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Being United Methodist Too!



The Journey Through Lent "Not a Fan. . ."

The season of Lent begins in 2012 on February 22 with Ash Wednesday. On February 22, we will have two opportunities to begin our journey through Lent with services that feature the imposition of Ashes. The Imposition of Ashes is an ancient act of worship that denotes an act of confession, an awareness of our mortality, and an intentional turning to God, referred to as "repentance." It is a powerful time that is the beginning of our preparation for the ultimate expression of God's redeeming love, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus from the dead, celebrated especially at Easter. These services are designed to allow all of our congregants access to this important time of renewal.

In addition to the two Ash Wednesday services (at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.), we are inviting you to join us as we read, learn from, and discuss a book that is designed to aid us in this spiritual journey. The book is *"Not a Fan"* by Kyle Idleman. Your staff has been reading and studying this book over the past number of weeks. We are all in agreement that this book is very helpful in establishing the core of our faith. I will be using the chapters of this book as the beginning point of my sermons during Lent. In addition, we are hoping that you will join us in an intentional, communal study of this book. Our plan is to have "home study" groups for 5 or 6 weeks in which this book is discussed. The book lends itself to discussion by providing thought provoking questions at the end of each chapter. More information will follow, but would you consider hosting a group in your home? We plan to have several options available that will aid families in selecting a time that meets their schedules.

I don't want to give away too much of the book, but you may be wondering about the title of the book. If *"Not a Fan"*, then what? The answer is: a follower. Are we fans of Jesus, or are we followers? Idleman does a terrific job of leading us to helpful conclusions about our lives.

The rest of the Lenten schedule is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. It is our fervent hope and prayer that having joyously received the Christ child at Advent/Christmas, we may walk with him to the Cross and rejoice with him in Easter glory.

Please be in prayer about this journey and think about others who might be willing to join you for these few weeks. I believe that this Lenten season may be a wonderfully fulfilling and transforming time for us, individually and collectively. May the Lord bless you as he calls you to not just be a fan of his Son, but a true follower.

In His Peace and Love, Paul B. Thompson

From the desk of Rev. Paige Ann Miller. . .

I stood in a dimly lit antique shop (the kind that doesn't bother calling itself a "shoppe") holding what was once a dinner plate from a set of fine china. It looked out of place with none of its matching pieces surrounding it, but that wasn't what caught my eye. The strangest thing about this plate was that they would try to sell it at all considering its catastrophic history. I could see right away that this plate had been broken into at least six pieces because the glued cracks had become discolored and obvious. To be fair, the flowers around the border were neatly aligned, and I couldn't feel one imperfection as I ran my finger around the edge. *Still, no matter how hard you try*, I thought to myself, *you just can't make a broken plate look whole again*. No "nice" antique store would have bothered to put this piece of china on the shelf!

That plate has been on my mind this week. Like all the best antiques, it has a story to tell. It speaks of brokenness and of careful repair. It tells a story of hope. Someone gathered these broken pieces from the floor and decided that, while this would no longer be a perfect, treasured heirloom, there was a chance that it might at least be *useful* again. I can see a gentle hand wiping away a tear from a tiny face and hear a voice whisper, "Don't cry. I'll fix it."

But there it sat on a shelf, collecting dust, and the image has resonated deeply with me. What a telling example of how we often go about fixing that which is broken in our lives. Many times, we look at the brokenness around us and within us and we run straight for the glue. We cover the cracks with busyness, we hide the brokenness behind smiles, we numb the pain with our self-determined salve of choice. All too often, after we have worked like mad to fill the cracks and hold the pieces together until the glue dries, we look at our own handiwork just as I looked at that plate. The brokenness is still there, and no "repair job" we can do will remove the evidence.

It's a good thing God doesn't work like we do, isn't it? When we take our brokenness to Him, He doesn't just glue us back together. After reading about miracle after miracle that Jesus performed, I get the impression that more than a few of these people were so completely healed that they were unrecognizable! And while most of their stories are left open-ended, we have only to look around us to hear the rest of the story. How many faces do we have to search in the crowd before we lock eyes with a person who has been restored by God's mighty hand? Their lives look nothing like that broken plate! They haven't filled the cracks with glue. They allow the light of God to shine through the brokenness, and somehow they look more whole than ever before. Sure, if we look closely enough, we might find the evidence of life's rough handling; but these people seem to have become stronger and more beautiful.

Are you still holding the glue and staring down at the pieces? Are you longing to be made whole again? Take your brokenness to God. He will take you into His gentle hand, and He will do more than put you back together. He will, as He promised, make you new.

Rev. Paige Ann Miller

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5



The Mills River Methodist Men hosted a panel discussion on Thursday January 19th. We had an excellent panel of very experienced law enforcement personnel who fielded over 20 questions submitted.

Each month meeting details will be announced ahead of time. The UMM is stressing discussion groups with ALL people from the congregation and community involved.

The UMM's budget has been worked on and will be approved at the next regular meeting. The budget has increased and fills a few different needs and should be well received by all.

Don't forget, if you are a man in the congregation you are automatically a member of the Methodist Men! Plan on coming out on the 3rd Thursday of every month for the meeting! Watch the weekly announcements for the dates, times and programs.

John Hubbs, Secretary

Birthdays

- 1 Kendall Guinn
- 3 Thomas Deese
- 3 Kathryn Gorgas
- 3 Shawn Corhn
- 3 Paul Stanley
- 3 Ann Carland
- 4 Aaron Davenport
- 4 Wayne Rankin
- 4 Jim Chapman
- 5 Brett Maultby
- 5 Itha Trantham
- 6 Austin Laughter
- 6 Lacey Carnes
- 6 Courtney Long
- 7 Ruby Van Izjendoorn
- 7 Scot Murray
- 8 Branden Rimbault
- 10 Landon Rimbault
- 10 Justin King
- 11 Elizabeth Hooper
- 11 Joshua Morrow
- 11 Nedra Willis
- 12 Logan McCartney
- 12 Joseph Brittain
- 13 Jack Richardson
- 13 Betty Silver
- 14 Jean Carr
- 15 Andrew Maltby
- 16 Jordan Doyle
- 17 Elaine Kirkpatrick
- 18 Jacob Tipton
- 19 Will Crane
- 19 Bradley Johnson
- 22 Christopher Smith
- 22 Reese Combs
- 22 Jim Awald
- 22 Ami Fish
- 23 Leone Secrist
- 24 Greg Albea
- 24 Judith Bradley
- 24 Joseph Baer
- 25 Mary Kent Wolff
- 25 Tracy Burnette
- 26 Caroline Thompson
- 26 Emma Jo Shirlin
- 26 Brittany Willis
- 26 Tracy Dozier
- 27 Bess Bandy
- 28 Sandy Smith
- 28 Frankie Sitton



United Methodist Women

As your new president, it humbles me to serve after the exemplary leadership of the past years. I would like to thank Anna Awald for her service and loving leadership during the past 3 years. It has been my pleasure to serve as her vice-president. I am stepping up, but know that Anna is only a phone call away. Even though I have big shoes to fill, I am looking forward to serving as your new president.

I am happy to announce that we have a new circle called Tuesday Morning. It will be meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 10 AM. Delores Meadows will be the chairperson for this circle. If you are considering joining a circle, Tuesday Morning might just fit your needs. Of course, Maggie Jones, Lillian Hall, Jennie Corpening and Susan D. Thompson circles are always ready to welcome new members. I invite all church women to come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship of belonging to a UMW circle.

For those of you who missed the General Meeting on January 23rd, we discussed our 2012 budget, calendar, and goals for the year. Please put these dates on your calendar:

May 19th Bake Sale at Valley Ag

June 24th UMW Sunday

July 27th and 28th Rummage sale

October 13th Bazaar

December 2nd Tour of Homes

These activities help us raise funds for our mission projects. Any help that you can give during these events will be much appreciated.

Our next General Meeting will be April 23rd at 7 PM in the Osborne Room. Hope to see you there!

Linda Paulus , UMW President



THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this difficult time for our family. We have felt the presence of God's peace.

Love, Glenn and Karen Banning

I would like to thank our church members for their generous and thoughtful support of Rugby students in providing Christmas gifts of clothing, shoes, and other special surprises. These financially stressed families are grateful for your support and it warms their heart to know that someone cares as you do. Your support was critical as our requests for assistance increased about 30% this year.

Sincerely,
Kathy Koontz, Rugby School Counselor

To my Church Family:

While ultimate thanks and praise are due my heavenly Father, I would be amiss if I did not thank so many of you who petitioned our Lord through your prayers for my successful surgery and speedy recovery! It is no doubt due in large part to your continued thoughts and prayers that my procedure went so smoothly and my recovery has been so complete this far!

With humility and deep appreciation I say thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

Sincerely,
Andy Gordon

The Jennie Corpening Circle is so appreciative of all the work Ramona Bryson and Cathy Seal did to make the Memory and Honor Tree such a success. From buying the angel ornaments, taking orders, personalizing the little angels, and making the acknowledgement announcements for the Sunday bulletins, it was all done to perfection. The result was the beautiful tree enjoyed by all in the Narthex during the Advent and Christmas Season. Thank you for a job well done.

Blessings, Your Circle Sisters

Thank you to the congregation for your cards, prayers and food during Don's illness and death. Your love and support mean so much.
Helen Beck & Family



Traci Edworthy and Polish friends attending a Mosaic meeting in Poland.

Missions Corner

It's February! This month is very special. We celebrate our sweethearts on Valentine's Day. It is also Leap Year this year, giving us an extra day this month. It is also special because we have three very special families, far from home, ministering to the lost on our behalf. Why not take a moment and send them a note or email, to let them know how much we appreciate them and the work they are doing.

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Kevin Smith—kevinssmith01@yahoo.com or Kevin Smith, P.O. Box 203, Savoonga, AK 99769

The Mariano Family c/o Larryoslund@gmail.com

The UMW will observe A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service at their circle meetings. This yearly offering helps fund projects both nationally and internationally. The 2012 theme is "A Time for Change: Technology". The offering will enable national mission institutions and overseas institutions related to the UMW to help the marginalized and the poor, the physically challenged and others who don't have access to information technology that will improve their quality of life.

The Lillian Hall Circle will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, at 7pm in the Osborne Room. Myra Crisp will be our hostess. Sally Lance will have the program. Ladies remember sugar for Fishes & Loaves.

Jennie Corpening Circle will meet on Monday, February 20 at 6:30 in the home of Cathy Seal. Everyone is invited!



The New Flower Chart for 2012 is posted in the Narthex Hallway. Please sign up to provide Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday for the coming year. Members of the U.M.W. Circles will remind you so we will be sure to have flowers or a plant each Sunday.



Support the Susan D. Thompson Scholarship Fund

The Worthy Women, with the help of the Susan D. Thompson Circle members, will be selling Valentine carnations. The proceeds go to benefit the Susan D. Thompson Scholarship fund at Glenn Marlow Elementary as well as helping needy children in the Mills River Community. This was a cause dear to Susan's heart, and one we continue to support in her memory.

These carnations are a wonderful way to show your love on Valentine's Day. Buy one for your sweetie, a teacher, or just for someone special who makes you smile. Tickets will be sold in the narthex on Sundays between now and February 5. The tickets will be redeemed on Sunday, February 11. You can purchase an arrangement of 3 carnations in a vase for \$10.00 or single carnations (not in a vase) for \$2.00. For questions, please see Connie Wright, Sarah Murray or Dianne King. We appreciate your generosity in remembering Susan Thompson and continuing her legacy of helping our Mills River children in need.

Youth Summer Mission Opportunities

Middle School Mission (MSM) Trip
Albemarle, NC - July 8-14

Senior High Mission Trip
Frakes, KY - July 22-28

Email Rev. Paige Ann Miller at millsriveryouth@bellsouth.net for more information or to sign up. Skilled leaders are needed!

The Primetimers

The Primetimers will be traveling to Lake View Steak House in Greer, SC, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012. We will leave the church at 10am to be there for our 11am reservations. If you would like to go, give Evelyn a call at 891-3743.



SCHOLARSHIPS 2012

The United Methodist Women and Men Scholarship Committee announce the 2012 application process. Camp Scholarship, current/graduating High School Senior Scholarship, and Ongoing College Scholarship applications are available in the Mills River United Church office.

Every year we have folks who do not know about this opportunity or who do not get applications on time. Our Committee wants every family to be able to benefit from this wonderful opportunity so please spread the word to Church members.

Applications are available on the office door. Please carefully consider the application process before applying and please follow the established guidelines. **The deadline to return applications is Sunday, February 19, 2012 by 2:00 p.m.** In fairness to everyone, we simply cannot accept late applications. Completed applications must be returned to the Church office in a sealed envelope. (Sorry we cannot accept online or email applications, the application must be in hard copy or paper form.) Announcement of recipients will be made after March 1, 2012.

Linda Paulus, Evelyn Frye, Ramona Bryson, Jim Chapman, Roger Benfield, Arnie Goard. 2012 Scholarship Committee

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4:00 Confirmation Cl. 4:45 Disciple I 5:00 Superbowl Party 5:00 Disciple III 5:00 Jr. Youth 7:00 Youth Choir 7:45 Sr. High Chorus</p>			<p>1 10:00 MRLEC Comm Meeting 5:30 First Wednesday 6:00 Jr./Cherub Choir 6:15 Prayer Service 6:15 Youth Bible Stu. 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2 10:00 MRLEC</p>	3	4
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<p>12 4:00 Confirmation Cl. 4:45 Disciple I 5:00 Disciple III 5:00 Jr. Youth 5:00 SURGE 7:00 Youth Choir</p>	<p>13 9:30 Disciple II 6:00 Handbells</p>	<p>14 10:00 Primetimers 10:00 TM Circle 1:00 Mission Comm 6:00 S D Thompson 7:00 Lillian Hall</p>	<p>15 5:30 Wed. Night Meal 6:00 Jr./Cherub Choir 6:15 Youth Bible Stu. 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Comm 6:30 UMM Meeting</p>	17	18
<p>19 2:00 Scholarship Applications Due 4:45 Disciple I 5:00 Disciple III 5:00 Jr. Youth 5:00 Labor of Love 7:00 Youth Choir</p>	<p>20 9:30 Disciple II 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Jennie Corpening Circle NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21 1:00 Maggie Jones</p>	<p>22 12:00 Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 Wed. Night Meal 6:00 Jr./Cherub Choir 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23 10:00 MRLEC</p>	24	25
<p>26 4:00 Confirmation Cl. 4:45 Disciple I 5:00 Disciple III 5:00 Jr. Youth 5:00 SURGE 7:00 Youth Council 7:00 Youth Choir</p>	<p>27 9:30 Disciple II 6:00 Handbells</p>	28	<p>29 5:30 Wed. Night Meal 6:00 Jr./Cherub Choir 6:15 Youth Bible Stu. 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>			<p>Worship Services 8:15, 9:33, 10:55 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 and 10:45 am Youth Sunday School 9:30 and 10:30 am</p>

Children's Ministry



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Guide, Respect, Appreciate, Celebrate, and Embrace As we prepare Children for their walk with Jesus so that they may shine His word into the World!

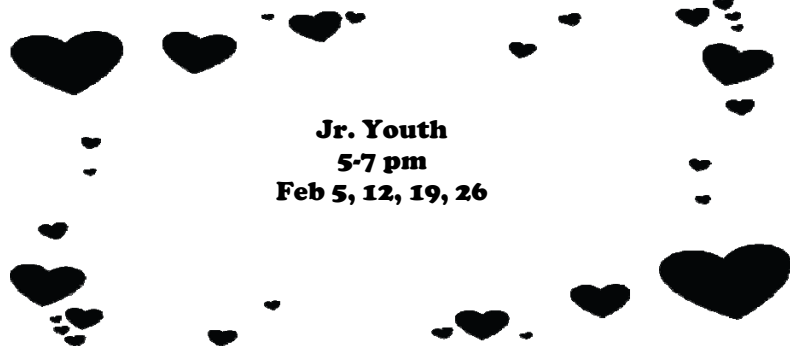
Children's Ministry Update for February 2012



June 24th-June 28th

Welcome to Sky VBS, where you will learn that everything is possible with God, through this high-flying adventure focused on:

- **No matter who you are... Trust God!**
- **No matter how you feel...Trust God!**
- **No matter what people do...Trust God!**
- **No matter what happens...Trust God!**
- **No matter where you are...Trust**



Jr. Youth
5-7 pm
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Upcoming Events for Children's Ministry

Church-wide Easter Picnic followed by Egg hunt, Sunday April 1st. Each Egg Hunt participant will need 12 filled eggs and a basket. If you do not have children and would like to participate, we will need extra filled eggs.



Father/Daughter and Mother/Son All age dance , May 18th from 7pm-9pm. \$10.00 per ticket or \$20.00 family maximum. Tickets will go on sale April 1st.

Youth Ministry Update

Rev. Paige Ann S. Miller, Associate Pastor/Youth Pastor
Cell-424-0703 millsriveryouth@bellsouth.net

S.U.R.G.E. Mills River Youth February Dates to Remember

February 5, 5:00-7:00
Super Bowl Party @the Parsonage

February 12, 5:00-7:00
SURGE Youth

February 19, 3:30-7:00
Labor of Love

February 26, 5:00-7:00
SURGE Youth

Summer Mission Dates:

MSM, Albemarle, NC – July 8-14 (still tentative!)
High School Mission Trip – July 22-28
Costa Rica – July 27-Aug 4



In January, the youth baked and decorated cookies for their teachers as a "sweet" reminder that we are praying for them as we ALL celebrate being halfway through this school year!

Keep up with us on at the S.U.R.G.E. Mills River Youth Group page!

Volunteers

7:00 AM Sunrise Service

Nursery

February 5

8:15 Jon & Lori Hart
9:33 D King/K Maultby
10:55 Jamie & Haley Staton

February 12

8:15 **need volunteer**
9:33 Beverly Brown
10:55 Lydia Gossett

February 19

8:15 Tabea Davenport
9:33 Kendall Deckard
10:55 Tammie/Samatha Gross

February 26

8:15 **need volunteer**
9:33 Lydia Gossett
10:55 E Woodall/B Bandy

Children's Church

Feb 5 Terry Ippoltio

Feb 12 Mollie Phillips

Feb 19 T & L Bryson

Feb 26 Michelle Stanley

Lent Schedule:

Wednesday, Feb 22

12:00 Ash Wednesday Service and Lunch

6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

Palm Sunday, April 1

12:00 Churchwide Easter Picnic followed by Easter Egg Hunt

7:00 PM Easter Cantata

Holy Thursday, April 5

7:00 PM Service

Good Friday, April 6

7:00 PM Service

Easter, April 8

7:00 AM Sunrise Service

8:00 Churchwide Breakfast

9:33 Service

10:55 Service

Music

Blessings to all,

This has been a very dark and dismal January, weather-wise. We need some "Son light". You can find this light by getting re-involved in the music ministry. Some great new plans are warming up for spring. Jr. Choir will begin practice for our Spring Musical in February and I need all my Jr. Choir age kids to help out. I have had so many folks tell me how much they enjoyed the children's and Youth choirs during Christmas. Thank you so much for your participation. You are "reaching the multitudes" for Christ.



This year the Lord has placed an Easter Cantata on my heart. It is called "O WHAT A SAVIOR" and I know you will love it. I need my full choir to shout to the Lord. As February begins the Lenten Season it is a wonderful time to start anew and reflect what our Savior has done for us.

"O WHAT A SAVIOR"

The most important day of praise, celebration and worship, in the life of a Christian, is Easter Sunday. Christmas brought the baby Jesus but Easter brings the Savior, Jesus. Without the cross and resurrection we would have no Savior. Without the Savior we would have no need for the Easter message or any other Sunday message.

He came as a gentle baby to be loved by the world; He became the gentle healer who loved a world which loved Him not. He showed His love by healing the sick in body and soul. He healed the lame, the blind, the deaf the mute. He raised the dead, calmed the storms. He walked on water and created a feast with bread and fish that fed thousands. We know these miracles by heart. But the greatest miracles were done in the hearts of the men and women who followed Him. They gave their lives to Him and He gave His life for them. "O WHAT A SAVIOR"

As He willingly opened His hands for the nails, He wants us to willingly open our heart to Him. Are we so "blind" that we cannot "see"? Are we so "deaf" that we cannot hear His voice calling? Are we so proud that we will not allow Him a "home" in our hearts? When the stone was rolled to close the tomb it closed the door on our old life of sin. When the stone was rolled away it opened and revealed our new and everlasting life by the Grace of God.

Why did He come? Why did He love? Why did He care? Why did He choose the nails? Look in the mirror.

He did it all for you and me. "O WHAT A SAVIOR"

The regular music schedule is the same Sunday

7:00 Youth Choir

7:45 Senior High Choir

Monday

6:00 Hand Bell Choir

Wednesday

6:00 Jr. and Cherub Choir

7:15 Chancel Choir

Mills River Life Enrichment Center



Ongoing Events:

In addition to the above programs each week, MRLEC provides Blood Pressure Checks - Chair Exercises @ 9:45am - Magazine Swap - a Nutritious Meal and Fellowship with Others.



February Programs

2 Steve Carson in Concert, *Mother's Favorites*

**Canned Food Day*

9 Bingo

16 Music Therapy

23 Forge Mountain Cloggers and Story Telling w/ Lynn Bryson

All programs begin at 10 am and are held in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Statement:

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

Lunch reservations are required for each program. Please call the MRLEC office (828) 808-5581 by noon the Tuesday before each



"MALE DISCIPLE FACILITATORS NEEDED FOR PRISON MINISTRIES"

For several years, Mills River United Methodist Church has been reaching beyond its walls bringing hope, forgiveness, love, and a way out of self-defeating behavior patterns to prisoners at the Buncombe County Detention Facility(BCDF). Spearheaded by our own Reverend Paul Thompson and ably assisted by Ken Weast and now Craig Kirkpatrick and Clarence Blackwell, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is being proclaimed in the most unlikely of places. And it is making a difference, if not always in the lives of prisoners, most definitely in the lives of the of the four lucky folks mentioned above. There are just sometimes when you know you are doing the right thing!

We would like to extend to you the invitation to join us in this ministry. We have an opportunity to expand what we are doing into another floor of BCDF and we need a few more willing, inspired folks. There are some preliminary requirements. First, because the current need is with male prisoners, yes, you do need to be an adult male over the age of 21. Also, because we are facilitating Disciple 1 in BCDF, it is essential to have previously graduated from Disciple 1, either from the program taught here or at another church. There are some "vetting" requirements by the volunteer coordinator staff at BCDF, essentially focusing on your character. Then, the Disciple Bible Outreach program would like you to take a short, one day course concentrating on facilitating (teaching) Disciple Bible courses plus another short course on how to do this in a prison environment. Finally, there is the matter of your time. The ministry we are working with now goes from 12:30PM to 2 PM on each Wednesday and I would expect a similar time frame when we expand to a different floor.

Do you think, given all the above, God might be calling YOU to help with this vital ministry? Are you seeking that special blessing from our Lord? If so, please get in touch with either myself (Craig Kirkpatrick, 891-9771, closeburn@att.net) or Reverend Thompson (891-7788, mrumc@bellsouth.net) to see how you might fit in.

Blessings, Craig Kirkpatrick, Lay Leader, MRUMC

**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

**Wednesday Night
Services**

6:15 pm Prayer/Worship
Service in the Chapel

We're on the Web!
millsriverumc.org

If you would be willing to receive our newsletter electronically instead of in hard copy, please contact the church office at 828-891-7788 or erica_mrumc@bellsouth.net.

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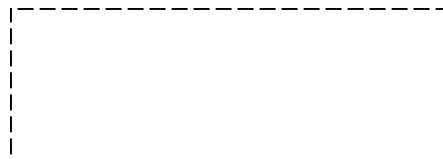
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