

Surfside United Methodist Church



THE MESSENGER

August 2010



Dear Friends;

During the first half of this year our congregational life has been blessed. Our ministries are exciting and growing for people of all ages—from our nurseries to our senior adult ministries. Our attendance and giving have also been wonderful. Our giving to our ministry needs funded by our tithes and offerings through our budget increased \$20,000 over the first half of 2009. That is a significant uptick in giving for which I am thankful to you and for your commitment to see our community and the world impacted in the name of Jesus Christ.

In June we held our Vacation Bible School—Galactic Blast. 178 children attended this amazing week of spiritual activities! A large group of our youth and leaders recently returned from Salkehatchie Summer Service. They have shared their stories with us in our worship services the last two Sundays. We are hosting dozens of families again this summer through our Jason's House ministry. Earlier this year our Adult Ministries offered classes for stewardship and finances. We hosted our first basketball league for children this year. We sponsor a number of Scouting Units in our facilities. The YMCA is caring for children this summer in our FLC. Our new Director and Assistant Director of Children's Ministries are working to expand our ministries to children and their families. And, we have many other ministries going on all the time.

The bottom line is this—with all of our ministry groups and the increased use of our facilities—our expenses for programs and ministries and the staff and facilities to run and house them is up. This is in spite of the fact that our staff, maintenance contractor, Finance Committee, and Trustees are doing everything possible to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. We are making sure all of our expenses are necessary and within budget as far as possible. So, first let me thank you for what you are doing to help us serve the people both who are part of our worshipping committee and those who are outside our walls with the Good News of God's love and saving grace. And second, I want to encourage you to continue to do all you can to help us provide the resources to offer the ministries that are helping us fulfill our Mission and Vision.

Mission Statement

Surfside United Methodist Church is a diverse community of believers,

- ◇ committed to Jesus Christ,
- ◇ empowered by the Holy Spirit, and
- ◇ united in the love of God.

We are a Christ-Centered, Biblically-Rooted, Warm-Hearted Church.

Our mission is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through participatory worship, energized by a variety of missions totally committed to our church and community.

Vision Statement

The Surfside United Methodist Church seeks to be a worshipping community of Christians that welcomes and serves the residents and visitors of the Grand Strand with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I promise you that your tithes and offerings are making a difference for Christ not only here at Surfside UMC but also throughout the Grand Strand and even to the ends of the earth. Thank you and may God richly bless you and through you our beloved congregation—Surfside UMC.

Scott W. Wachter

AUGUST USHERS

8:30 AM

Rod Smith (C)
John Boyd
Paul Reilley
Joan Reilley

11:00 AM

Mike Gamble (C)
Kevin Byrd
Sonny Rabon
Ray Williams

HOST CLASSES FOR SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME

Aug. Discipleship Class
Sept. Fellowship Class
Oct. International Class
Nov. Discovery Class

A NOTE FROM THE PARISH PASTOR THE BREAD OF LIFE VS. "JUST SAMPLES"

If you have ever had the privilege of cruising around Sam's Club on any given day, then you know that particular discount store provides quite a shopping experience!

Along pretty much every turn of the cart, shoppers will pass by tables offering free samples of food. Shrimp, yogurt, chicken, quesadillas, raspberry spread, olive oil, bean dip, key lime pie....each sample is given out in a one-bite serving.....along with a brief sales spiel, of course!

A shopper could almost eat an entire meal from the samples offered at Sam's Club! Yes, it would be an odd lunch, but if you made the "aisle circuit" several times, you would eventually get full!

This recent Sam's Club shopping experience got me to thinking about how many people approach their faith experience as if it were "just a sampler". An hour of worship on Sunday.....maybe a Lenten study in the Spring....or a morning a week working at a Habitat site.....or a monthly evening meeting for some committee..... Now don't get me wrong, each "sample" has substance.....each is an offer to go deeper in the faith. But, in the end, a "circuit of sampling" tends to leave one unfulfilled.

There is a desire, on the part of many believers, to go deeper.....to stay longer...to discuss real things...and to get food that will last. And so these folks seek out study groups, spiritual growth classes, books and tapes, extended mission work.....all with the quest of being nourished from more than just a few "samples".

You know, this "seeking more" can be a daunting task, because a serious faith journey can be exhausting! Service to the community is tiring and often discouraging! Sustained study of Scripture is often confusing and even bewildering! A support group or spiritual growth class can challenge us to reveal thoughts and feelings that may leave us a little too vulnerable! And serious, intense prayer - well that's just hard work! Besides, "religious sampling" is just so tempting.....after all, it's readily available, and there's no cost!

But you know, if we want to truly understand what Jesus meant by.....*the bread of life*, then we need to be willing to venture deeper into our faith. For sure, venturing deeper might be confusing, but it will also open us up to feeling God's touch directly in our lives! For sure, venturing deeper might cause our old values to get challenged, but that also might mean that our minds and hearts will be opened to new and creative ways to praise and worship!

Interestingly enough, venturing deeper into our faith will not make us "more holy".....nor will it allow us to be less prone to error. Venturing deeper won't give us automatic license to "rise above the herd". If anything, as we venture deeper into our faith, we will see ourselves with humbler eyes, and we will begin to feel connected to some very different, and unexpected people. Venturing deeper might even cause us to "lose control".....but simultaneously, we just might learn the difference between abiding joy and the shallow lark of "sampling".

Maybe you're not fooled by the "sampler cuisine" of the faith.....but you may have become satisfied with it.

So I urge you to "venture deeper" in this journey we call faith.....after all, we've been promised that the *bread of life* does, actually, exist.....it can be found.....and it is within our capability to accept its sustenance.

Jesus never promised us anything "exotic" like burgers bordelaise or tuna steak with tarragon mustard sauce, but He did promise us the *bread of life*.....and given the sustenance and satisfaction that simple menu alone brings, I'll choose *the bread of life* over "exotic, free and easy" samples any day!

Journey on, my friends!

Pastor Kim

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Hello Ladies:

Don't know about you, but this has been a busy summer for me. Visiting family and friends, VBS, and my daughter's wedding now in August. I have been looking ahead to my fall calendar too. The long list of UMW responsibilities begins again.

I have just finished reading the book "Beautiful Things Happen When a Woman Trust God." In this book, Sheila Walsh, reminds me how we need to fully rely on HIS wisdom and HIS knowledge. We talk the talk, but do we always walk the walk. I struggle with this often, but do have reminders to FROG – Fully Rely On God.

There are many dates of upcoming District UMW functions. I have posted them on our bulletin board at the church. I hope to see a lot of you at this local meetings. I look forward to meeting other UMW from other congregations. I expect to be inspired and blessed.

Have a great rest of your HOT summer tourist season. God bless and remember to *FROG!!* Romans 8:28.

Sandra Wetter

A Note...

Six members of United Methodist Women attended Rural missions on John's Island, SC July 13th. We delivered paper products to the mission. When we arrived, we visited the migrant children. They receive lots of love and care each day, and go back to their parents that have picked crops all day.

We enjoyed the Seafood Jamboree, and the local entertainment. Ask Elaine Paige if she had shrimp.

QUEST CIRCLE

Quest Circle will begin a series of Bible studies this fall looking at examples of life in the Bible and how they relate to us today. After the rebuilding of the temple, the prophet Nehemiah told the people "This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is our strength." We will look at how our joy also can be strengthened by God and how His love can become a real part of our lives. New members are always welcome so come be a part of this enriching experience. We will be meeting in September, watch for announcement in the bulletin.

UMW READING PROGRAM

"Faith, Hope, Love in Action and Dancing All The Way Home" is a headline in the UMW News. (A copy is on the shelf with Response Magazines.) Read all about the UMW 2010 Quadrennial Assembly in St. Louis, April 30-May 5.

If you are reading for a certificate, remember I must receive your list by September. R.R.R.

~Doris Shoebridge

**USHERS
NEEDED**

We are in serious need of ushers at 8:30 a.m. worship service. If you would be interested in serving for a month, please call John Boyd at 651-4757 or 651-4618.

MOVING THROUGH GRIEF

Our grief support class, Moving Through Grief, will continue to meet throughout the month of August. The Moving Through Grief class meets every Monday from 5-6PM in the Church Parlor. If you feel inclined to join us for the class, please feel free to do so. We have approximately 7 participants each week. It doesn't matter if this is your first or fifth time – you are welcome any time! Upcoming topics from our study book, Will I Be Whole Again, for the month of August include: Financial Decisions Amidst Grief; Dealing with the Loss of a Child; Avoiding Depression and Discouragement; and Looking Toward the Future.

There is no need to register – just show up on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Kim.

GOT DEMENTIA?

Worldwide it is estimated that 22 million people have Alzheimer's Disease, with approximately 5 million in the United States. The number of people with the disease doubles every 5 years beyond age 65. It is estimated that 16,000 new cases will occur in South Carolina between 2005 and 2010.

Coming in September to the Lakes at Litchfield, Jan Merling, MA, will bring her Dementia Dialogues experience to our area. Dementia Dialogues is a 5 part learning experience designed to educate individuals who care for persons who exhibit signs and symptoms associated with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias. Each session is approximately one and one half hour in length.

This program is provided at NO COST to participants through the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina and the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Pastor Kim participated in this workshop approximately 5 years ago and highly recommends it! A certificate of completion will be presented for each of the 5 sessions and a Dementia Specialist Certificate will be given at the completion of all 5 sessions.

Learning topics include: An Introduction to Dementia; Communication Skills; Environment, Safety and Helpful Hints; Addressing Challenging Behaviors; and Creative Problem Solving. All sessions take place on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. at the Lakes at Litchfield. Session dates are: September 14th, 21st, and 28th, and Oct. 5th and 12th. Registration is required by September 9th, 2010. If you are interested in attending these sessions and would like more information, please contact Pastor Kim for a Registration Form.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 3 Parsonage Committee
6:30 PM Room 110

Monday, August 16 Finance Committee
6:30 PM Room 110

Tuesday, August 17 Board of Trustees
6:30 PM Room 110

Monday, August 23 Church Council
7:00 PM Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S CORNER

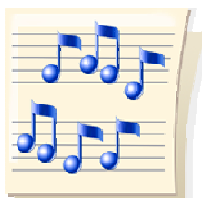


CHOIR BAKE SALE

On Sunday, August 29 our choir will have the first of three bake sales as part of our fundraisers this fall. The other dates are Sunday, September 19 and Sunday, October 10. The bake sales will be held in the Fellowship Hall between the worship services.

The choir will be raising money to cover the expenses of bringing director and composer, Joseph Martin to our area. Our estimated cost to help cover his expenses will be about \$3,000.00.

Joseph Martin was one of the directors of the Carnegie Hall Concert in May of 2009. Our choir has performed many of Mr. Martin's compositions especially his cantatas. Our choir, along with the choir from the Shallotte, NC Presbyterian Church will be performing a concert under the direction of Mr. Martin at our church on Saturday, November 13th and a performance on Sunday, November 14th at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church.



Special Thanks!

Dear Church Family,

VBS was a great success! We hosted over 178 children, which was a record for SUMC VBS!! We just want to thank all of the volunteers SO much for your HARD work and dedication. And a special thanks to the people behind the scenes on the kitchen: Keith Wolfe, owner of Salt Creek Cafe for the wonderful first night's dinner. both preparation and donation: the kitchen team: Dee Fields, Wendy Meletes, Ken Sizemore, Ron Sowers, Fonda Rist, Tom Blandford, Pat Stiles, Pete Croffey, Charlotte Sandel, Sarah Radcliffe, Steve Meletes, Ray Williams, and Jody Ammons. Also, thanks to Jeff Kiser and Patti Shoemaker for our awesome photos and videos. All of the leaders were patient and incredible in their mentoring and teaching...and decorations were out of this world!!

Our missions raised the following:
Salkehatchie: \$472.01
Jason's House: 107 items
Help 4 Kids: 104 items
SC Youth Advocacy: 143 items

We would also like to thank the UMW and church family for all of the snacks and donations for VBS. We greatly appreciate all of your help in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to all of our young ones and their families. It was a BLAST!!

We are meeting on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. during the i-Praise Contemporary Worship service. Please meet us in the narthex and we will participate in the first part of the service and then dismiss to do our own bible study and craft and/or activity.

Also, kids, bring your loose change on Wednesdays and Sundays so that we may collect for a mission or maybe put it in a fund for foster children to be used for Christmas.

Looking ahead, we would like to add some "water" nights with fun games and activities, and a family picnic day. Choir, with Mrs. Gamble, will start back up in the fall.

We hope that YOU will consider joining us in any area of Children's Ministries. Please feel free to contact either one of us with your ideas.

Sincerest Thanks, Love, and Blessings,
 Kelly and Stacey

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Please don't forget that we have Prayer Shawls available to those who are in need. Thanks to the diligent work of the knitters in our church family, we have beautiful Prayer Shawls and lap quilts available for distribution. Prayer Shawls can be given to friends, co-workers, family members and even complete strangers! Shawl recipients need NOT be members of the Surfside UMC. And don't forget our Pocket Shawls and Pocket Crosses which are also available for gifting. All shawls are free of charge. Please talk to Pastor Kim if you would like to get a shawl to give to someone in need.

And don't forget, we are ALWAYS taking Prayer Shawl donations too! If you have "busy hands" and would like to put them to good use, knit a shawl or two! We'd love to add it to our ministry of gift giving in the name of Christ!



SPIRIT NIGHT STARTING IN AUGUST

Get ready! The proposed starting date for our Fall Spirit Nights is Wednesday, August 25th. If you remember from our last two seasons, Spirit Night begins at 5:30 p.m. with a Fellowship Meal in our FLC. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The meal consists of an entrée, several side dishes, dessert and a beverage!

At 6:15 p.m., we then move into a time of Prayer Sharing and Announcements, also in the FLC.

At 6:30 p.m., everyone is dismissed from the FLC and the following activity options are available: Children will attend the i-Praise service until 6:45 p.m., whereupon they will be dismissed in order to attend their other activities in the FLC. Youth will attend the i-Praise service from 6:30-7:30 p.m. And adults may either attend a Bible Study led by Pastor Scott, or the i-Praise service led by Pastor Kim. A staffed Nursery is available throughout the evening.

For our 2010-2011 Spirit Night season, we are in need of a Spirit Night Coordinator. This individual and/or team would be responsible for planning all meals with Kitchen Staff Jo and Lester Leonard; inventorying and ordering all supplies necessary; overseeing set-up each week in the FLC; and supervising kitchen clean-up each Wednesday following the close of the meal time. If you feel called to assume the responsibilities of this ministry, please contact Pastor Kim. We could really use your help in serving in this capacity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND HELPER NEEDED

We are in need of a Teacher in the Pre-school class just temporary for a couple of months and a Teacher's Helper needed in the Preschool every week. If you are interested in helping, please call Belinda McKee at 215-1721.

GETTING BUFF FOR THE BEACH!

You are invited to join any of our three separate exercise classes offered at the Surfside UMC.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, an Adult Fitness Class is offered in the FLC from 9:45-10:45 a.m. These classes consist of walking, stretching and strength conditioning exercises at a low impact rate. Weights and various other exercise equipment is provided. These classes are free. Both men and women are invited to participate. Please call instructor Pat Messinger at 650-2412 for more information.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, an Aerobics Class is offered from 11:00 a.m.-Noon in the FLC. These classes consist of low impact cardio exercises with strength conditioning - all set to peppy music which will keep you moving! There is plenty of room for more participants! These classes are \$5.00 per session. If you are interested in participating - or signing up as a substitute/part-time instructor for this class, please contact Pastor Kim.

Our Wednesday mornings Hatha Yoga classes are offered in Room 8/10 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Both classes are identical and we are currently full in the 9:30 a.m. class, but we do have openings in our 11:00 a.m. class. If you are interested in the 11:00 a.m. class you can contact Mary Jo Doggett at 712-2932 or if you would like to be put on a waiting list for the 9:30 a.m. class, give Mary Jo a call and she will be happy to put you on the list. Both of these classes are free!



COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Be the hands and feet of Christ. During the 3rd week of August, Surfside UMC has the opportunity to feed the hungry by serving at the Community Kitchen in Myrtle Beach. We need two people per day, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., August 16th-20th. Please call Brenda Richards at 828-4344 if you would like more info. or would like to serve.

**Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."
(John 21:17b)**

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: 8:30 AM Morning Worship
 9:30 AM Fellowship Time
 9:45 AM Church School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 5:30 PM AA Meeting

Monday: 9:45 AM Adult Fitness Class
 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
 6:30 PM Contemporary Band Rehearsal

Tuesday: 9:00 AM Craft Club
 11:00 AM Cardio with Cynthia
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
 6:00 PM Upper Room Living Prayer Hotline
 7:00 PM Grand Strand Harmony Chorus

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Hatha Yoga
 9:45 AM Adult Fitness Class
 10:00 AM Bible Study
 11:00 AM Hatha Yoga
 6:30 PM i-Praise Contemporary Ser

Thursday: 11:00 AM Cardio with Cynthia
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
Friday: 10:00 AM Adult Yoga w/Pat
 5:30 PM AA Meeting

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**Sunday, August 1, 5:00-7:00 PM
 Drop-In Reception
 for new District Superintendent,
 Dickie and Brenda Knight at Aynor UMC**

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1 Holy Communion | 2 Moving Through Grief Class 5:00 | 3 Parsonage Committee 6:30 | 4 | 5 Boy Scouts 7:00 | 6 | 7 Jason's House 2:00 |
| 8 Jason's House 2:00 | 9 South Strand Garden Club 1:00 Moving Through Grief 5:00 Preschool Training 6:30 | 10 | 11 | 12 Boy Scouts 7:00 | 13 | 14 Jason's House 2:00 |
| 15 Jason's House 2:00 | 16 Moving Through Grief 5:00 Finance Committee 6:30 | 17 Marion District Set-up Meeting 9:30 Trustees 6:30 | 18 | 19 UMMen 6:45 Boy Scouts 7:00 | 20 | 21 Jason's House 2:00 |
| 22 Jason's House 2:00 A Service of Healing 6:30 | 23 Horry County Schools Begin Newsletter Articles Due! Moving Through Grief 5:00 Church Council 7:00 | 24 | 25 Spirit Night Begins 5:15 | 26 Boy Scouts 7:00 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Choir Bake Sale 9:30 Jason's House 2:00 | 30 | 31 Collate Newsletter 9:00 | | | | |

YMCA Summer Camp Monday-Friday until August 13; 7:00 AM-6:00 PM in the FLC Youth Room.

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**Church Office Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM,
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM, Friday**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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i-PRAISE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

By the time you receive this newsletter, our i-Praise Contemporary Worship service will be on its 4th week! Praise God! Our i-Praise service is held every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30PM in the church sanctuary.

If you haven't yet worshiped with us for the i-Praise service, here is a little information about "contemporary worship" so that you'll know what to expect, and so you can determine if it's the kind of worship style you would enjoy!

A contemporary worship service includes "praise music". Praise music consists of repetitious, energetic, spirit filled music presented by a praise band, which consists of electric guitars, keyboards, drums, and vocalists. No hymnals are used in a contemporary worship service - all song lyrics are shown on a big screen via a projector.

Contemporary worship also includes much congregational participation. In a contemporary worship service, questions are asked, issues are raised and ideas are shared in which worshipers ARE INVITED and EXPECTED to offer feedback and comments. If you are looking for a worship service in which you can just come and hide and disappear, the i-Praise service is NOT for you!

There are some traditional aspects of worship that are also included in a typical blended contemporary worship service. For example, in our i-Praise service a worship format is followed. As well, in our i-Praise service we have a Children's Sermon time, a time of Offering, and a Prayer and Praise time. All of these "traditional" elements are simply presented in a contemporary style - that is, more casual, less formal, and more interactive.

We are excited to have as our i-Praise band the following participants: Paulo Lopes on Acoustic and Vocals; Robert Blair on Acoustic and Vocals; John Ferguson on Bass and Vocals; Pastor Kim on Drums (no vocals, don't worry!); Nan Jones on Keyboard and Vocals; Teresa Wachter on Vocals and Multi-media; and Leigh Gamble on Vocals. A huge sentiment of thanksgiving and appreciation goes out to these folks for their hard work, and the time and energy they are putting in to make our praise music glorious!

We are still in need of worship participants for the i-Praise service. Thank you to Jeannie Beahm, Ted Kershner, Brenda Richards and Garrett Richards for serving as ushers. And thank you to Harry Altman and Brad Hatway for serving as our Sound System Techs. We could use even more individuals to help, if you feel called to do so. Would you like to usher, or run the Sound Board, or serve as our multi-media specialist - the one who puts together our powerpoint presentations, our song lyric displays and our movie clip segments? If you would like to serve in any of these capacities, please talk to Pastor Kim.