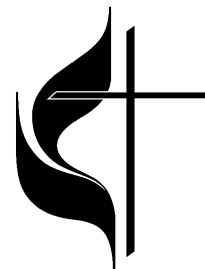


THE

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WORD



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Two mice out for an evening stroll were discussing their preferences for various types of cheeses. When they rounded a corner they were confronted by a huge, hungry cat! "Ah, lunch," thought the cat as he spied the mice.

Just about the time that the cat was getting ready to pounce, one of the mice barked at the cat! The cat was so startled that he immediately turned and ran off. At that point, the mouse who barked turned to his walking companion and said, "In times like these, it's nice to know a second language.

Christians have a second language. It's the language of Holy Scripture. It's the language of hope over despair, caring over apathy, service over selfishness, and love over hate. It's the language we use when we are at our best. The problem is that we too often forget our second language.

The season of Lent is a wonderful time to once again immerse ourselves in our second language. Find some time in the days ahead to read through one of the gospels and meet Jesus again. Allow the Bible to speak to you by reminding you who you are and to whom you belong.

See you Sunday, David

LAY SPEAKER TRAINING

The Basis and Advance Lay Speaker training sessions will be held, April 11th and 25th at First United Methodist Church, Conover. The April 11th training session will begin at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. The April 25th training session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Those who are interested in Certification/Recertification are encouraged to attend and become part of this important ministry. If you are a certified lay speaker whose certification is more than three years old, please plan to attend the Advanced sessions.

There will be a \$30 registration fee, payable in advance, to the Statesville District UMC, which includes the cost of materials. Early registration will ensure having an adequate number of study materials. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Remember, certification requires participation on both Sundays.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended to Frances Raymer and family following the death of her sister, Helen Raymer on Saturday, February 27th at Abernethy Laurels.

Children's Choir, Cherub Choir and Children's Chimes

Sunday, March 7th, the children's music groups will present melody and song for the 11:00 AM Worship Service. These groups practice each week as a part of our Kids For Christ program, Wednesday afternoons. I am so very proud of our children for all of their hard work and for sharing their talents with us. They are such a blessing to me! If your child is involved, but unable to attend March 7th, please let me know so that other arrangements can be made.

Thank you! Kristy Smith 465-6160

COMING SOON!!!!
SPRING FLING FOR
ALL AGES—MARCH 28

More details in weeks to come.
Keep your eyes open. You do not
want to miss this!!!

AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

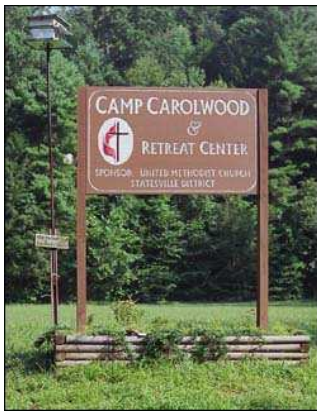
March 7, 2010

THE SHARED WORD: Rev Lara "Willis" Greene
"Incarnation"
John 1:1-18

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) are invited to the UMM District Rally on Sunday, **March 7th** at 7:00 a.m. at Abernethy Memorial UMC, Newton. **The speaker will be Ned Jarrett.**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

DAY CAMP AT CAMP CAROLWOOD



Our church is sponsoring Day Camp at Camp Carolwood this summer during the week of July 12-16, 2010. Camp runs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for rising 1st - 4th graders. We have the church van reserved to carpool from the church parking lot for our campers. Cost is \$105 and registration is due by May 15. Please see Amy Cable for more information (294-4811). All forms are available

on the church website at www.fumcnewtonnc.org. We still need a few adult volunteers, so if you are available to help for a day or the whole week or could donate some snack or craft items, please contact Amy.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, February 28, 2010

Attendance: 8:45 a.m. 89 11:00 a.m. 154
Sunday School 149 9:00 a.m. Praise Service 76

Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$11,189.15
	Prayer Breakfast	13.25
	Preschool Donation	468.00
	Hunger Fund	40.00
	Renovation Fund	<u>40.00</u>
		\$11,750.40

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00
Budget Needs as of 2/28/10	\$98,667.00
Contributions Received as of 2/28/10	82,052.00
Under Budget for Year	-\$16,615.00

PARENTS OF KIDS FOR CHRIST are reminded to send \$1 each week for snacks. Thank you!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

* March 7-13, 2010 *

SUN.	7:00	UMM at Abernethy UMC
	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	4:00-6:30	ALL Youth
	4:00	Evangelism Committee
MON.	9:00	Preschool
	5:30	Gomedela Room Reserved
	6:00	N-C Women's Club
	7:00	Youth Praise Band
TUES.	9:00	Preschool
	9:00-12:30	Gomedela Room Reserved
	7:00	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
	9:00-2:00	Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Reserved
	1:00	Prayer Shawl
FRI.	9:00	Preschool
	7:00	United Single Adults (USA)
SAT.	12:00-3:00	Fellowship Hall Reserved
FRI.-SUN.		Camp Hanes Retreat for Youth

PACEMAKERS WILL NOT MEET THIS MONTH!!!

STATESVILLE DISTRICT—Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster will be visiting our district on Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet our bishop and to hear about some of his hopes and dreams for the Western North Carolina Conference. This event will take place at Monticello UMC in Statesville.

INFORMATION TO CONTACT PEGGY

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Mocksville, NC 27028

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336-940-7246 (cell)

RECENT VISITORS:

Jack M. Sigmon, Sharon Walker, Kay & Charlie Wade,
Burt Hoage, Vicki & Ken Clark, Chris Miller,
Joey, Carolyn, Jackson, Jake & Drew Lamb,
Morgan & Julie Williams, Karen Faust Stryeski



PRESCHOOL AND PEGGY
SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

Here at our Preschool and in the community, we had a need. I asked you to consider helping and you came through so greatly. I just want to say “Thank You” and I pray God blesses you as you have blessed this young child and mother. Thanks again. Peggy

HONORARIUMS

Sherrill and Mary Anne Cranford have given a donation to the **Preschool Fund** in honor of **Jimmy Newsome**.

Wayne and Audrey Smith have given a donation to the **Preschool Fund** in honor of **Clarence and Gaye Hood**.

YOUTH MEALS
PLEASE CALL AND SIGN UP TODAY!

Sunday, March 7: Lasagna Dewayne Setzer
and Treva Sweezy

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNERS—Our children have enjoyed checking their bags for letters this past week. Please remember not to include gifts for your prayer partner.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER RESERVATIONS
March 10, 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Joe Love Class
Menu: Barbecue, Baked Beans, Slaw,
Applesauce, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Number _____

Name _____

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

Cost \$6.00

Number _____

Name _____

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNE 5—COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY

All over Western North Carolina, Methodist churches will be working together to reach out to community residents in need. The theme for our district is “Impact hunger.” There will be many ways you can help. Watch for more information in an upcoming newsletter!

Susan Reinhardt, Outreach

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray For:

Jerry McGee
Margaret Benfield
Bob Bollinger
Johnny Goforth
Charles & Louise Moody
Doug Benfield
Danny Delancey
Ryan Fitzgerald
Ruth Richardson
Family of Maggie Matheson

Requested By:

Merv McGee
Jackie Sigmon
Wendy Hildebran
Jean Childs
Charles & Mitzi Moody
Treva & Bryson
Family
Peggy Correll
Joe Love Class

Out-of-Country Military—Scott Beal, Jacob Campbell, Brent Cossich, Gary Hogan, Todd Houtz.

In-Country Military—Bobby Benson, Andy Blanton, Stan Josey, Corey Lail, Laird Lambeth, Brad McRee, Tai Orange, Kyle L. Sigmon, Ryan Windham, President Obama & Leaders

IMPORTANT

Members have been assigned offering envelopes which are numbered. We encourage you to use these envelopes to ensure contributions are posted correctly. Also, each family member should check to see that they are using their own envelope and not one belonging to another family member. Even if the name is written on the envelope, posting may be done incorrectly if that number is assigned to someone else in the family.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Each youth was given their Bible Study for this week. Please parents, ask them about it and encourage them to follow through. Thanks for your help and support. Remember, **Parents have your youth at church.**

SUN., March 7 ALL YOUTH 4:00-6:30 P.M.

March 12-14: Camp Hanes (No Youth that Sunday)

March 21 12:45-2:30 PM Bowling

(Bible Study first and then bowling at Pin Station. Parents pick up at Pin Station.)

SUN., March 28 NO YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR YOUTH AT 5:30 P.M. ON REGULAR MEETING DAYS!!!

CAMP HANES—MARCH 12-14

I need to know by **Sunday, March 7** if your youth is planning on attending this retreat. Your cost will be \$50.00 and the church will pay the remaining amount. I will be the speaker for the weekend and the theme is **“Who Is Jesus?”** We are going to learn together who Jesus is and what he means to us. **PARENTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP IF YOUR YOUTH IS GOING OR IF THEY ARE NOT GOING!!** Peggy

ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL-March 7, 2010

“Easter: People”

4 Years: **Music** Grades K-1: **Computer**

Grade 2-3: **Storytelling** Grades 4-5: **Science**

Teachers: March 7-April 25, 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 & Scott King

Science: Michelle White/Amy White

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH & PARENTS
SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 4:00-6:30 PM

This will be a special day. People from Wilderness Trail will meet with the parents and youth that are interested in taking a wonderful adventure for a week. Willis will be leading the group. More information will come in the mail. If you are not planning on going to Wilderness Trail, we still want you to come the entire time. There will be things for everyone!!! **BE THERE!**