



# From Pulpit to Pew

Our Mission is To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

Volume 20, Issue 12

December 2010

## Keeping it Real Doing Christmas differently this year!



It is that time of year again. "It's the most wonderful time of the year", the song says. But why do we sometimes feel less than enthusiastic about Christmas? This year, with the help of our friends at United Methodist Communications, we will be journeying together to a very real Christmas that helps us experience the real presence of the Christ child. From UM Communications, "Have you ever woken up the day after Christmas feeling like you missed it? That with all the craziness (shopping, parties, cooking, family visits, etc.,) you just didn't get the experience you had hoped for?"

This Christmas, Rethink Church invites you to *A Life-giving Christmas* – to widen the lens, focus on the real...the authentic...the things that really matter and the true gift of the season – life. And not just any life – rich, meaningful life from a very real part of God – God's own Son. Hope, peace, joy and love are not just candles to be lit around an advent wreath – they are facets of a living Christ to be ignited in our lives and our communities. Christmas can be that time of refueling for the New Year ahead, if we carefully invest ourselves and engage life-giving principles."

The season of Advent begins the Sunday of November 28. We are hoping to engage you spiritually during this season to make this time of anticipation of Christ's coming a time of great blessing for you and those around you. Would you be willing to consider this option?:

*"As participants prepare for Christmas, they should name three things they will do differently this Advent season, substituting things that bring renewed hope and faith, rather than depleting energy and bank accounts. Work with friends to identify the substitutions. Chances are, friends may remember even better from past years what was exhausting. Together, encourage one another to press on toward the goal. For example, "Instead of spending all day Saturday shopping for the perfect gifts, I will spend Saturday morning having coffee and devotion with someone for whom I've not made time lately." Or, "I will spend time with my children to help them develop a common wish list." By promoting a common wish list, children will be encouraged to negotiate with one another in individual desires, spend time together and share their gifts."*

Other suggestions from "Keeping It Real" for other Sundays include: Identify areas within your community that need peace. What can you do to promote peace? Where destruction and violence exist, let your congregation offer a kingdom view - an alternative view. Go to the dark places and offer signs of Christ. If you see gang graffiti, place signs of God's peace nearby (be sure to check with your city ordinances). Where you find encampments of people without homes, offer food and Upper Room devotional booklets ([upper-room.org/devotional](http://upper-room.org/devotional)). For further ideas, see [www.bagsofgrace.org](http://www.bagsofgrace.org). Wherever you go, invite people to worship with you. Connecting your actions with following Jesus may stir curiosity in people who want what you have. Your congregation will find ways to manifest for the community the real hope of Christmas – that through Christ, people will find peace and hope.

The next two Sundays of Advent focus on the themes of joy and love. We will keep sending reminders and challenges to you throughout the month in order to help you make this Christmas the one that you have been looking for.

As we journey together this Advent, my prayer will be that the Christ child will indeed be born anew in all our hearts. May His coming be a time of great celebration in us all.

### JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

are due

**Thursday, Dec. 16th**  
**due to Christmas**  
**holiday.**

Please email articles  
to [millsriverumc](mailto:millsriverumc@yahoo.com)  
[@yahoo.com](mailto:millsriverumc@yahoo.com)  
Don't have email?

Please place articles  
in the Newsletter  
Mailbox at the  
church. You can send  
them any time prior  
to the deadline.

Thank you.

## Volunteers

### Nursery

#### December 5

- 8:15 Dale Thompson  
9:33 Diane King, Beverly Brown  
10:55 Michelle & Jason Stanley; Linda, Erin & Shannon Miller

#### December 12

- 8:15 Anne Bethea  
9:33 Erica Woodall  
10:55 Dean Cavanaugh, Tommy & Barbara Guinn

#### December 19

- 8:15 Vicki Dunn  
9:33 Kendall Deckard  
10:55 Brian & Jennifer Morrow

#### December 26

- 8:15 **no 8:15 service**  
9:33 **no 9:33 service**  
10:55 Anna & Eli McCall



### Children's Church

- Dec 5 Chad & Bess Bandy  
Dec 12 James & Mary Holmes  
Dec 19 Terri Ippolito  
Dec 26 **Need Volunteer**



### Acolytes

- Dec 5 Elizabeth Armstrong  
Dec 12 Jake Barber  
Dec 19 Emily Maltby  
Dec 26 Matthew Gladin



### Greeters

#### December 5

- 8:15 Carolyn Thomson  
9:33 Ciaramitaro's  
10:55 Rick & Beverly Wood

#### December 12

- 8:15 **Need Volunteer**  
9:33 Dan & Katrina Poeta  
10:55 Carland & Burke

#### December 19

- 8:15 **Need Volunteer**  
9:33 Brian & Jennifer Morrow  
10:55 Ken & Carol Weast

#### December 26

- 8:15 & 9:33 **no services**  
10:55 Tommy & Lynn Bryson



## UMW

### Tour of Homes

Sunday, Dec. 5th

1:00 pm

Tickets \$10 each

## Music Notes

Greetings to all,

**VOICES OF CHRISTMAS** "There are so many voices at Christmas. They can be personal & friendly; they can be ancient & inspiring; they can be shouted from the mountaintop & whispered deep in a human heart. But the voices of Christmas can also be sad & reflective. They can recall a Christmas long ago & a Christmas not yet discovered. But the only true voice of Christmas comes from the pages of Scripture & the song of the angels: "For unto us a Child is born! For unto us a Son is given!"



These words from David T. Clydesdale & Deborah Craig-Claar sum it up beautifully. The Chancel Choir, Jr. Choir, Youth Choir & drama cast are all excited to share with the community these "Voices of Christmas." We pray that the message will touch the hearts of many as we celebrate the salvation brought through Jesus our Lord. Mark your calendars now & invite all your friends & family to experience this great time of Worship. The musical will be presented in Worship the following times:

December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm as an open dress rehearsal

December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 & 11:00 am

Many thanks to Beverly Parris for directing & orchestrating our drama, Phyllis Sweeney for taking care of sets, Lynn Bryson for handling our costumes, and the men for helping with the stage.

Rehearsal times for **Chancel Choir** will change to 7:00 pm & the **Jr. Choir** will change to 6:30 – 7:30 through the Cantata. The Jr. Choir is also working on their portion of "Voices of Christmas" & will be a large part of this wonderful worship experience. Also remember the Jr. Choir Christmas party at 6:00 on Wednesday Dec. 15. **Hand Bell Concert** We are so blessed to have such a great Hand Bell Choir. Be sure and mark your calendar for their first Hand Bell Concert December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. This will be a Christmas blessing to all. Also make sure and mark your calendar for the **Youth Choir Christmas Concert** at 6:00 on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## United Methodist Women



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.** This year has been and gone!!! Time goes by fast when you are having fun, eh?

The first thing on December calendar for UMW is a luncheon and fashion show at Lake Junaluska on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We have around 20 women attending this year.

**Our Tour of Homes** will begin at the church at 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The tickets (\$10.00 ea.) can be bought in advance from UMW & also bought the day of the tour. Maps to the homes on the tour will be given out at 1:00 pm. The maps are designed to stagger the touring of homes and to avoid overcrowding at each home. Our Tour of Homes happens every two years.

**Christmas Cantata, December 11<sup>th</sup>**, All women of the church are asked to bring finger foods to the Saturday evening reception after the Christmas Cantata. We need help to setup, serve, prepare drinks and clean up the kitchen and fellowship hall after the event. An idea for decorating the hall is to have each table decorated by different individuals. Poinsettias will be on the serving tables. White and green tablecloths will be on the round tables, so dig out a center piece you already have (just don't buy it) and let's make the room festive. Please contact the church office to help us. We will meet at 10:30 am Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> to set-up and decorate. We need to prepare for 300+ people. More information to circle chairpersons will be sent out.

**The UMW Christmas Party** and last meeting of 2010 will be hosted by the Lillian Hall Circle. Every lady of the church is invited and asked to bring a covered dish for dinner. The theme this year is "An Old Fashion Christmas." Decorations and stories of Christmases past will be fun. All secrets pals will be revealed and for those who wish to participate, the drawing will be held for 2011. Each lady is asked to bring a small gift for a random exchange during the party.

**Lillian Hall Circle** meetings are held on the second Tuesday night of each month. The time for the meeting is **now 7:00 pm** and held in the Osborne Room. **Jennie Corpening Circle** meets the third Monday at 7:00 pm in homes or church, and **Maggie Jones Circle** meets on the third Tuesday at 1:00 pm in the Osborne Room.

**Monday, January 24, 2011** will be the next scheduled general meeting of the MRUMW. The budget and mission programs will be planned and voted on for the year, including monies for college and camp scholarships. We meet in the Osborne room. Please plan to attend.

Thanks to all the women and men of Mills River United Methodist Church for your love and support throughout 2010. **Happy New Year!**

Anna Awald, President



The Methodist Men met on November 11, 2010.

Officers for 2011 were elected: President Bob Sweeney, Vice-President Craig Kirkpatrick, Treasurer Phil Lounsbury, and Secretary John Hubbs.

The annual Christmas Tree sale will begin on Friday, November 26. Assistance is still needed to unload 230-240 trees that day and for sales help until all trees are sold. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Charlie Sproles to assist with this very important fund-raising activity.

The Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, December 9. Tickets are being printed and will go on sale shortly. Please contact any of our officers, Arnie Goard, or Wayne Rankin if you know of a widow or widower to whom we will provide free tickets. All church members are warmly invited to attend and entertainment will be provided.

Bob Sweeney and Ken Seal will be setting up the stage for the church's Christmas program. It is estimated to take three hours and the date will be announced. Please contact either Bob or Ken if you can assist them.

The Methodist Men wish all church members a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!  
*Doug Dwyer, Secretary*

### The UMW Circles

**Lillian Hall Circle** will be hosting the UMW Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 13th at 6:00 pm. Bring a covered dish to share and a \$3 gift exchange, and if you have a Secret Pal remember your Secret Pal Gift

**Maggie Jones Circle** Our December meeting will be the UMW Christmas party hosted by the Lillian Hall Circle. We will need to bring a covered dish, a grab bag gift and a special memory of "Christmas Long Ago." Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

**Jennie Corpening Circle** will not meet in December, but will see you at the Christmas party.

**MILLS RIVER UMC SPIRIT WEAR SALE**  
The Evangelism Team is excited to offer several styles & colors of high quality shirts, sweatshirts & jacket with the United Methodist Cross & Flame logo & Mills River United Methodist Church embroidered on the left front of the garments. Prices vary from \$10 - \$35. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to see the samples and get an order form. This is a great evangelization tool in our community - so be sure to get your MRUMC Spirit wear!

### Problem Solvers Ministry

Under the umbrella of the Missions Committee, plans are underway to establish a ministry whose focus will be on the problems faced by older generations, those living alone, or those, who by reason of circumstances, find themselves needing assistance. We will be asking men, women, & youth of our congregation to utilize their gifts & get involved in this important home missions project! Your prayers are requested as we move forward to implement this vital ministry at MRUMC. You will be hearing more soon! For more information call: Andy Gordon - 698-5089 or David Lugo - 891-7810.

### December Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Green
- 3 Linda Paulus
- 5 Steve Carson
- 5 Nancy Garrett
- 5 Caroline Andrews
- 5 Robert Pate
- 6 Deron Crisp
- 8 Kevin Bates
- 8 Zeb Stroup
- 9 Phyllis Smith
- 10 Suzanne Ellis
- 11 Jonathan Beck
- 11 Joyce Gorgas
- 12 Brian Albea
- 12 Don Westmoreland
- 14 Mike Shaner
- 15 Scott Burnette
- 15 John Dunn
- 16 Dustin Cooper
- 16 Karen Shirlin
- 18 Carroll Laughter
- 19 Scott Hamilton
- 20 John Burnette
- 21 Ramona Bryson
- 21 Carol Dwyer
- 22 Sally Lance
- 23 Kelly Deese
- 23 Brendan Poeta
- 24 Tanya Bryson
- 25 Joe Arrington
- 25 Estelle Whiteside
- 26 Ken Calhoun
- 26 Duane Oyler
- 27 Chad Bandy
- 28 Natalie Ciaramitaro
- 28 Gina Long
- 28 Emily Maltby
- 28 Jamie Staton
- 28 Erin Stroup
- 30 David Parris
- 31 Nancy Conolly

\*\*\*\*\*

**The Primetimers**

The Primetimers will be traveling to Lambuth Inn on Tuesday, Dec. 14th. We will leave the church at 9 am & stop by the Cokesbury Store to shop before going up the hill to Lambuth Inn for lunch at 12. If you would like to go give Evelyn a call at 891-3743. You do need a reservation.

\*\*\*\*\*

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Meal  
January 5, 2011**

**The Annual "Chili-Cook-Off!"  
at 5:30 pm**

Everyone is invited to attend this evening of fun, fellowship and  
**"lip-smacking CHILI!"**

Your Church Council will be the hosts for this wonderful event.

Please let Cathy Seal 891-5950 or Rick Wood 697-2403 know if you will bring a crock-pot of chili to share.

You may enter the 'contest' or not – your choice – but it is always a lot of fun!

Everyone is always a **WINNER!!**

Come enjoy a bowl of chili with your family and friends **vote for the winner** and then head off to 'practice' or home!

*Voices of Christmas*



*A musical of Prophecy, Promise and Praise*

Cantata Performances:

Friday December 10 — 7:00 pm Dress Rehearsal

Saturday December 11 — 7:00 pm

Sunday December 12 — 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Reverend Paul B Thompson • Reverend Michael Flack  
Minister of Music - Steve Carson  
Organist - Kevin Robinson • Pianist - Laura Flack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Worship Services</b> 8:15, 9:33, 10:55 am <b>Adult Sunday School</b> 9:45 and 10:45 am <b>Youth Sunday School</b> 9:30 and 10:30 am	<b>DECEMBER 2010</b>		<b>1</b> 10:00 MRLEC mtg 6:00 Childrens Choir <b>6:15 Prayer/Share</b> 6:30 Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team	<b>3</b> <b>Children's Caroling and Party</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10 Youth Choir Dress</b>
<b>5</b> 5-7 Disciple I, II, IV	<b>6</b> 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00 Childrens Choir <b>6:15 MS Bible Study</b> <b>6:15 Prayer/Share</b> 6:30 Chancel Choir	<b>9</b> NO MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team <b>7:00 pm UMM DINNER</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 pm CANTATA DRESS</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 pm CANTATA</b>
<b>12 CANTATA</b> 9:00 & 11:00 <b>Services Only</b> 5:00 Kids Care/Jr. Youth 5-7 Disciple I, II, IV	<b>13</b> 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells 6:00 UMW Christmas Party	<b>14</b> 9 Primetimers 7 SPRC mtg	<b>15</b> 6:00 Childrens Choir <b>6:15 MS Bible Study</b> <b>6:15 Prayer/Share</b> 6:30 Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 4:00 Handbell Concert</b> 5-7 Disciple I, II, IV 5:00 SURGE Movie	<b>20</b> 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00 Childrens Choir <b>6:15 MS Bible Study</b> <b>6:15 Prayer/Share</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>23</b> <b>Office Closed</b> NO MRLEC	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 6:00 pm Communion 11:00 pm	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>26</b> <b>10:55 Service Only</b> 5-7 Disciple I, II, IV	<b>27</b> 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> NO MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team	<b>31</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	

# Children's Ministry



Shannon Barber  
828-699-4210  
sbarbermrumc@bellsouth.net

## What Have Your Children Been Up To Lately?

Since the end of October the Children have been very busy reaching out to others through the Trunk or Treat, Prayer quilts for Mrs. Joanne Sitton and Ms. Joy Frazier, special crafts for the shut-ins and they will be caroling at Pine Park on December 3rd.

I would like to express my gratitude to all those who participated & decorated a trunk at the Trunk or Treat and/or provided a cake for the cake walk. The most creative trunk went to the Awald family with the robot built by their son Sawyer. This year the cake walk raised \$117 for the Children's Ministry. A special thank you to Brittain's for the Hayride.

The Junior Youth & Kids Care took part in Operation Christmas Child. On Sunday, November 14th, they went shopping at the Dollar Tree for items to be placed in shoe box containers. Many thanks to all the parents that participated and helped make this event a success.

**December 3rd:** Family Fun Caroling at Pine Park at 6:00 pm followed by "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party in the Fellowship Hall.



**December 5th:** The children preschool-5th grade will be wrapping Christmas presents during all 3 services on December 5th for a donation of canned food for the Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome to bring items to be wrapped to the Fellowship Hall the morning of the 5th. Make sure all items are labeled with a last name, and also make sure those wrapping the presents are not the recipients of the gifts. All Angel Tree Gifts need to be returned to the Narthex.

Please join us for a special time on December 24th during the Christmas Eve Service at 6:00. I have asked our children to think about what gift they could bring for Jesus on his birthday. They will present their gifts during Children's moment. I hope you will all join us.

*My family and I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!*

## Youth Ministry Update

Michael Flack C-275-2108 H-890-8452 millsriveryouth@bellsouth.net

### November Thanks!

Thank you to the Lugo family for hosting our Bonfire on Halloween. What a great time we had!

Thanks to Kim Maltby, Tammie Gross, Laura Flack, Beverly Gladin and the Davenportes for helping with the youth choir retreat and transportation!

Thank you to the Ippolito and Auwarter families for providing dinner for our Labor of Love.

Thank you to our youth leaders and parent volunteers who make all of our ministry possible. We couldn't do it without you!

### December Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 4th: Youth Choir practice, 10-12 at church. Singing at Givens Estates after lunch.

Sunday, Dec. 5th: Youth Choir Christmas Concert, 6pm. Desserts to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, Dec. 12th: SURGE Christmas Party, 4-7pm. Includes annual gift swap game!

Sunday, Dec. 19th: SURGE Movie night at Parsonage, 7pm.

Sunday, Dec. 26th: No SURGE events.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Make the Connection

**Adult Education:** The second class of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace has completed the 13 week course & received their certificates. We are proud of these sixteen people & their completion of the course. Congratulations!

A special thank you to Tommy Guinn, Anna McCall, & Eric Rathburn for their excellent leadership & their faithfulness in leading the two classes. These three leaders, who are well trained in the financial principles of Dave Ramsey, are offering their help to anyone in need of financial counseling. If you would benefit from one-on-one confidential financial counseling, contact Tommy at 891-1218; Anna at 877-2965 or Eric at 684-8463. They are more than willing to help with those all consuming financial difficulties.

Sunday Connection Classes are available for those adults not involved in a class. Sunday Connection Classes at 9:45 listed above At 10:45. Each class is for all adults and teach us how to better equip ourselves for the work of the Kingdom of God. Come join our Connected Congregation and be a part of the Connection Classes. For additional information regarding the Adult Education Ministry, contact Lorraine Jernigan at 884-2430 or [lcloer@mtnwaves.net](mailto:lcloer@mtnwaves.net)

**Connect With God - Connect With People - Connect With Life**  
**It's All About Connections!**

### CONNECTION CLASSES

- (1) Joyce McCall's class for Sr. Adults meets at 9:45 in the Osborne Room
- (2) Ray Bryson's class for all adults meets at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall room
- (3) Brian Morrow's class for all adults meets at 10:45 in Osborne Room
- (4) Eric Rathburn, Tommy Guinn and Bill Murray's class for all adults meets at 9:45 upstairs Education building
- (5) Kevin Robinson & Lorraine Jernigan's class for all adults meets at 9:45 in the Choir Room
- (6) Sharon Michaels class for single adults meets on Wednesday evenings and will meet again in the new year.

## Lectionary Readings

These Scripture lessons are used as the basis for Sunday sermons. You are encouraged to read these verses prior to worship so that you may be prepared to better hear God's word.

### December 5

Isaiah 11:1-10  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (UMH 795)  
 Romans 15:4-13  
 Matthew 3:1-12

### December 12

Isaiah 35:1-10  
 Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)  
 James 5:7-10  
 Matthew 11:2-11

### December 19

Isaiah 7:10-16  
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)  
 Romans 1:1-7  
 Matthew 1:18-25

### December 24

Isaiah 9:2-7  
 Psalm 96 (UMH 815)  
 Titus 2:11-14  
 Luke 2:1-20

### December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Psalm 98 (UMH 818)  
 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)  
 John 1:1-14

### December 26

Isaiah 63:7-9  
 Psalm 148 (UMH 861)  
 Hebrews 2:10-18  
 Matthew 2:13-23

## Evangelism Team

### E-TEAM NEWS!

Thank you so very much for all your hard work and participation that made our Ministry Fair a big success! We have received so many positive comments about it and we are so very thankful to all who came and helped! We hope we can plan to do this again next year - we honestly believe it is a great way to let our members know what we have going on! If you had a booth, please remember to follow-up with those who signed up to help. If you need assistance let us know!

We are still recruiting greeters & welcomers! Please let one of the Evangelism Team members know if you would like to serve the church in this manner. It is fun & easy! And only a few Sundays a year! We need smiling, out-going folks to radically welcome everyone who comes in our doors!

As always - if you have questions or would like to join our team please contact Merit Wolff at 776-1115 or [mwolff@bellsouth.net](mailto:mwolff@bellsouth.net).  
*Peace and Joy, Merit Wolff, E-Team Leader*



Mills River UMW,  
 Thank you for remembering my Mother, Margaret Henry, with a Thanksgiving basket. It means a lot to her to be remembered by her church family.  
*Tamra Crane*

Thank you for offering and teaching The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class! My checkbook is balanced, I have an emergency fund, my bills are paid on time and Christmas bought without the use of credit cards! If you are struggling with any financial issues don't be embarrassed but get the help you need at our church. Then you will be blessed and you will be free to do God's work! Special thanks to Mr.



Tommy Guinn and Shannon Barber.  
*Sincerely, Kathleen (Kay) Jones*

To Our Friends at MRUMC,  
 We are so grateful for all of the baby gifts that we received. It feels so good to know that so many people care. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us welcome little Joshua into the world with your wonderful gifts.  
*With love, The Franklin Family*

Often times, the Thanksgiving Holiday is overshadowed by the coming of the Christmas season. It seems as though we jump from Halloween to Christmas. Thanksgiving is a time to sit back and reflect over all the



many blessings our Lord and Father have given us. As a staff here at MRUMC, we are so blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how it has worked through each of you, the congregation. We are all so grateful for the tokens of appreciation that you shared with us during staff appreciation month. This appreciation has continued through to this month as well. Your kindness, generosity, & love has touched our hearts. During the Thanksgiving season, as we go around the table mentioning what we are thankful for our response will be "Our family at MRUMC!" May God continue to Bless each of you this the Christmas season.

# Mills River Life Enrichment Center (MRLEC)

## November Highlights Music! Music! Music!

**Jere Brittain** presented Songs and Stories of Mills River. Many lifetime residents of Mills River were able to learn and add to the stories told by Jere. **Kenmure Show Chorus** presented their program to the MRLEC group. Always entertaining. A musical salute to all the veterans in the audience ended with flags being presented to all the men and women who served to protect USA. The last program of the month featured the **Forge**

**Mountain Cloggers.** What a great month and **Happy Thanksgiving!**

**\*Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 am.**

As usual, a delicious meal prepared by Kathleen Cabe or Ruth Williams will be served after each program. **RSVP REQUIRED FOR LUNCH** by noon Tuesday before EACH program @ (828) 808-5581 or mrlec8@yahoo.com

### December 2

Christmas Program with Old World Santa (bring your children & grandchildren to be entertained by Santa)

### December 9

NO MRLEC

### December 16

MRLEC Christmas Drama "Celebrating the Birth of Christ"

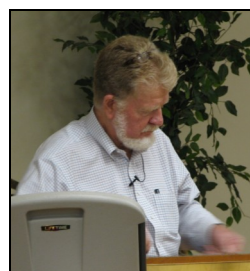
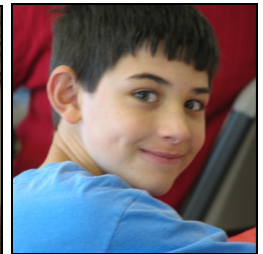
### December 23 & 30

NO MRLEC

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Mills River Life Enrichment Center is to minister to the mind, body & spirit of seniors in our churches & community by establishing a Christian based community center offering a place for fellowship, service & enjoyment.



## Feast of the Lamb Christmas Dinner

To celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at MRUMC, the Church will be serving a **free Christmas Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall those who would like to share in Christian fellowship.

**Saturday, December 25th**

**11:30 am - 2:00 pm**

For Reservations Call the Church Office at 891-7788 before December 21st.

**MILLS RIVER  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship**

8:15 am Traditional  
9:33 am Worship & Praise  
10:55 am Traditional

**Sunday School**

Children: 9:30 am  
10:50 am  
Adult: 9:45 am  
10:45 am

**Ministry and Staff**

The Rev. Paul B. Thompson.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Michael Flack.....Associate Pastor, Youth Director  
Itha Trantham.....Administrative Assistant  
Steve Carson.....Director of Music  
Laura Flack.....Music Ministry  
Dean Cavanaugh.....Worship Leader  
Shannon Barber.....Children's Ministry  
Ruth Williams.....MRLEC Director  
Kevin Robinson.....Organist  
Lorraine Jernigan.....Education  
Gina Long.....Custodian

Office Hours: 9 am - 3 pm Mon-Thurs, 9 am - 12 pm Fri

Phone: 891-7788

Fax: 891-2590

[www.millsriverumc.org](http://www.millsriverumc.org)

Church E-mail: [mrumcchurchoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:mrumcchurchoffice@bellsouth.net)

Newsletter E-mail: [millsriverumc@yahoo.com](mailto:millsriverumc@yahoo.com)



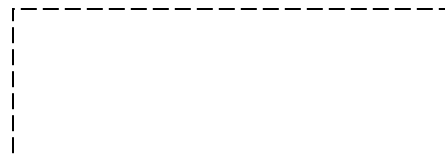
**Mills River United Methodist Church**

137 Old Turnpike Road  
Mills River, NC 28759

Nonprofit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Horse Shoe, NC  
Permit No. 14

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**We're on the Web!**  
[millsriverumc.org](http://millsriverumc.org)



**Postmaster: Dated Material  
Please deliver by December 1, 2010**