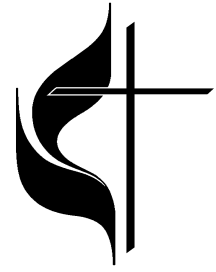


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## WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

We had 28 youth and 6 adults to travel to Sevierville, Tenn. for a time away. It was a wonderful, fulfilling and to some a challenging time. We arrived around 8:30 PM on Friday night. We checked into our condos and went to see the indoor water park. Needless to say the youth and adults were very excited about the park. While we were in the condos before bedtime, we divided into cooking and cleaning groups for each mealtime. Saturday morning we got up, had a wonderful breakfast, and went to the water park. There were all kinds of slides, hot tub, wave pool and the flow rider (surfboard ride). We stayed at the park till noon. After lunch we went to Laurel's Fall for a 1.3-mile hike. The hike was great and guess what, it was straight up the mountain. Some marched on like true



hikers, others a bit slower and even others stopped along the way to enjoy the view and rest a little. We would meet people coming down on our way up, and of course when we thought we were about there, they would say, "You are maybe half way." We would take a deep breath and continue. After the hike we drove to Gatlinburg and let the youth walk on the streets and get fudge. A Youth Convention was going on, so there were hundreds of other youth there. We returned back to the condo with Debbie and Ashley preparing spaghetti for us. After dinner some went back to the water park.

I would like to explain the statement; to some it was a challenge. We had **SURVIVOR-SEVIERVILLE**. We divided the youth into the four survivor groups. They were the Hatfields, McCoys, Partons, and Presleys. Each group was given a different color bandana. Sunday morning each of our Survivor groups helped in the Worship Service. We had music, prayer, offering, sermon and benediction. We used the scripture I Corinthians 12:12-31, One Body, Many Parts. All the youth did a wonderful job singing and praising God. Maylik read the scripture. Some of us were going to follow along in our Bibles, but when he spoke with such power and authority, we just listened to the word. The offering was, each of us closing our eyes and thinking of things that we needed to give to God. Then they passed a colander around and we imagined we were placing the things we wanted to give to God in the colander to be made clean. The sermon was a skit on how if one person doesn't do their part, then everything is not complete. We closed with the UMYF Benediction. It is amazing, how several years ago I introduced the Benediction to our youth, and now most of them know it by heart. After the service we went to the water park for Survivor-Sevierville. The youth had several tasks they had to complete. They received points for their accomplishments. One of the tasks was to ride the Flow Rider and stay on for 15 seconds. All of our youth tried to ride the surfboard and several received points. They received extra points if they did a trick and it was voted the best. Lisa, Susan, Donald and myself were the judges as Debbie and Al counted the seconds. The lifeguards asked the youth if they were a youth group, and he said he felt like he was being a part of Survivor, and they told him he was. Another challenge was to

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ride a water slide that involved 4 people. Only one from our group could be on the ride, and they had to invite people they did not know to ride with them. It was a great success and they got to meet a lot of new people. Monday we gave the youth a choice of opportunities. Some went shopping, others indoors skydiving, and others just stayed at the condo to play games. After lunch most went to the water park. Monday night we had our regular Bible Study "Follow". We had 4 youth from Hillsborough to join us. These 4 were a part of getting to know new people on the water slide event in survivor. We were very happy to have them join us.

This weekend was a blessing for me and I hope for all that attended. Most of the time I come back tired, lose my voice, and ready to be alone, but not this time. I was energized by the experience and I still have my voice. Thank you Dr. Bandy and Debbie for the opportunity to have such a wonderful weekend. Thank you youth for being the best youth group ever.

If you would like to see pictures of our trip, we will be showing a slideshow and video at our next fellowship supper. Come and enjoy the food and great entertainment.

Peggy

**AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

February 7, 2010

**THE SHARED WORD: Rev Dr. David Greene**  
**"Covenant"**

Genesis 12:1-3, 17:1-8

**CARE MINISTRY *Valentine Cards***

Share your love with the church's homebound members by sending them Valentine cards! Simply pick up a list of names from the table located in the entrance of the Education Building and then return your cards to the labeled gift bags by **Sunday, February 7**. Thank you for remembering these special friends!

Jackie Bandy	Joyce Dixon	Margie Powell
Marnice Beaman	Doris Elliott	Lib Preston
Hon Benton	Bertie Feinstein	Frances Raymer
Frances Bost	Katheryn Goble	Helen Raymer
Doris Bridges	Dorcas Gomedela	Michael Rhyne
Rachel Carter	Doris Gordon	Mildred Rhyne
Nell Cashion	Mary Hewitt	Marie Robinson
Harper Cilley	Helen James	Bob Russell
Ann Cook	Pauline Lee	Lois Snipes
Mildred Corn	Willie Ruth Matheson	Lib Wykes
Odessa Crews	Martha McPherson	Tim Wykes
Willie Dellinger	Ruth Mitchell	Lucille Yeager

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**\* February 7-13, 2010 \***

SUN.	7:30	United Methodist Men
	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	2:00	Preschool Board Meeting
	4:00	Care Ministry Meeting
MON.	9:00	Preschool
	6:00	N-C Women's Club
	7:00	Youth Praise Band
TUES.	9:00	Preschool
	9:00-12:30	Gomedela Room Reserved
	9:30	Pacemakers
	6:30	Griefshare
	7:00	Disciple I
WED.	6:45	Prayer Breakfast
	9:00	Preschool
	3:10	Kids for Christ
	6:00	Fellowship Dinner
	6:00	Praise Team
	6:30	Adult Handbells
	7:30	Chancel Choir
THURS.	9:00	Preschool
	1:00	Prayer Shawl
FRI.	9:00	Preschool
	7:00	United Single Adults (USA) F. Hall

**UNITED SINGLE ADULTS (USA)** will begin meeting twice a month, the second and fourth Fridays, at 7:00 p.m. More information about upcoming meetings will be in next week's newsletter.

**THE PACEMAKERS** will be traveling to Mooresville to see Rev. Amy Freeze on Tuesday, February 9th leaving the church at 9:30 a.m.

**UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** will **not** meet on February 15th.

**NEEDED!! A FEW GOOD MEN**

We are in need of a few good men who are willing to spend an hour or two with some male youth. The young men need a positive male in their lives. You could take them bowling, fishing, to the mall or what ever the two of you together decide. It may be just going to get ice cream. Would you please contact Peggy at 464-8422 or 336-940-7246 if you are interested. These young guys really need you in their lives. I have been praying about this and I hope you will join me. If I don't hear from you soon, I may call on you. Thank you for all your support and help in our youth ministry here at First UMC.

**THE UNITED METHODIST MEN** will hold their monthly breakfast meeting this Sunday, February 7th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church, members and visitors, are invited and encouraged to come. If however, the early services are cancelled due to inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled as well.

**HOSPITAL REPORT:**

Dot Feimster is recovering at home following outpatient surgery last Monday.

Kirsten Setzer and Tommi Anderson are both at home following treatment and tests last week.

Sam Irby is in the clinic at Abernethy Laurels.

Helen Raymer has been receiving treatment at Palliative Care.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Pray For:**

Ryan Fitzgerald  
Dot Feimster  
Jerry McGee  
Tommi Anderson  
Kirsten Setzer  
George Deal  
Pat Kincaid  
Sam Irby  
Helen Raymer

**Requested By:**

Peggy Correll  
Harriett Wyatt  
Merv McGee  
Amy Cable  
Peggy Correll  
Shelley Hayes  
Harriett Wyatt  
Friends  
Friends

**MEMORIAL RECEIVED RECENTLY**

**Renovation Fund:**

**Dr. Allen H. Bandy, Sr.**

Jack & Pat Gantt

**2010 FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

A list of Family Activities for 2010 is printed on the back of the February calendar which is included with this newsletter. It lists the dates, activities, events and the persons responsible through the end of the year. Please post this information at a convenient place so that you can refer to it as the months go by.

**LENTEN PRAYER PARTNERS  
FOR THE SEASON OF LENT**

We will be having new prayer partners for the season of Lent. We will pair up an adult with a child or youth for 40 days of Lent, beginning Feb. 17th. Each pair will have 2 mailbags in the covered breezeway between the buildings upstairs. The mailbags are for letters of encouragement, prayers, and positive communication across the ages. Adults will be given the name of their partner, but we want the adults to remain anonymous until Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday we will have a church wide spring event to reveal partners and share in a fun filled day of fellowship, egg hunts, and more at Greg and Beth Phillips' farm. If you would like to become a prayer partner, please fill in the insert in any bulletin this Sunday or on line. Fill in a separate insert for every member of your family and remember this is a short-term commitment for every age of our church.

**2010 ACOLYTES AND CROSS BEARERS**

Children in grades 2-5 are welcome to serve as acolytes during the 11 a.m. church service and children in grades 6-8 are cross bearers. We are developing the 2010 acolyte and cross bearer schedule. We have the following children who have volunteered to serve the church in this way for 2010:

Morgan and Alex Butler, Ben and Rolen Benson, Hannah Lowder, Kasey Boger, Hope Cable, Annecy and Haleigh White, Chandler and Damion Setzer, Jarrett and Alex Mull, Caroline and Charlie Smith, Ethan, Elizabeth, and Evan Branton, Chase Boston, Will and Megan Johnson, Amy Bandy, Elizabeth and Carter Greene, Will and Alex Yoder, Hunter Bray, Erin Killian, Erin Kelley, and Reece Peacock.

If there are other children that would like to be acolytes or cross bearers or children on this list that no longer want to serve in this role, contact Donna Mull at 466-1556 or [donna\\_mull@ncsu.edu](mailto:donna_mull@ncsu.edu).

The following children are scheduled to serve as acolytes and cross bearers for February:

Feb. 7th: Jarrett and Alex Mull

Feb. 14th: Caroline and Charlie Smith

Feb. 21st: Ethan Branton (no cross bearer during Lent)

Feb. 38th: Evan Branton (no cross bearer during Lent)

**LADIES LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS  
Wednesday, February 17, 12:00 p.m.**

Cost: \$6.00

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER RESERVATIONS**

**February 10, 6:00 p.m.**

Hosts: New Life Class

Menu: Spiral Sliced Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole,  
Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

First United Methodist Church  
2010  
Family Activities

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Activity or Event</u>	<u>Person(s) Responsible</u>
Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kick-off for Lenten Partners	Debbie Bandy
Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sims BBQ	Al Bandy
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Festival (Egg Hunt) To be held at Greg & Beth Phillips farm	Lisa Martin
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mother/Child Luncheon	Kristy Smith
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Emerald Pointe	Peggy Correll
July 12-16	Camp Carolwood Day Camp For Rising 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> graders	Amy Cable
July 25-29	Vacation Bible School	Cindy Boger Rhonda Pawlik Debbie Bandy
August 6-13	Wilderness Trail	Willis Greene
August 29	Back to School Luau	Kim Boston Jill Sias Mark & Caroline
October 10	Fall Festival To be held at Clarence & Gaye Hood's Farm	Cindy Boger Lisa Johnson Gayle Lowder
October 17	Children's Sunday	Kristy Smith
October 17	Crop Walk	Willis Greene
November 28	Kick-off for Advent Partners	Debbie Bandy
December 5	Children's Christmas Play	Cindy Boger Lisa Johnson
December 12	Youth Dinner Theatre	Lisa Martin Susan Hunsucker
December 19	Birthday Party for Jesus	Debbie Bandy Dawn Martin
December 19	Christmas Caroling	Willis Greene

**YOUTH SCHEDULE****SUN., Feb. 7** NO YOUTH—SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**SUN., Feb. 14** Middle School Youth—4:00-5:30 PM  
Senior High Youth—5:00-6:30 PM**SUN., Feb. 21** 1:00-2:30 PM Bowling at Pin Station**SUN., Feb. 28 & SUN., March 7:** Regular Youth**March 12-14:** Camp Hanes (No Youth that Sunday)**NEWS FROM PEGGY:****CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION**

I have received very few calls about CCC. No one can be added after I send in the registration form and I will be mailing it in very soon. The week will be June 13. The age for youth to attend is rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please call me this week if your youth wants to go.

**ATTENTION****PARENT'S OF MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

I am so proud of our all our youth. Our Middle School Youth group is growing and this is wonderful. I believe everyone enjoys our time together. Middle School Youth is over at 5:30 PM. I need parents to pick their youth up by then so I can start my time with our Senior High Youth. So, parents, pick your youth up at 5:30 PM. Thank you for all you do and most of all for your support.

**ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL-February 7, 2010***"Occupations In Bible Times"*4 Years: **Movie**Grades K-1: **Art**Grade 2-3: **Drama**Grades 4-5: **Cookery****Teachers: January 10-February 28, 2010**

Storytelling: Caroline Sitzer Art: Susan Reinhardt

Drama/Games: Lisa Johnson/Gayle Lowder

Cookery: Cindy Boger/Terra Butler

Music: Debbie Bandy

Movie: Rhonda Pawlik Computer: Gina &amp; Scott King

Science: Michelle White/Amy White

**TEACHERS FOR ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our teachers for Rotation Sunday School teach 4 Sundays out of 8 Sundays. This means they teach a month and are off a month. The schedule allows our teachers to also attend an Adult Sunday School Class. We are in need of a few more teachers to substitute or be a regular teacher. Our classes are: COOKING, MOVIE, MUSIC, ART, SCIENCE, STORYTELLING, COMPUTER AND DRAMA/GAMES. Many of you have talents in these areas. Please contact Peggy if you would like to help with the children. You will be the one that is blessed.