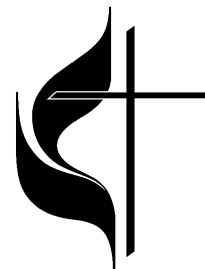


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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

When God Created Mothers by Erma Bombeck

When the good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around with this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; Have 180 moveable parts ... all replaceable; Run on black coffee and leftovers; Have a lap that disappears when she stands up; A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love; And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands ... no way!"

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pair of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and, of course, the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I Love You" without so much as uttering a word.

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow ..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger, and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

The angel asked, "Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "it's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber, "I didn't put it there."

INCREDIBLE! The grocery cart was practically overflowing with donated food for the Impact Community Day event. What awesome and generous members we have here at FUMC. This Sunday, May 9, is RICE Sunday. Please bring one or more 1-lb. bags of RICE to church, and place them in the grocery cart outside the Gomedela Classroom (near the side entrance of the church). Anne Lemons, food organizer for Impact Day, reports that we had close to 100 boxes of macaroni and cheese donated! Let's clear the 100 mark this Sunday. By the grace of God, we can feed many people through this district-wide effort, and all food goes to our local residents in need. Thanks for giving! Susan Reinhardt, Missions/Outreach, 381-9841

AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

May 9, 2010

THE SHARED WORD: Rev. Dr. David Greene

"Love You Forever"

I Corinthians 13:4-13

RECENT VISITORS:

Charles & Brenda Gantt, Kinsay Matson, Ginger Kelly, Doris Yount, Devin, Carrie & Chatham Donley, Kevin & Amy Yoder

CHANGE OF DATE—From May 16 to May 23

Finance Committee Meeting at 3:30 pm

Administrative Council Meeting at 5:30 pm

ALDERSGATE

For over 60 years, Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community (formerly The Methodist Home) has been caring for older adults in a loving Christian environment, setting the benchmark for other retirement communities that follow. Each year our Conference designates Mother's Day to support this vital ministry. Support from the churches is absolutely vital to Aldersgate's on-going ministry with older adults.

PACEMAKERS will meet at the church on Tuesday, May 11th at 9:00 am. We will be visiting S & J Greens in State Road, NC which is above Elkin. This is a place that grows carnivorous plants (plants that eat bugs). We will hear a short talk and then have the opportunity to purchase plants if we wish. Lunch will be at John Boy's Fish House in Elkin before returning to the church.

Please call Mary Yoder (464-5117) for more information.

PLAYGROUND

It is that time of year again that our Playground Committee meets and works on the playground. Last year a gracious donation was received and we still have some money in the playground fund. We would very much like to put the rubber mulch down, but we are many dollars short. If you would like to make a donation to our playground it would be greatly appreciated by the children, youth, parents and all. We would like to make our playground beautiful and safe. Thank you for the donations in the past and for the ones yet to come. Playground Committee clean up day is Saturday, July 17th, at 7:30 AM. Mark your calendar because if you have a servant heart and want to work, we welcome everyone to come out and help.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, May 2, 2010

Attendance: 8:45 a.m. 91 11:00 a.m. 187
Sunday School 154 9:00 a.m. Praise Service 54

Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$14,249.00
	Hunger Fund	246.50
	Garden Fund	150.00
	Music Fund	375.00
	Corner Table	12.00
	Renovation Fund	40.00
		<u>\$15,072.50</u>

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00
Budget Needs as of 5/2/10	\$197,334.00
Contributions Received as of 5/2/10	171,050.00
Under Budget for Year	-\$26,284.00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

*** May 9-15, 2010 ***

SUN.	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
MON.	9:00	Preschool
	6:00	N-C Women's Club (Gomedela Rm.)
	7:00	Youth Praise Band
TUES.	9:00	Preschool
	9:00	Pacemakers
	6:00	Disciple I
WED.	6:45	Youth Prayer Breakfast
	9:00	Preschool
	3:10	Kids for Christ
	6:00	Fellowship Dinner
	6:00	Praise Team
	6:30	Handbells
	7:00	Evangelism Committee
	7:30	Chancel Choir
THURS.	9:00	Preschool
	1:00	Prayer Shawl
FRI.	9:00	Preschool
	6:30	Preschool Graduation
SAT.	7:00	Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
	10:00-7:00	Mayfest

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray For:

Kay Jettinghoff
Jen Parker Hamrick
Nancy Ryan
Corinna Driscoll
Pat & Gina Humphries
Bela Bianci Tarbox
Janet Bridges
Jerry McGee
Beverly Jimenez
Family of Zachary Young
Family of Charles Davis
Family of Doris Gordon

Requested By:

Ann Cook
Mark Sitzer
Jean Childs
Friends
Susan Reinhardt
Mark Sitzer
Leslie Benson
Merv McGee
Preschool

DAY CAMP @ CAMP CAROLWOOD:

Just a reminder that all paperwork and money is due May 15 to register your child (rising first-fourth graders) for Day Camp. The week of Camp is July 12-16. If you have any questions, please call Amy Cable (294-4811). We will have a parents meeting to arrange the van, snacks, and parent volunteers schedule for the week of Camp at the end of June.

MEMORIALS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Music Fund:

Doris P. Gordon

C. H. Tuttle Elementary School, Beth Elmore,
Dan Millsaps, Ladies Bible Class, Vera Arndt,
Pat, Gina, Ashleigh & Lydia Humphries,
Harry M. Arndt Middle School, Eunice Mauney,
Eugene & Mary Skinnell

Current Expense Fund:

Doris P. Gordon

Wadine Smith

HONORARIUM

Norris and Gail McRee have given a donation to the Church Garden Fund in honor of **Brooks and Melba Nichols**.

WHITEWATER RAFTING & CAMPING TRIP

The USA singles will take the month of May as vacation. Many persons' summer schedules need to be worked along side of our schedule. My prayer is that we may be flexible in scheduling our events. There has been some planning of a white water rafting trip on The New River in West Virginia on June 4-6: Saturday rafting with a guide including lunch on the river; camping in your own tent Friday and Saturday nights; breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings; and heavy dinner (choice of steak, chicken or salmon) Saturday night after rafting. I will need to know by May 24 for reservations. Best whitewater, second only to the Colorado River! Cost will be \$142 per person. Contact Kenny Campbell at 465-4650.

Grow Flowers—Grow Minds

Help support our Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program by purchasing plants for your summer garden!

Choose high quality bedding plants, house plants, heirloom tomatoes, herbs, hand painted pots and more.

When: Saturday, May 8th

**Where: 1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
701 North Main Ave., Newton, NC**

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by the Bas Bleu Club, Newton
For more information call: 828-323-7371

ATTENTION!!

The church has been given two plots at Catawba Memorial Park located in the fountain area. It has been decided to sell these plots by submitting a silent bid to the church office. The Finance Committee will then decide whether to accept the bids.

All bids should be turned into the office by Friday, May 21st.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Sponsored by the Missions Committee

Friday, May 21, 6:00-9:00 pm

For children 4 years through 5th grade

Donation of the following items is requested:

1 lb. bag of rice	1 lb. bag of dry beans
canned tuna	saltine crackers
dried potato flakes	macaroni & cheese
canister of oatmeal	peanut butter

Registration forms are available in the church office.
Deadline is May 19th.

For additional information, please contact Lori Sigmon at 465-1081 or the church office at 464-8422.

WOMEN OF FAITH NOVEMBER 12-13, 2010

Join thousands of sisters in the faith as we take a group from First United Methodist Church to the Women of Faith Concert at the Greensboro Coliseum. Hear dynamic speakers such as Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg and Anita Renfroe along with musical guests, Steven Curtis Chapman, Sandi Patti and Mandissa. The event begins Friday at 10:00 am and ends Saturday at 4:00 pm. Total cost is \$125 which includes the ticket, one night at the Doubletree Hotel and 2 boxed lunches. To reserve your spot, please contact JoAnne Hewins at 464-8500, or email Willis Greene at willis.fumcnewton@gmail.com. Scholarships are available. **Deadline is May 12.** Visit www.womenoffaith.com for more details. Get away with your girlfriends for a spiritually refreshing Women of Faith weekend!

LADIES LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS Wednesday, May 19, 12:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00

Number _____

Name _____

FELLOWSHIP DINNER RESERVATIONS Wednesday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: United Methodist Women

Menu: Wine & Herb Chicken, Green Beans,
Baked Apples, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Number _____ Name _____

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 9th No Youth—MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 16th Regular Youth—

4:00-5:30 PM Middle School; 5:00-6:30 PM Senior High

Friday, May 21—Sunday, May 23

Sr. High: Virginia Creeper; Middle School Girls: Beach

NO REGULAR YOUTH

Sunday, May 30—Regular Youth

The youth have their Bible Study assignment for the next few weeks. Ask them if they have done it. Any questions call Peggy!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TUESDAY, JUNE 22:

FAMILY DAY –EMERALD POINT

JULY 25-29: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Galactic Blast is our theme!!!!

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 3:00 PM—VBS MEETING

Plans are being made for our Vacation Bible School to be held July 25 thru July 29.

Volunteers are needed and all who are interested in helping in any way with VBS should attend this meeting.

ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL-May 9, 2010

"Pentecost"

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

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

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

VIRGINIA CREEPER FOR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

We will meet at the church on Friday, May 21 at 3:30 PM. If you have a bike, bring it. If you do not have a bike, you can rent one for \$24.00. We will be taking the church trailer to haul the bikes, fixing our own food, and staying at Dr. Bandy's cabin. The phone number there is 336-982-4221. Cell phones do not work very well at the cabin. The cost for the trip (if you have your bike) is \$25.00. If you need to rent a bike, the total is \$49.00. The bike trail we will be taking is from Whitetop to Damascus. We will visit Virginia Highlands State Park before returning home on Sunday. If you have any questions please contact Peggy at 336-940-7246 or 828-464-8422.