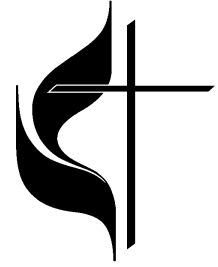


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GROUP WORKCAMP IN NEWTON-CONOVER

June 27 through July 3, 2010 ~ "Southern Hospitality Workcamp"

You may have seen information and articles in the local papers about the **Group Workcamp** (youth mission camp) coming to Catawba County to do home repair for the disabled, elderly, and needy. Over **400 teenagers** and their adult counselors from various denominations are coming from Virginia and Massachusetts to **"live" at Newton-Conover High School** for that week and work on **60 different homes in the county**. For the last year, volunteers from around Catawba County on various committees have been planning and working out all the details for the first Group Workcamp to be held in this area. Our camp will be known as the "Southern Hospitality Workcamp". Group Workcamps began in 1977 in Colorado and have spread to many communities around the United States since that time allowing over 300,000 young people to serve persons in need.

Some of you may be asking **WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP??** As a member of the Workcamp's Hospitality Committee, I have some suggestions below. Although local youth and adults cannot participate on the job sites, there are things we can do to assist with this local service project. **If you are interested in helping in any of these ways on any of the days, please let either me or Mimi Michael know and we'll get you plugged in.**

- * Work one morning at the N-C High School Cafeteria to help serve/clean-up breakfast (M-Sat. 7-8 a.m.)
- * Work one evening at NCHS to help serve/clean-up supper (M-F 5-6:30 p.m.)
- * Help serve snacks one afternoon at the high school when campers return from work (M-F 3:30-4:30)
- * Serve refreshments one evening at the worship gathering (M-F 8:15-9:00 p.m.)
- * Bake cookies for Friday night gathering (All other nights covered—any amount appreciated)
- * Help distribute "Pillow Gifts" to all 400+ beds one day while campers are at work.
- * Round up some ladders from church members to borrow for the week, deliver to NCHS, and return.
- * Pick up paint from Sherwin Williams the week before camp and deliver to worksites
- * Help set-up the week before camp
- * Financial donations to help purchase building supplies for the work sites (tax deductible)

Please be praying that God will use this Workcamp experience of serving others to help the youth participants to step out of their day-to-day life and put their faith into action, and that the lives of both homeowners and campers will be forever transformed by God's amazing grace!

Partnering in Ministry, Susan Reinhardt, Outreach Ministries
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mimimichael@charter.net

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Barna Research Group, 70% of all people who visit a church make up their mind about coming back before the pastor gets up to preach. One of the factors that will determine if a visitor returns is whether he or she felt welcomed. Our Evangelism Committee wants to ensure that everyone that visits our congregation is warmly greeted. Would you be willing to serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings? If you are interested, please take a few moments and sign-up at the information table in the breezeway.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY are extended to Joe Goble and family following the death of his wife, Katheryn Goble, on Wednesday, May 26th. A memorial service will be held at First Church on Friday, June 4th at 11:00 AM.

HOSPITAL REPORT:

Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem: Harper Cilley

Martha McPherson was briefly hospitalized at Forsyth Memorial Hospital and is now recovering at the Health Care Center at Arbor Acres in Winston Salem.

AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

May 30, 2010

THE SHARED WORD: Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene
"Called to do What?"
Jeremiah 1:4-10

MEMORIALS RECEIVED RECENTLY

Music Fund:

Doris P. Gordon

Dale & Lesa Williams

Men's Bible Class—Radio Fund:

Katheryn Goble

Ladies Bible Class

HONORARIUMS

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

A Red Twig Dogwood has been placed in the **Church Garden** in honor of **Nancy Killian** by Julie and Dave Cardamone.

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

RECENT VISITORS:

Rev. Robert C. & Karen S. Silber, Terry Abernethy, Kayla, Adam & Tracy Wilson, Kelsey Yoder, Sally Sowers, Jerry W. Sowers III, Oliva Martin, Devin, Carrie & Chatham Donley, Dwight & Ruth Rockett

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, May 30, 2010

Attendance: 8:45 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. 152
Sunday School 134 9:00 a.m. Praise Service 92

Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$10,138.12
	Impact Fund	159.00
	VBS Sponsorship	140.00
	Youth Prayer Breakfast	11.00
	Playground Fund	100.00
	Music Fund	20.00
	Garden Fund	100.00
	Praise Service	250.00
	Renovation Fund	5.00
		<u>\$10,923.12</u>

Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00
Budget Needs as of 5/30/10	\$241,186.00
Contributions Received as of 5/30/10	205,816.00
Under Budget for Year	-\$35,370.00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

*** June 6-12, 2010 ***

SUN.	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	12:00	Graduation Meal
	4:00-5:30	All Youth
	5:30	VBS Planning Session
	6:00	Evangelism Committee
MON.	5:00	Playground Committee
	6:30	UMW General Meeting
TUES.	9:00	Preschool
	9:00	Pacemakers trip to Spencer
WED.	9:00	Preschool
THURS.	9:00	Preschool
	1:00	Prayer Shawl
June 10-13		Annual Conference

PACEMAKERS will travel to Spencer on Tuesday, June 8th to tour the train museum and enjoy a train ride. The van will leave from the church parking lot at 9:00 AM.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray For:

Dean & Jane Reavis

Lena Simmons

Chris & Ashley Riddle

Megan Coley

Lynn Delancey

Corinna Driscoll

Susan Peacock

Gayle Lowder

Family of Katheryn Goble

Requested By:

Vicki Yount

Friends

Karen & Steve Arndt

Family

Friends

Friends

Kristy Smith

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UMW (UNITED METHODIST WOMEN)

June 7, 6:30 PM

Some and join us for dinner and a short program on June 7 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a general meeting for all Circles and anyone interested in finding out more about United Methodist Women. All circle members are asked to bring a salad and their annual love offering commitment for district.

Hope to see you there!

LOCAL VET-ERANS

including Frank Cloninger, Merle Smith and Marshall Sherrill who made the trip to Washington, DC last month are pictured here. An account of their trip was printed in the newsletter dated May 26, 2010



More pictures are on the bulletin board near the office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School—July 25-July 29

It's a week filled with movement, music and messages! The VBS Planning Team is in the process of recruiting leaders and wants you to know about two unique ways you can serve at VBS.

For more information please contact VBS Directors, Rhonda Pawlik at 465-5873, Cindy Boger at 294-2538 or the church office at 464-8422.

STATION LEADERS

Set up a Station such as crafts, games, or drama. Prepare the daily lesson and then teach it 4 times to the crews that come through your station. Stations include:

Ship Rec Games—Outdoor activities

Clipper Ship Crafts—Arts & Crafts

Sail Away Cinema—Watching DVD's and leading discussions

Skipper's Preschool—3 & 4 year olds

Bible Voyage—Drama & Stories

CREW LEADERS

Guide the crews (small groups) through the different stations. Crews remain the same each day so you have the privilege of making lasting friendships with the children in your crew.



HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION - VOLUNTEER FORM

Please turn in volunteer form to the church office.

Name: _____

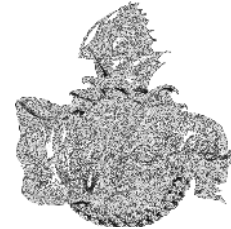
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Yes, I am interested in serving in the following wild ways!

_____ **STATION LEADER**

Please circle one: Games, Crafts, Cinema, Preschool, Dramas

_____ **CREW LEADER**



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)

