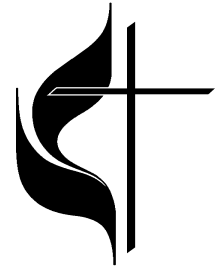


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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In his book, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum tells about visiting college campuses where people are at the end of the formal education process. He compares the college students with children in kindergarten, youngsters who are at the beginning of the education process.

Fulghum says that when you go to a kindergarten class and ask, "How many of you can draw?" almost every hand will go up. They all can draw. He says that when you ask, "What can you draw?" they'll say, "Anything! You name it and we'll draw it for you." If you ask them, "How many of you can sing?" all of their hands will shoot up. And then if you ask, "What can you sing?" they'll say that they can sing anything. Even if they don't know the words, they'll just make them up. Ask them whether they can dance and all of their hands go up. Inquire about the kind of music that they like to dance to and they'll respond that it doesn't matter, they'll dance to anything.

The answer that the kindergarten students give to anything you ask them to do is "Yes!" Children are confident, eager to learn and they believe that everything is still possible for them.

However, Fulghum says that when you ask college students the same questions, they are not as enthusiastic as the kindergarten kids. He states that if you ask college kids the same questions: Can you draw? Can you sing? Can you dance? that only a small percentage of hands will go up. And those who answer affirmatively will qualify their response with comments like: "I only sing in groups (no solos)." "I only play the piano." "I draw, but not very well."

Fulghum wonders what happened between kindergarten and college. Why were the college students so reluctant and why did they feel compelled to qualify their answers? Fulghum suggests that somehow over the years the older kids received a specific message from the world. The message they received was, "This is your niche – so stay in it!"

One of my former coaches used to tell us, "My job is to challenge you to reach higher than you think you can reach. Right now, you may resent me for it, but some day,

when you reach those heights, you will know that my gift of challenge was actually a gift of love." I'm grateful that my former coach refused to allow us to accept anything other than our very best. Coach Taylor was demanding because he wanted us to believe that anything was possible. He was not content to let the team play at the same level at the end of the season as it was at the beginning. He refused to let us settle into a comfortable niche.

Jesus said, "Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." I'm sure that there are a number of ways to interpret what Jesus was saying. But one thing I believe he was trying to get across relates to the importance of holding onto a few critical child-like qualities all the days of our lives. I'm fairly confident that one of those qualities that he'd most want us to hold onto is the belief that anything is possible with God's help. And because we believe this we can say, "Yes!" to just about any opportunity life presents to us.

See you Sunday, David

GUEST MUSICIANS

On Sunday, June 27, the quartet, **4 for One** will be sharing their talents with FUMC at the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am services. Members of the quartet are Brent Roland, Mark Tipton, Jeff Cartner and Bryant Kinney. The group grew from a shared love of gospel and contemporary Christian music and a common enjoyment of singing together. They have appeared throughout the Piedmont region of the Carolinas at churches, community functions and special events. They were selected to sing at the White House in Washington, DC as part of the 2007 holiday program. It truly is a joy for each of these men who receive a blessing each time they perform and share God's word.

AT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

June 27, 2010

THE SHARED WORD: Rev. Dr. David Greene
"Stepping Out of the Boat"

Matthew 14:22-23

REV. AMY FREEZE IS GOING TO JAIL!!

On July 29th, Amy will be "locked up for good" to benefit the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association). This lock up in particular will help Jerry's Kids attend a summer camp. For a short time, these special needs kids can truly be kids at no cost to their families. The MDA also works to research all sorts of neuro-muscular diseases, including Lou Gehrig's disease, and as you know, Amy's father died of Lou Gehrig's disease in 2004. Please help Amy raise her "bail" by donating safely and securely directly to the MDA at: <https://www.joinmda.org/mooresvillelockup2010/afreeze1980>, or you can call 828-413-9209 or email Amy at afreeze1980@gmail.com. Thank you all for your prayers and your support.

FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN OMISSION:

In honor of Ken Simmons by Teena, John & children

2010 CONFERENCE JOURNAL

Orders are being received for the 2010 Conference Journals and CDs. The cost is \$30 each for the Journals and the CD Journal is \$10 per copy. Make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and mark for conference journal.

Please call the church office to reserve your copy. Deadline is July 16th.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, June 13, 2010

Attendance: 8:45 a.m.	89	11:00 a.m.	131
Sunday School	140	9:00 a.m. Praise Service	89
Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$10,580.00	
	VBS Sponsorship	20.00	
	Renovation Fund	330.00	
		<u>\$10,930.00</u>	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00		
Budget Needs as of 6/13/10	\$263,112.00		
Contributions Received as of 6/13/10	229,520.00		
Under Budget for Year		-\$33,592.00	

STEWARDSHIP REPORT, June 20, 2010

Attendance: 8:45 a.m.	95	11:00 a.m.	135
Sunday School	129	9:00 a.m. Praise Service	70
Offering:	Tithes & Offerings	\$7,848.46	
	Hunger	10.00	
	VBS Sponsorship	210.00	
	Renovation Fund	105.00	
		<u>\$8,173.46</u>	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$10,963.00		
Budget Needs as of 6/20/10	\$274,075.00		
Contributions Received as of 6/20/10	237,368.00		
Under Budget for Year		-\$36,707.00	

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

* June 27-July 3, 2010 *

SUN.	8:45	Worship Service
	9:00	Praise Service
	9:30	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	1:00	Youth Swimming

THURS. 1:00 Prayer Shawl

SUNDAY—SATURDAY: Group Workcamp

RECENT VISITORS:

Betty Troutman, Sharon Walker, Jewel Luebke, Bill, Thomas & Laura McBrayer, Judy Deal, Ann & Ben Rawls, Joe & Kathy Tharpe, Zoe Calloway, Jeff & Kelly Sowers, Mike & Martha Sowers, Christopher Lagrua Savannah & Mary Katherine Sowers,

MEMORIALS RECEIVED RECENTLY

UMW Scholarship Fund:

Katheryn Goble, Doris Gordon

Ann Lutz, Joe & Nancy Killian

Frances Raymer & Helen Raymer

Ann Lutz

General Fund:

Katheryn Goble

Charlie & Tommi Anderson, Peggy Pless

Doris Gordon

Charlie & Tommi Anderson

Renovation Fund:

Katheryn Goble

Clarence & Gaye Hood, Wayne & Jackie Dellinger
Edwin & Elizabeth Nolley, Helen Clapp,
Queens Crest Townhouse Assoc., Inc.,
Fellowship Sunday School Class, Abernethy UMC,
Lorene Martin, Lori M. McDaniel,
John & Yvonne Wilfong

Doris Gordon

Rob & Debbie Rights

FUMC PLAYGROUND

Mark your calendars for one playground workday, 7:00 AM, Saturday, July 17.

There will not be a work day on June 26th. We need to wait until all areas are ready. **Please make plans to come and help on the 17th.**

Thank you, The Playground Committee

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray For:	Requested By:
Harold Matheson	Family
Dean & Jane Reavis	Vicki Yount
Jerry McGee	Merv McGee
Corinna Driscoll	Friends
Jenny Hamrick	Sherry Kriby
Megan Coley	Friends
Nancy Ryan	Jean Childs
Tim & Linda Lineberger	Kyle Drum
Danielle Abee	Laura DeVos
Cassie Bullard	Larry & Frances Hollar
Bob Saunders	Friends
Terry Killian	Judy Alexander
Perry Annas	Cy
Harold Mathewson	Monteen Fox
Owen Carter Walk	Ed Walk
Family of Kay Jettinghoff	

NOTE OF THANKS

We want to thank our church family for the beautiful memorial for Momma. During the memorial, as I looked up into the choir, I was reminded just how “real” our church family is...the weddings that couldn’t have been successful without Nancy, the cookouts and card games with Lorene and Flo, the school activities and band practices/trips with Jim and so many others I saw who mean so much to us out in the pews. Without all of y’all, we simply wouldn’t be who we are because you helped to shape our family as much as our mother did. Much love and many thanks to each and everyone of you!
 The Family of Katheryn Dagenhart Goble

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 July 25-July 29**

Out-of-County Military: Jacob Campbell, Brent Cossich, Gary Hogan, Todd Houtz
In-County Military: Scott Beal, Bobby Benson, Andy Blanton, Stan Josey, Corey Lail, Laird Lambeth, Brad McRee, Tai Orange, Kyle L. Sigmon, Ryan Windham, President Obama & Leaders

It’s a week filled with movement, music and messages! The VBS Planning Team is in the process of recruiting leaders and asks you to consider volunteering 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.

LOVE LABOR CORPS is in need of people who enjoy helping others by building handicapped ramps or doing home repairs for senior citizens and others. They can also use people who would be there to assist the builders. Please consider this important work. You may sign up in the breezeway, or call the church office at 464-8422.

GROUP WORKCAMP is June 27-July 3. Four hundred teens and their youth advisors will be coming to our area to do home repairs for families in need. Please consider volunteering during Group Workcamp! Volunteer opportunities and sign-up sheets are located in the breezeway.
 Thank you, Susan Reinhardt,
 Missions/Outreach, 381-9841

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 FOR JUNE**Sunday, June 27th 1:00 PM — Youth Swimming**

We are going swimming at the Elks pool. The total cost is \$8.00 if you are not a member of the Elks Pool. Our cost will be \$4.00 if you are not a member and the remainder \$4.00 per person is being paid by an anonymous person. You can go directly to the pool at 1:00 PM. Of course, if you are a member it will not cost you anything. **Bring money for snacks.**

Sunday, July 4th — NO YOUTH**Sunday, July 11** 1:00 PM — Youth Swimming****Sunday, July 18th** 4:00-5:30 PM — All Youth**Sunday, July 25th** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ALL YOUTH HELP

(**Regular youth meetings at the church.) **DURING THE SUMMER WE WILL JUST BE SERVING SNACKS AT THE REGULAR YOUTH MEETINGS.**

YOUTH BOYS' FISHING TRIP

This trip is open to all our guys, and we would love to have the fathers come also. We will meet at the church at 5:30 PM, Friday, June 25. Bring money for dinner, breakfast and bait. Bring snacks and drinks to eat while we fish. We will fish all night or the father's can take their son home early if they want. If you have any questions contact Donald Scronce- 828-446-8713.

ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL-June 27, 2010*"The Four Friends"*4 Years: **Music**Grades K-1: **Computer**Grade 2-3: **Storytelling**Grades 4-5: **Science****Teachers: June 27-August 15, 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

CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION

Haskew Smith and five young boys had a wonderful time at Camp last week. Rolen Benson, Cody Bynum, Chase Boston, Damion Setzer and Charlie Smith all reported that the week was great! They even had a few jokes about the jobs on which they worked and how youth think through these jobs. Haskew said he had never been with a group of guys at CCC that opened up and talked and shared during the worship time as much as this group. Kristy, Donald and I took ice cream up on Wednesday and had a wonderful visit with them. Thanks Haskew and boys. I am so glad it was a week of learning and blessings. **Peggy**