

Surfside United Methodist Church



THE MESSENGER

February 2012



Dear Church Family:

As I write to you I am sitting in my hotel room in Richardson, Texas. I am here for the Large Church Initiative of The United Methodist Church. For the last couple of days I have participated in some powerful worship services, listened to some thought provoking keynote speakers, sat in on four workshops, and enjoyed meeting a number of pastors from all over the US and Canada. This has been one of the best continuing education events of my twenty-four years of pastoral ministry. Let me share with you a couple of the things I have gleaned:

First, the Church – the **Body of Christ** – is alive and well in many places... including right at home in Surfside Beach. Our congregation is an alive and vibrant center for worship, ministry, and mission. We have a lot for which to be thankful. Our congregation is full of people who are serious disciples of Christ and are living out the vows to follow Christ and strengthen Surfside UMC through PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, and WITNESS. Many of you are praying for God to lead and bless and heal our people. A faithful segment keeps the vow to participate in worship regularly. Many of you are faithful to God with the tithe and with additional offerings. A large percentage of our church family is serving God in some way through the ministries of our church. And, some of you are witnessing to others about your relationship with Jesus and you are inviting others to join you for worship. Yet, we can do better. I can do better. I will be working with the staff and leadership of SUMC in the coming days to provide more intentional opportunities for you to learn how to live out your faith as a disciple of the Master.

Second, I have been reminded that my calling is not to grow a “church,” but to help grow the **Kingdom of God**. As your pastor, I will strive to help our congregation embrace the calling of God for us to minister to our community and reach the lost with the love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Third, I have also been reminded that **people matter to God** and should matter to the Church and me. After all, the Church is not bricks and mortar, it is not a place; rather the Church is the people. The Church is not a destination anymore than an airport is a destination. Instead, the Church is a vehicle to help people arrive at the eternal Kingdom of God – now and forever. Plus, we have a responsibility to minister to people who have physical needs. God cares about the poor and we can, too.

And fourth, I need to **focus on that which God has called me to do**. The question was asked today, “What won’t happen that God has specifically called me to do if I don’t do it?” Additionally, as a congregation we can ask, “What will go undone in the Surfside Beach area and beyond if we fail to do what God is calling us to do?” There is no doubt we are doing great things. I invite you to prayerfully consider, “Are the great things we are doing the things that God is calling us to do?”

God bless you in the journey,

Scott H. Wachter

FEBRUARY USHERS

8:30 AM

Ted Kershner (C)
Bill Doggett
David Gover
Ron Sowers

11:00 AM

Chester Abee (C)
Joe Dowling
Gary Livesay
Ronnie Norton

A NOTE FROM THE PARISH PASTOR
ARE YOU A BLESSED BLESSING?

Blessings....what are they? How do they come? What do they do for us? The dictionary defines blessing as....to consecrate or to hallow by a religious rite or words; to make or pronounce holy or sacred. "To bless", however, is not so much to "make sacred", as it is to acknowledge the sacredness that is already there! Just think about it....all of creation is sacred because it is made by God. To bless anything of creation, then, be it a person or an object, is to simply acknowledge the touch of the Creator upon that person or object!

With this perspective, then, wherever we go, or wherever we are, can be a blessing....IF we are aware of the inherent sacredness and beauty of that circumstance! Interestingly enough, "that circumstance" might be.....the heart of another person....or the edge of the ocean at sunset.....or even holding the hands of a grieving person as they share their sadness. Attentiveness to the present moment is essential for a blessing to truly communicate the life and beauty of God to us.

In the Hebrew scriptures, a blessing is perceived to be something that communicates divine life. With this life comes strength, stamina and inner peace. Blessings were often shared by the Jewish people. When they prayed....blessed are you, O God.....they were acknowledging, with gratitude, all that God had done for them.

In the Jewish understanding of blessing, blessings were given for a variety of purposes...to invoke divine care; to pray for someone; to regard another with favor; to bring happiness; to guard, preserve, protect and to keep safe; to give good fortune or satisfaction; and to approve or encourage another. Whenever God blesses, there emerges bountiful life and an abundance of goodness. A wonderful example of this is in the second chapter of Genesis when God blesses Abram and promises with the blessing that Abram will have many descendants...a symbol of the abundance of new life.

Anyone...or anything...that brings good or God-ness into our lives is a blessing. "To bless" is to bring the touch of God...the touch of love and goodness....to another by our presence as well as by our actions.

As most of us know, blessings are not always "feel good", immediate sorts of things.....sometimes, blessings come disguised as temporary pain, struggle and hardship. And it is only later, with hindsight, that we look and see what a gift those times and/or events were for us.

As you think about your blessings in life, I pray that you grow in your awareness of the countless blessings that are yours. As well, I challenge you to be much more aware of how you, yourself, are a blessing in the lives of others by the loving quality of who you are and what you do. And most importantly of all, may we always be aware of, and appreciative for, the Giver of All Blessings!

Pastor Kim

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Good ladies:

Diane Stiles and I were able to attend Officer Training last week in Marion. We learned more about our responsibilities we have toward the UMW of SUMC. We learned of membership roles requirements and how we are to use the money that we raise, both from pledges and fundraisers.

UMW has a purpose to reach young children, outside of our church. In staying with that, we all need to attend at least one game this month of Upward Basketball. We have children from outside of the church that come and play. I ask you to attend one game and encourage a child that you do not know. You could make a difference.

Remember our meeting on Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m. We have a few decisions to make for the New Year. I need your input and vote to carry these through.

"A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump: a God shaped life is a flourishing tree."
 Proverbs 11:28

Have a great day. God Bless.
 Sandy Wetter

UMW General Meeting

Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m.
 in the Fellowship Hall

All ladies of the church are welcome to join us
 and see what we do.



HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will be meeting at noon on Thursday, February 2. Our hostess for the afternoon will be Velva Cline. Following devotions by Pat Stiles, a program will be presented by Elaine Paige. Our study theme for this year is "Guideposts for Living". Visitors are welcome to bring a sandwich and join us.

CARE CIRCLE

Care Circle will meet Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Creek Café in Murrells Inlet. We will be signing up for items needed for our yearly mission of providing first aid kits for the youth mission trip to Salkehatchie.

JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday February 14 at 12:00 p.m. Bee Swartz will be the hostess. Dolorette Chastain will lead the devotions. We will continue the study of the Psalms with Dolorette Chastain. Don't forget to bring baby clothes for Conway Hospital nursery.

MARY BAKER CIRCLE

At our last meeting Ruth Reckling used her laptop, Response Magazine and the Reading Program to show us how our pledge to Mission helps women, children and youth worldwide.

At our next meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall we will be pleased to have Rev. Pat Stiles as our speaker. Hostesses will be Martha McCullough and Doris Shoebridge. Bring a sandwich and join us. All are welcome.

UMW READING PROGRAM

Ladies we have some new books. Read one in each color. Keep Track and earn a certificate. READ Response.

FRIENDLY SENIORS

Friendly Seniors will meet on Tuesday, February 21 in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Bring a covered dish and a friend. Our program will be Bingo--everyone must have a gift that is not suited to their taste, but would be a treasure to someone else. Wrap it up and bring it. Also, bring any books you have read and would like to swap. See you in February.

ADVENTURE TRIP SCHEDULED

Yes, there's a trip coming up on Thursday, February 23. The trip will consist of visiting four churches in the Georgetown area. If you did the church trip several years ago, this trip includes two different ones.

The bus will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. We will have lunch in Georgetown on your own. The cost will be \$10.00 per person for the transportation. The bus will only hold 14, so sign up in a hurry. Call Donna Helton to sign up --651-1695.

Spirit Night Dinner**FEB. 1**

**BEEF STROGANOFF
SALAD BAR
APPLESAUCE
ROLLS & BUTTER
DESSERT
DRINK**

FEB. 8

**ROAST TURKEY/STUFFING
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
BUTTERED CORN
FRUIT COCKTAIL
ROLLS & BUTTER
DESSERT
DRINK**

FEB. 15

**BAKED HAM
MACARONI & CHEESE
PEAS & CARROTS
SLICED PEACHES
ROLLS & BUTTER
DESSERT
DRINK**

FEB. 22

**HAMBURGER STEAK/ONIONS/GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
GREEN BEANS
APPLESAUCE
ROLLS & BUTTER
DESSERT
DRINK**

FEB. 29

**STUFFED SHELLS/MEAT SAUCE
SALAD BAR
FRUIT COCKTAIL
ROLLS & BUTTER
DESSERT
DRINK**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

Thursday, February 23
1:30-6:30 p.m.

Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex beginning February 1st.

Contact Sandy Wetter with questions at 215-1334.

Please sign the sheet if you are planning to donate or volunteer your time.



♪♪♪♪ **CHOIR NOTES** ♪♪♪♪

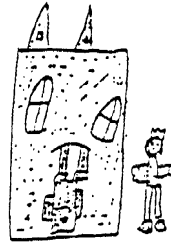
The Spirit Singers participated with 4 choirs from our community in a special service on January 15 sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. The service was held at Church of the Resurrection Episcopal Church and the theme was "A Light for the Nations." Each choir presented an anthem and also joined together for a final anthem, "Behold that Star." The Spirit Singers' selection was "This Little Light of Mine," arranged by Raney.

On Palm Sunday, April 1st, SUMC Spirit Singers and Chamber Orchestra will present Joseph Martin's "The Song Everlasting," a sacred cantata based on early American songs. This cantata tells the story of Christ's ministry among us through hymns, spirituals, and folk songs, using the metaphor of Christ as The Song Everlasting. We are now beginning our preparation of this cantata, and need more singers, especially men. If you are interested in joining us in singing, the cantata rehearsals are 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday nights. Of course, we also welcome new members in singing our anthems for worship services; these are rehearsed 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Please consider joining us for one or both of these rehearsals. You will find that participation in our music ministry is filled with spirit! In the words of an early American poet, "No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to this Hope I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?"

Jubilation Ringers will be ringing for worship services monthly until the summer. Our next ringing date is February 19; one of our selections, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," will show some very unique (and fun!) percussion techniques.

FRIENDLY, SMILING, HAPPY PEOPLE WANTED!!!

SUMC is such a wonderful church family and we want each and every visitor to feel comfortable, supported, and welcomed. Would you be willing to come just a little early to help greet folks as they enter for services? All you need is a welcoming smile and a positive attitude. Currently we are greeting for both services on Sunday but will be adding people for special events. If you can help for any services, please give Evon Gutierrez a call at 651-5305.



Jason's House will begin our 28th season in June. We need 42 disposable cameras and 30 books of stamps. We appreciate your support. Our annual budget is over \$20,000.00. Leave items in the church office or make donations to Jason's House, or contact Elaine Paige at 238-1320. Thank you!



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE TIME FOR FEBRUARY

February 5	Lynn Livesay
February 12	Linda Pagani
February 19	Nan and Rhett Jones
February 26	Yoga Class - Mary Jo Doggett

Thank you to our great volunteers.
Your hospitality makes
our fellowship warm and inviting.

Thank You

George and I would like to express our gratitude for your many cards and expressions of caring during his ongoing illness. Many thanks to Dr. Scott and Rev. Kim for their visits, to the Wednesday morning group for keeping us in prayer, and to Laurie and John Lattin for bringing Laurie's great soups.

~Mary Moller



I want to thank Pastor Scott, Pastor Kim, Sandy Wetter, Debbie Smith, Charlotte Sandel, Nancy Yongue, Elaine Paige, the Mary Baker Circle and all the others who helped make my 99th birthday very special. God has showered me with many blessings and you are some of them.

*With love,
Doris Shoebridge*



Scott, Kim and friends at SUMC: I would like to thank you for your concern, visits, calls, prayers and many beautiful cards during Bob's passing both before and after. His service was comforting and nice.

*Thanks to all of you,
Claudette Webb and Family*

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Psalm 23 pictures life as deeply secure and richly blessed - life lived with an awareness of God's intimate love for us. It speaks to our deepest longings and fears, which may be why we return to this psalm so often. Yet, frequent exposure to it may result in over familiarity. You are invited to join our Wednesday morning Bible study examining Psalm 23, which CONTINUES throughout the month of February. The Wednesday morning study group meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a Bible. Please note: We will NOT meet on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Talk to Pastor Kim for further information.

SMALL GROUP STUDY - YEARNINGS

Yearning for God explores the stories of more than forty faithful individuals, while sharing in an in-depth group discussion with thought-provoking questions. Through our text study and group conversation, we will identify various yearnings in our lives.....and how we can place God Almighty at the center of those yearnings. Our discussions will focus on God's love, grace, forgiveness, and hope...as well as on the comfort, challenge and power of having a vital relationship with the church. YEARNINGS FOR GOD will continue through the month of February. Please talk to Pastor Kim for more details. And please note: Yearnings will NOT meet on February 16th nor on February 23rd.

A STUDY ON WOMEN'S FEARS

Whether it's a constant "what if?" type of worry....being afraid of abandonment or betrayal....fear of trusting God's plan....or many others encountered in the rhythm of our daily lives, author Angie Smith addresses this myriad of fears as she shares stories of others who have simultaneously loved God and struggled with faith. Please join us for this small group study which CONTINUES through the month of February....as we explore the difficult and life-giving questions God asks of those who walk similar roads of fear. WHAT WOMEN FEAR meets each Tuesday at 4:30PM in the Church Parlor. Please note: We will NOT meet on February 21, 2012. Please talk to Pastor Kim for further details.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you have been around SUMC for at least the past year, and/or if you have attended any Church Council meetings, then you have most likely heard the term.....Stephen Ministry....at least once or twice! But have you ever really gotten a full explanation of what Stephen Ministry is? Well, here's an attempt to do just that....

Stephen was one of the first lay people commissioned by the Apostles to provide ministry (Acts 6). Stephen Ministry, then, describes the steps a congregation follows to implement a caring ministry system....the Stephen Ministry.

More than 11,000 congregations are enrolled in Stephen Ministry. These congregations represent more than 150 denominations, and come from all 50 United States, 10 Canadian provinces, and 24 other countries! Stephen Ministry congregations range from fewer than 100 members to more than 10,000!

Stephen Leaders are pastors AND lay people who direct the Stephen Ministry in their congregation. Stephen Leaders attend a one-week Leader's Training Course where they learn how to effectively lead their congregation's Stephen Ministry. At these trainings, Stephen Ministers receive Christian caregiving training and then go on to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care to hurting people. Each Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time with whom they meet once a week.

Stephen Ministers provide high quality, one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing a variety of crises or life challenges....people who are experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, disabilities, loneliness, spiritual crisis or other life struggles.

Studies have shown, repeatedly, that Stephen Ministry deepens, expands and extends the caregiving capacity of a congregation. A team of Stephen Ministers, together with a Pastor, can provide ongoing care to more people than the Pastor ever could alone. Most congregations begin with two to four Stephen Leaders, often including a Pastor.

SUMC has financially committed to becoming a Stephen Ministry church in 2012. Now we need the commitment of INDIVIDUALS who wish to become part of this vital ministry. If you are interested in serving in Stephen Ministry in ANY way....even if you cannot make the commitment to be a trained Stephen Minister....please contact Pastor Kim. We would love to have you become a part of this invaluable ministry of compassion and care.

MISSIONS at SURFSIDE UMC

Blood Mobile	Sandy Wetter (843) 215-1334
Boys & Girls Club of Myrtle Beach	Chris Conness (843) 477-8888
Children's Ministries	Charlotte & Brian Ebaugh (843) 602-2588
Christmas Angel Tree	Children's Ministries
Community Kitchen	Brenda Richards (843) 828-4344
Correspond w/College Students	Trish Brunko (843) 651-1034 & Paulo Lopes (859) 327-5763
Correspond w/Service Personnel	Dave Brunko (843) 651-1034
Epworth Children's Center	Nancy Yongue (843) 238-2958
Foreign Missions Teams	Scott Wachter (843) 831-0174
Help 4 KIDS	Chris Conness (843) 477-8888
Host Missions Teams	Dave Brunko (843) 651-1034
Jason's House	Elaine Paige (843) 238-1320
Liason to a Missionary	
Mobile Meals	Nancy Yongue (843) 238-2958 & Sallie Crowley (843) 650-0181
Operation Christmas Child	Pam Zmeiske (518) 857-8969 & Brenda Richards (843) 828-4344
Salkehatchie	Bill Gullede (843) 215-2079
South Strand Helping Hand	Brenda Richards (843) 828-4344 & Judy Thomas (843) 650-4620
Super Bowl Caring	Chris Conness (843) 477-8888
Thanksgiving Dinner	
Upper Room Living Prayer Hotline	Art Chamberlain (843) 238-8448
Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Children's Ministries
Winter Coat Drive	Chris Conness (843) 477-8888 & Brenda Richards (843) 828-4344

Missions/Scents for Soldiers-Purpose: Supporting our wounded warriors, Walter Reed, Ft. Mead, Camp Lejeune. Created to bring much needed items to the wounded soldiers in Walter Reed Medical Center to provide a relaxing and warm environment for our wounded soldiers during their recovery by providing simple "Wish List" items. Our goal in the coming months is to collect wish list items to be delivered to Walter Reed. Stay tune for more details. For information contact Dave Brunko at 651-1034/scentsforsoldiers.org. Because freedom isn't free!

South Strand Helping Hand - Thank You to all who returned the Yellow GAMAM bags with non perishable food items to help stock the SSHH food pantry. They went a long way in adding meals during the holidays for many needy families in our area. We will continue to collect food items for SSHH on a monthly basis. You can find the suggested menu in the Newsletter, in the Sunday Bulletin and in the Yellow Bags we hand out. The first Sunday of the month will be Food Sunday, the day to bring your yellow bags in with your donations. You may leave them up against a wall in the Narthex. We will re-use the bags every month.

GIVE A MEAL A MONTH ~ February's Menu ~

Boxed "Baked" meal
Green Beans (canned)
Peaches (canned)
Cake Mix
Optional items: Bottle of Juice, pack-
age Toilet Paper

Please return food and bag on
Sunday, February 5!

The United Methodist Men are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for February 4 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. This dinner is to support the SUMC Cub Pack 853. Tickets are \$6.00 and will be sold by the Pack members and the UMM.



CRAFT CLUB

We wish to thank you for your support of Van II. We were able to add over \$400.00 to the fund. Easter candy will be ready the end of March. Be ready for a full range Easter Eggs. Hope to sell enough to beat our Christmas sales. See you then.

WORSHIP ANNOUCEMENTS

The Worship Committee had a long conversation about our Sunday morning worship services and the place of announcements. This concern was shared with Pastor Scott. The decision has been made that the time of announcements be minimized (emphasizing new ministries while recognizing that most of our offerings are well promoted in the bulletin and newsletter) and moved prior to the beginning of the worship services. Therefore, beginning with the first Sunday of February, we will have our announcements before the Call to Worship.

Additionally, so that time can be appropriately budgeted for special announcements, persons wishing to make an announcement in worship need to make a request by Wednesday at noon. On Sundays with Communion, Baptisms, or other special observances, time may not be available. Please submit your requests to the Church Office with the requested date(s) and the amount of time needed.

Thank you for your understanding of the need to properly plan for and protect our times for worship.



EXERCISE CLASSES



You are invited to join any of our separate exercise classes offered at 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. Both men and women are invited to participate. These classes are taught by Pat Messinger, An Active Older Fitness Instructor with over 10+ years experience. A contribution (in any amount) will be greatly appreciated with 10% tithe to the Church. Please call Pat Messinger at 843-650-2412 for more information.

Hatha Yoga meets every Wednesday in Room 8/10 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM and from 11:00 AM to 12 noon. Both classes are identical and are FREE. All you need is to bring a mat or beach towel, water and wear comfortable clothes.. Now that the holidays are over why not come and join us to get back into shape. We learn poses, stretching and breathing exercises and deep relaxation. Hatha yoga is about Mind, Body, and Spirit working together to bring inner peace. If you are interested contact Mary Jo Doggett at 712-2932

Every Friday at 9:45 a.m. in Room 8/10, "Yoga Exercise with Pat." The class consists of Yoga poses geared for the Older Adult ("sitting and standing" only.) The Yoga breathing and poses will increase your balance, stretch your muscles in a gentle manner, you will feel more relaxed, enable you to sleep better and to cope with stress better. This class is taught by Pat Messinger, An Active Older Adult Fitness Instructor with over 10+ years experience. A contribution (in any amount) will be greatly appreciated with 10% tithe to the Church. Please call Pat Messinger at 843-650-2412 for more information.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

Dear Church Family,

I would like to start by thanking those of you that came to our Chick-Fil-A spirit night in January. As always a pleasure to see you and a BIG thank you for coming out to support our children and staff in the Child Development Center. Our next spirit night is scheduled for March 8 at the Surfside Chick-Fil-A from 6:00-8:00 p.m. You can dine in or use the drive thru and we will receive 10% of the proceeds!

Registration is this month for the upcoming school year. Keep your eye on the bulletin for the specifics. We have our summer program in the works and will be registering for that as well.

I would like to welcome Christopher Groce (in our 4 year old class) and his mom, Jessica and his dad, Ed to SUMC as our newest members!



Stacey Cleveland



WEDNESDAY SPIRIT NIGHT STUDY

The New Again Bible Study offered every Wednesday night in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30PM-7:30PM is intended to help believers discover new truths about the Bible, especially about the Bible's role and power in outreach. Our classes include group discussion opportunities, in-depth Bible study, thought-provoking stories, supplemental quotes, along with times for reflection and prayer. The New Again study will continue through the month of February...however, we only have 2 WEEKS LEFT! New Again will meet February 1st and February 8th. There will be NO study February 15th nor February 22nd. On February 29th, Pastor Kim will offer a brand new study on Wednesday evenings in conjunction with the Lenten season. Please look for details of this new study in upcoming Sunday bulletins. Talk to Pastor Kim for further details.

PARSONAGE VIEWING

Please remember that the Surfside Parsonage remains open for tours! In January, a couple of different groups took tours through the Parsonage. If you have a desire to see the beautiful renovations completed last February, please call Pastor Kim to set up an appointment. Individuals and groups are welcome!



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Did you know that Prayer Shawls are knit together for people who are coping with grief and/or illness? Those who knit the shawls pray for the recipients every time they pick up their needles to knit! Then, the finished shawls are laden with prayers and a blessing as they are brought to the altar during morning worship. These final prayer blessings are meant to provide each recipient with comfort...along with wrapping them in a tangible presence of prayer and caring straight from the Surfside UMC family! If you knit, you are invited to create a shawl (s) to donate to Surfside's Prayer Shawl Ministry. We so appreciate all of those who have....and continue to donate prayer shawls on a regular basis! If you would like more information about SUMC's Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Pastor Kim.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Dear Church Family,

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:6-8)

I begin my note to you this month with Paul's guidelines for personal responsibility because the Children's Ministry is seeking those of you that have the gift of working with children. God has given each of us a spiritual gift! We are asking that if any of you have the gift of working with our little ones in any capacity, that you would please step forward and invest your spiritual gift and serve passionately for the glory of God and His Kingdom.

The Barna Group Ltd., which has conducted Christian research for more than twenty years, commented, "Recent studies show that the beliefs a person holds at age 13 vary little during their adult years." Barna's research also discovered that a person's moral foundations are generally in place by the time they reach age 9, and that a personal decision to follow Christ is made before the age of 18."

As you can see, it is crucial to work with children/youth and teach them about Jesus on a real level, on their level, so that they will ultimately grow into a deep and intimate relationship with Christ. Currently our Children's Ministry is without a team and we desire to fulfill God's plan & purpose for this ministry but are unable to achieve God's call for excellence without help from those of you who are called to work with us. We have a wonderful and priceless opportunity to contribute, to share wisdom & faith with our little ones who are the future of SUMC. If you feel so lead to work with the Children's Ministry, please pray about in which area you should serve. Together, we can make a difference & plant seeds for God's kingdom so that these children can be prepared to be bright lights shining for Christ in this world.

We have many opportunities that you can minister to children in a time frame that will work for you! We currently meet on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, & Wednesday evenings. In addition to our Children's Church & Fellowship, we also have a need for teacher assistants in our Sunday School program in order to help the teachers and to meet Safe Sanctuary requirements. There truly are countless opportunities within our ministry for your gifts, such as teaching, assisting, encouraging, missions, decorating, crafts, organizing events/trips, praying, and the list goes on & on.

I leave you with this... "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6) It is a great honor to be a part of that training, please come and join us if you feel so lead.

Abundant Blessings to each of you,
Charlotte



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: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 9:00 AM Art Class
 9:00-12:00 Mother's Morning Out
 9:45 AM Adult Fitness Class
 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
 6:00 PM Contemporary Band Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Huff and Buff Basketball
 7:00 PM Bell Choir
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
 8:00 PM Parenting Teenagers Group

Tuesday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 9:00 AM Craft Club
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
 6:00 PM Upper Room Living
 Prayer Hotline
 6:00-8:00 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Grand Strand
 Harmony Chorus

Wednesday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 9:00-12:00 Mother's Morning Out
 9:00 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Hatha Yoga
 9:45 AM Adult Fitness Class
 10:00 AM Bible Study-Psalm 23
 11:00 AM Hatha Yoga
 11:00 AM CDC Chapel

Wed. cont. 5:30 PM Spirit Night Dinner
 6:30 PM i-Praise Worship-Sanctuary
 6:45 PM Spirit Singers Rehearsal

Thursday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 4:00 PM Spiritual Development Group
 5:30 PM AA Meeting
 6:30 PM Huff and Buff Basketball

Friday: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM CDC
 9:00-12:00 Mother's Morning Out
 10:00 AM Adult Yoga w/Pat
 5:30 PM AA Meeting



February 2012



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Sat

			<p>1 New Again Bible Study 6:30 The Truth Project 6:30 How We Got Our Bibles Study 6:30</p>	<p>2 Marion District Clergy Gathering 9:00-5:00 Hope Circle 12:00 Upward Basketball Practice 5:00-8:00 Girl Scouts 6:00</p>	<p>3 Cub Scouts 6:00</p>	<p>4 Upward Games 8:00-3:00 UMW General Meeting 10:00 Cub Scouts Weigh-in for Pinewood Derby 4:00 UMM Sponsored Spaghetti Dinner for Cub Scouts 5:00-7:00</p>
<p>5 Cub Scout Pine-wood Derby 1:00 UMCF 5:00-6:30 UMYF 5:00-7:00</p>	<p>6 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-7:00 Boy Scout Troop 853 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00 Committee Meeting 6:29</p>	<p>7 What Women Fear 4:30 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-8:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00</p>	<p>8 Mary Baker Circle 10:30 New Again Bible Study 6:30 The Truth Project 6:30 How We Got Our Bibles Study 6:30</p>	<p>9 Mobile Meals 9:15 Yearnings Grow Group 4:30 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-8:00 Pack Leaders Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>10 Cub Scouts 6:00</p>	<p>11 Upward Games 8:00-3:00 Valentine's Dinner & Dance 7:00</p>
<p>12 Scouting Sunday UMCF 5:00-6:30 UMYF 5:00-7:00</p>	<p>13 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-7:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00</p>	<p>14 Joy Circle 12:00 What Women Fear 4:30 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-8:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00</p>	<p>15 The Truth Project 6:30 How We Got Our Bibles Study 6:30</p>	<p>16 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-8:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Pack Meeting 6:00 UMMen 6:45</p>	<p>17 Cub Scouts 6:00</p>	<p>18 Upward Games 8:00-3:00 Memorial Service for Lillian Rowlett 2:00</p>
<p>19 Jubilation Ringers at both services UMCF 5:00-6:30 UMYF 5:00-7:00</p>	<p>20 Newsletter Articles Due! Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-7:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00</p>	<p>21 Friendly Seniors 12:00 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-8:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00</p>	<p>22 The Truth Project 6:30 How We Got Our Bibles Study 6:30</p>	<p>23 Adventure Trip 8:30 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30-6:30 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-8:00</p>	<p>24 Cub Scouts 6:00</p>	<p>25 Upward Games 8:00-3:00 Grand Strand Harmony Chorus Coaching Session 8:30-3:00</p>
<p>26 UMCF 5:00-6:30 UMYF 5:00-7:00 A Service of Healing 5:30</p>	<p>27 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-7:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00</p>	<p>28 Collate Newsletter 9:00 What Women Fear 4:30 Upward Basketball Practices 5:00-8:00 Cub Scouts 5:30-7:00 Quest Circle 7:00</p>	<p>29 Come Thirsty Lenten Study 6:30 The Truth Project 6:30 How We Got Our Bibles Study 6:30</p>			

FEBRUARY



Matt Abee	1
Evan Livesay	1
Caroline May	1
Sarah Danikas	2
Linda Gillespie	2
Monica Kelly	2
Joal Wray	2
Everett Culler	3
Brad Hatoway	3
Sandy Rivenbark	3
Haley Altman	4
Josh Dowling	4
Kristen Wadsten	4
Eddie Brady	5
Wesley DuRant	5
Paul Edwards	5
Karen Robinson	5
Courtney Bourque	6
Drew Gaddy	6
Evelyn Cockey	7
Angela Hancock	7
Lauren Morell	7
Lindsey Morell	7
Sara Saunders	7
Julie Warner	7
Lindsay Baldrige	8
Eddie Caulfield	8
Brandon Meredith	8
Mike Miller	8
Rachel Ramsbottom	8
Cole McGowan	9
Debbie Robinson	9
Ann Smith	9
Aaron Austin	10
Paula Butler	10
Lea Daniel	10
Liana Huber	10
Carolyn Urick	10
Michael Culler	11
Lacy Danikas	11
Christy Dill	12

Beverly Harris	12
Teri O'Connor	12
Jack O'Quinn	12
Julia Askins	13
Karen Danikas	13
Melanie Martin	13
Larissa Madill	14
Mickey Potts	14
Oliver Brown	15
Terry Senior	15
Katie Smith	15
Jane Wolff	15
Mark Rogers	16
Janice Simpson	16
Patsy Eubanks	17
Grant Tuttle	17
David Reid	19
Jasmine Cantrell	20
Jack Jordan	20
Donna Logan	20
Elizabeth Taylor	20
Maren Baxley	21
Chris Ferguson	21
Susan Griffin	21
Avery Lienemann	21
Maddie Martin	21
Janet Beckley	22
Angela O'Brien	22
Harvey Purcell	22
Betty White	22
Kelly Williams	22
Maddie Keller	23
Joyce Shifren	23
Brent Weiss	23
John Leggett	24
Mary Jane Miller	25
Hattie Thacher	25
Trip Tuck	25
Jackie Dill	26
Martha McCullough	26
Sam Miller	26
Wanda Richards	26
Peyton Henley	27
Barbara Ramsbottom	27
Bud France	28
Stephen Frederick	28
David Hock	28
Chris Seebach	28
Lauren Shepler	30

Anniversaries
to
Celebrate



Robert and Doris Trushel	2
Bob and Peggy Ward	5
Joe and Kathy Dowling	6
Scott and Angela O'Brien	9
Bud and Ann Marie Barton	10
Duane and Krista Branum	13
Rick and Bonnie Neal	14
Bob and Betty Lang	17
Doug and Mildred Norman	22
Scott and Belinda McKee	23
Steve and Karen Welch	25
Howard and Dee Brunko	26
Donald and Lisa Terry	27

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February 11, 2012

7:00 PM

You are invited to join us for good food, fellowship, and dancing! Nursery will be provided. We will also hold a silent auction that will help purchase our second church bus. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and are on sale in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and on Wednesdays during Spirit Night Dinner. We hope to see you there!