in the church Narthex. There are two lists from which to choose – a permanent sign up, in which you only have to list your name once, and your dinner will be reserved each week unless you notify us otherwise. The second list requests that you sign up weekly, only on the specific weeks you plan to attend. If you forget to sign up on the church roster, you may sign up via email on the church’s website – **NO LATER THAN MONDAY** of the week in which the dinner is being served.

Spirit Night has been providing our church with an abundance of great fellowship, delicious food, insightful learning and just plain fun! Please plan to make **Spirit Night** a habit for you and your family, throughout the New Year to come!

Pastor Kim

PASTOR SCOTT’S SPIRIT NIGHT STUDY

In February and March I will be teaching a course on “Enhancing the Prayer Life of Surfside United Methodist Church,” incorporating many elements of my doctoral research, writing, and ministry project. The participants will be challenged to develop a more intentional and methodical prayer life that will impact each individual’s relationship with God as well as the congregation’s spiritual vitality as a whole. You will learn more about the biblical teaching on prayer and the practice of prayer in Jesus’ life. You will be given pre and post tests which will demonstrate the efficacy of this practical approach to prayer in your own life. Handouts will be used in each teaching session.

In January, during our morning worship services I will preach a sermon series on prayer to whet your appetite and prepare you for this course. Plan now to participate in this potentially life-changing experience. Invite friends and family you know would be blessed by having a deeper relationship with God through a richer prayer life.

Sign up sheets will be available the last two weeks of January for those wishing to participate. Registration is necessary due to the amount of materials that will need to be prepared for the course. Participation in each of the eight sessions is necessary for you to have the full impact of this study. It is likely that I will offer the course at an additional hour each week for those unable to attend on Wednesday nights. I need to hear from you when a good alternative session should be offered.

AS FOR JANUARY....Those who are interested in studying biblical passages of interest to you are invited to attend my class. Each week I will ask those in attendance for a few passages you have questions about and then we will dig into the scriptures and see where they take us. Please bring a Bible, a notepad of some sort, and a pen or pencil.



SURGE (UMYF)

Surge,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I'm amazed by how time has absolutely flown by. It seemed like just two or three days ago we were jumping in the Intracoastal Waterway underneath the warm August sun. Now, the days are darker, the weather is colder, and it's rainy. AH, I did miss these Myrtle Beach winters!

Remember that we will not be having regular youth group meetings until January 4th. Sad, I know, but I'm confident we'll come back with a refreshed passion in January! Also, pay attention to your emails!



Also, don't forget that we have our winter retreat January 16th-18th. We have an awesome beach house in North Myrtle Beach already rented out. The house is HUGE and has game systems, a pool table (and tables of the like), and plenty of rooms (all of which will be chaperoned!). We're also looking into activities in nearby Wilmington and throughout North Myrtle Beach. I'm confident that weekend will be a blast! We'll have more information out to you as it comes.

That's all I got this time! Once again, have a blessed holiday!

Oh...and GO EAGLES!!

Blessings,
Jon Marcus

The new youth website is up and running.
Check it out at www.surfsideumcyouth.org.



ITEMS NEEDED for the new youth room. Side tables, floor lamp, table lamps, surfboard and any surfboard décor.

Instruments Needed for our Contemporary Service:
a djembe, cabasa, cowbell, wood block.
Please see Jon if you can

SURGE Food Drive during the month of January. Surge (UMYF) will collect non-perishable food items for Backpack Buddies ministries. They will accept ramen noodles, popcorn, pudding/jello, snack size bags of chips, juice boxes, macaroni & cheese, etc. Designated boxes will be located in the Narthex and outside Jon's office.

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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 5:15-7:30 PM, Spirit Singers 6:30-8:00 PM

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Grand Strand Junior Volleyball Club 6:00-9:30 p.m. every Monday/Thursday "The Shack" Discussion Group will meet 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th "90 Minutes in Heaven" Discussion Group will meet 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th				1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> Church Office Closed GS Jr. Volleyball 3:30-6:30 AA Meeting 5:30	2 AA Meeting 5:30	3
4 <i>Holy Communion</i> Choir Bake Sale Surge 5:00-7:00	5 UMW Board Meeting 1:00 Cub Scouts 5:00 AA Meeting 5:30 Surge Adult Volunteers 6:00	6 "The Shack" Discussion Group Begins 4:00 AA Meeting 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00	7 Spirit Night Resumes 5:15	8 Hope Circle 12:00 "90 Minutes in Heaven" Discussion Group Begins 4:00 AA Meeting 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:30	9 AA Meeting 5:30	10
11 Surge 5:00-7:00	12 Safe Sanctuary Training 1:00-3:00 Cub Scouts 5:00 AA Meeting 5:30	13 Joy Circle 12:00 AA Meeting 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00	14 Mary Baker Circle 10:30	15 Brownie Troop 4:45 AA Meeting 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 UMMen 6:45	16 AA Meeting 5:30	17 GS Jr. Volleyball 10:00-1:30 Surge Winter Retreat 16-18th
18	19 AA Meeting 5:30	20 Friendly Seniors 12:15 AA Meeting 5:30	21	22 AA Meeting 5:30 Pack Meeting 6:30	23 AA Meeting 5:30	24
25 Surge 5:00-7:00	26 Cub Scouts 5:00 AA Meeting 5:30	27 AA Meeting 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Care Circle 6:30 Quest Circle 7:00	28	29 AA Meeting 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:30	30 AA Meeting 5:30	31 Cub Scout Space Derby 9:00-4:00