

THE

FIRST WORD



The Weekly Newsletter for Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church, Newton, North Carolina
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WWII VETERANS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

On Saturday, May 15, three members of FUMC, Newton along with other veterans of WWII were honored for their service and sacrifice with a trip to Washington, DC sponsored by the Rotary Club. Merle Smith, Marshall Sherrill and Frank Cloninger and five other veterans along with their two guardians gathered at 4:30 a.m. at the Village Commons parking area of Abernethy Laurels for their trip by van to Asheville. They received an honor escort by the Catawba County Sheriff's Department to the county line. Their mini bus from Grace Lutheran Church was driven by Rotarian, Tom Lilly. After arriving at Asheville Airport, the group took a chartered US Airways flight to Reagan National in Washington, DC. The trip included a visit to the WWII Memorial on the Mall in Washington, DC, visits to the Korean, Vietnam, Iwo Jima Memorials,

and Arlington National Cemetery. Merle Smith was further singled out in honor of being the only Lady Veteran on this flight. She was chosen to assist in laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

There were one hundred veterans on the flight from Asheville Airport, and as usual, there were paramedics, doctors, nurses and a Rotarian guardian for every three Veterans. The guardians' only responsibility was to make all arrangements for the Veterans and take care of every need for the full day.

The flight returned to Asheville at 7:30 pm. It was a long and very rewarding day for all concerned. This was the seventh flight for the local Rotary District. The Honor Air Flight was originated out of Hendersonville, NC. Rotary adopted the program two years ago and plans are in the works for a Fall 2010 flight in September or October.

(Note: Thanks to Rotarian Bill Shillito for supplying the pictures and information for this article.)

SUNDAY IS CRACKER SUNDAY! Please bring a 1-lb. box of saltine crackers to church on this Sunday, May 30, and place it in the grocery cart beside the Gomedela classroom (side entrance to the church.) I thank the Lord for the many items you have brought in so far! Special thanks to Lori Sigmon for coordinating another parents' night out, where parents donated food items in exchange for babysitting services at our church. Sunday, May 30 will be our last Sunday to collect food. If you have been unable to purchase products for the Impact Community Day food giveaway, please consider a donation to "sponsor" a bag of food. Someone will purchase the items with your donation. This will contain all 8 items we have been collecting since April. The cost to sponsor a bag of food is \$12.00. If you choose to contribute, please write "Impact" on the memo line of your check. Thanks for giving! Susan Reinhardt, Missions/Outreach

AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY
May 30, 2010

THE SHARED WORD: Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene
"The Other Race"
Hebrews 12:1-2

PLAYGROUND

Our Playground Committee will be meeting soon to do some work on our playground. Our dream is to get some new things, fix up the old and to put the rubber mulch down. The rubber mulch alone is a great cost. If you would like to make a donation to our Playground Fund, I know our children and the Playground Committee would greatly appreciate it. Thank you for your support through the years. Lisa Martin, Chairperson and Peggy Correll

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR IMPACT DAY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5th. Would you consider volunteering to help transport food items to a central site, disperse food to those receiving the food bags, or help at our district-wide celebration? Your help would be greatly appreciated by many. Please sign up at the table in the breezeway, or you may call Susan Reinhardt at (828) 381-9841 or email her at afsrgr@charter.net.

To Peggy from the Daughters of God,

The Mother/Daughter retreat was a phenomenal experience for all of us. The 5 sessions were so helpful covering the "girl" issues of; relating to self-esteem, peer pressure, purity, and God's plan for each of us. The sessions empowered our young ladies to believe in themselves, trust their mothers and opened the lines of communication. It was biblically based and we felt God's presence during our discussions. We will all remember this weekend for years to come. We hope that this will start a tradition at FUMC for all mothers and daughters to share this spiritual experience at such a pivotal moment in a teenage girl's life. Thank you Peggy!

Lisa and Megan Johnson, Mary and Erin Killian, Michelle and Anney White, Kristy and Caroline Smith, and Debbie and Amy Bandy

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, May 23, 2010

Attendance: 8:45 a.m. 92 11:00 a.m. 127
Sunday School 137 9:00 a.m. Praise Service 91

Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$7,534.21
	Impact Fund	52.00
	VBS Sponsorship	100.00
	Youth Prayer Breakfast	12.00
	Playground Fund	100.00
	Music Fund	50.00
	Renovation Fund	15.00
		<u>\$7,863.21</u>

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00
Budget Needs as of 5/23/10	\$230,223.00
Contributions Received as of 5/23/10	195,678.00
Under Budget for Year	-\$34,545.00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

* May 30-June 5, 2010 *

SUN.	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	11:00-5:00	All Youth
	4:00	Cook Wedding
MON.		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WED.	6:00	Praise Team
	7:30	Chancel Choir
THURS.	1:00	Prayer Shawl
FRI.		Fellowship Hall Reserved (all day)
SAT.		IMPACT TO COMMUNITY Fellowship Hall Reserved (all day) (Martin Party)
Friday—Sunday		USA Singles Rafting Trip

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray For:	Requested By:
Lena Simmons	Friends
Jerry McGee	Merv McGee
Auther Burgess	Doris White
Corinna Driscoll	Friends
Youth & Leaders	Friends
Louise Moody	Charles & Mitzi Moody
Nancy Ryan	Jean Childs
David Collins	Carolyn Scronce
Gail Fulbright	Doris White
Gayle Lowder	Friends
Robert Deal	Friends
Susan Peacock	Friends

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.

ECCCM GOLF TOURNAMENT

You are invited to join a team of golfers from First United Methodist Church at the June 3rd ECCCM Golf Tournament to be held at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Maiden. The cost will be \$25 per golfer and the 4 person team will be put together on a first come basis. The 1:00 PM shotgun start will benefit ECCCM and their wonderful ministry in Catawba County. Lunch, sponsored by Bennett's, will be served from 11:30 am until play begins. Call the church office to join this team.

Other classes and groups are invited to sponsor a hole. Contact Ken Moss for more information for a sponsorship.

RECENT VISITORS:

Larry Hass, Shawn, Ellen, Chloe & Luke Fountain

NEW MEMBERS

HOSPITAL REPORT:

Catawba Valley Medical Center: Katheryn Goble
Gayle Lowder is recovering following surgery last week.



On Sunday, May 23, we welcomed into our church family Michael and Angela Gantt. They joined by Letter of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Conover. Their girls, Camryn, Abby and Anna have been placed on the Baptized member roll.

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 13

Serving begins at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Menu: Salad and Loaded Potato Bar
Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream

Proceeds will go to the General Fund

MEMORIALS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Music Fund:

Doris P. Gordon

Joe & Judy Beaman, Michael & Meagan Palmer
Mary Hewitt

UMW Scholarship Fund:

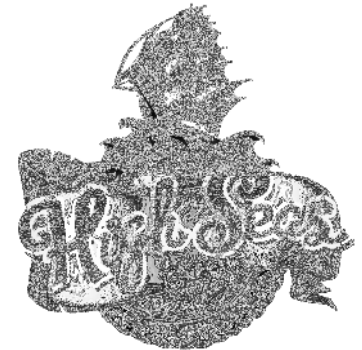
Dr. Alan Bandy, Jr., Doris P. Gordon

Mary Bess Lawing, Doris Elliott, Tim Elliott

**Are you the next
VBS Sponsor?**



First United Methodist Church
High Seas Expedition
July 25-29, 2010



First United Methodist Church is seeking local businesses and individuals to serve as sponsors for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Contributions will be used to provide T-shirts to all participants. Last year over 75 children experienced God's love through FUMC's Vacation Bible School.

If you are interested in serving as a sponsor, please complete the bottom of this form and return it with your check made payable to "FUMC-VBS Sponsor" by July 18. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this worthy cause. Please call the church office at 464-8422 should you have any questions.

Rhonda Pawlik and Cindy Boger-VBS Directors

Yes, I would like to support First United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School and the children and families in the surrounding community, by making a donation in the amount of:

_____ \$100.00 _____ \$75.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ Other

Name or Business Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone No. _____

(Make checks payable to FUMC—VBS Sponsor)

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 30—All youth come to 9:00 AM Worship. Wear shorts or bring them and your swimming suit. After Sunday School we will leave for the lake for lunch and a fun day. We will return to the church around 5:00 PM

KIDS FOR CHRIST

This has been a wonderful year for our children in the Kids For Christ Program. We have a huge group of 5th graders and they have come up to me the last few months begging me to change the age level to 6th grade so they can come next year. I told them that they will be in youth next year and Middle School will really keep them busy. This Wednesday, May 26, is our last Wednesday until we start back in the fall. I just want to say **“THANK YOU”** for encouraging your child to come but most of all for the opportunity to be with them and share the love of Christ with them. God has truly blessed me through this program. A big **“THANK YOU”** to Kristy Smith for all her help in all areas of the program but especially with music. she has done a wonderful job. Again a big **“THANK YOU”** to Ashley Bandy, Adrienne Binkley and Merle Smith for all their help. **Peggy**

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE MEALS TO THE YOUTH DURING REGULAR MEETINGS.

ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL-May 30, 2010*“Pentecost”*

4 Years: **Movie** Grades K-1: **Art**
Grade 2-3: **Drama** Grades 4-5: **Cookery**

Teachers: May 2-June 20, 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

YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR JUNE**Sunday, June 6th** (Graduation Sunday)

4:00-5:30 PM — All Youth

Sunday, June 13th (CCC Send Off)

4:00-5:30 PM — All Youth

Sunday, June 20th (Father's Day) — **NO YOUTH****Sunday, June 27th** 1:00 PM — Youth Swimming**WET'N WILD EMERALD POINTE**

We had scheduled Tuesday, June 22 for our day at Emerald Pointe. Several children have conflicts with that day. We would like to reschedule the trip for Tuesday, July 20. If you have already planned to take off work on the 22nd, or if this causes you an inconvenience, please contact Peggy at the church or call 336-940-7246. If I have not heard from you within a week the date will be changed.