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# Pulpit and Pew

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

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## Being United Methodist Too!



### A Happy and Blessed New Year!

I guess you have heard the media reports about December 12, 2012. According to the ancient Mayan calendar this is the day of the "Apocalypse," the end of life as we know it. Now, to be fully forthcoming, there really isn't a whole lot of clarity about this date. Not too many seem to be taking this date very seriously. I don't anticipate too many folks will stress too much about this scenario, but it will surely get some publicity in the coming months. We take our direction from scripture and therefore we do not worry about these predictions. Mark 13 invites us to an understanding that no one knows the times of the end of the age, not even Jesus (the Son of Man) in his earthly being. We must listen to the voice of scripture that tells us to be prepared at all times, in all circumstances, for we are to always be prepared for Christ's coming and the end of the age as we now know it. So, if we *are* going to make plans to be a part of this world in 2012, maybe we can focus our efforts on being ever more faithful to the calling to be God's love and witness to the grace of God found in Christ Jesus our Lord. Here are some things I plan to keep before us in 2012:

1. I hope we can continue to be guided in our ministry efforts by the principle presented in Ephesians 4:11-13 that our work is to "equip the saints to do the work of ministry." We are so blessed to have a church that embraces this concept. I see it every day. From the volunteers at MRLEC, to the "mowing men", to the office volunteers, to the youth and children's mentors, to the nursery. All over the church we have people who understand that the blessings come when we offer ourselves in service to the Lord. When we use our spiritual gifts in faithfulness to God, we grow spiritually, drawing closer to the Lord.
2. I hope this year we can live more fully into the guiding principle of Matthew 28 that we are to "go into all the world" proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Most of the growth that has occurred in our church over the last number of years has been from people transferring their membership from other churches. I'm hoping that this year with renewed emphasis on reaching the non-churched, we can receive new people who are professing the Christian faith for the first time. This will require intentionally relating to people in our places of work, in our schools and in our community activities, developing trusting relationships with them so that we can share the good news of Christ with integrity. I hope we can re-commit to this evangelism effort.
3. One of the spiritual disciplines that we have often underutilized is fasting. Jesus did not say to us, "if we fast" but "when you fast." This year, maybe we can grow in this spiritual discipline and grow deeper spiritually. We'll be talking more about this early in the year.

Grace and Peace,  
Paul B. Thompson

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

*Oh, be careful little ears what you hear, Oh, be careful little ears what you hear, For the Father up above is looking down in love, Oh, be careful little ears what you hear.* Do you remember that old children's song? I'll tell you, I didn't much care for it when I was a child. That song had seven verses, and I was pretty sure it was written just to ruin all the fun in life. Case in point: in the dawn of the cable television era (I know... I'm ancient!), I should have had the luxury of watching a host of shows from around the world. What an educational opportunity! I had Braves baseball from Atlanta, Bozo the Clown from Chicago, and a few programs from overseas that grabbed my attention just from the credits. Take, for instance, an animated British comedy series that shall remain nameless. The opening credits alone contained 30 seconds of all those things I do my best to screen out of my own children's media, but I couldn't look away. I even laughed with the laugh track as the giant foot came down to squash the poor buggers flat. Well, wouldn't you know that 30 seconds is all I ever got to watch of the show as a child because it turns out it took about 30 seconds for my parents to get from any given part of our house to the off button on the television! Oh, we had a remote control. I'm not *that* old. But in the days when remotes were young we still didn't know if we could trust them, much less find them before something incredibly tawdry happened.

I'm all grown up now, and I hear my childhood groans of disappointment echoed all too often in my own home. They look at me like I looked at my mother, my father, and my grandmother whenever any of them questioned my music or changed the channel on the TV. A few years back, after many attempts to explain the benefits of filtering what comes into our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds, I decided to share my friend's story with them. Facing the same daily struggle with her children, and no longer living in the age where 30 seconds is all we parents need to power them down, she took matters into her own hands. I think she got this idea from her preacher, so feel free to take it and run with it from here. (Your kids or grandkids can call me later when they need counseling.)

She decided to tempt them with some brownies after a long school week. As she offered each child a plate of the warm, fresh, chocolaty goodness, she mentioned that these brownies contained a secret ingredient. She confessed she had gone out into the back yard to collect some veterinarian-quality samples of her dog's leavings and had put just a *little bit* into the brownies to give them an extra kick. Her children turned green and pushed away. They didn't care how "little" that little bit was. They wanted none of it!

Oh, if we were only as guarded with our eyes, ears, mouths, hands, minds, and hearts as we are with our stomachs. We allow folks to come into our cars and into our homes, we give them our commute or our down time, and we give them our full audience. And even if we disagree with everything they are saying, we can't talk back to them! They always get the last word (even if we do occasionally talk back to the TV over our morning coffee, much to the confusion of the dogs, who are pretty sure any spoken word in the empty house must be an invitation to get petted or have a treat). We are bombarded with images we can't ever un-see. We say words that can't be taken back. We can't un-think a thought. Our hearts are, as the old hymn goes, "prone to wander." Be careful what goes in. Because – and this is key – what goes *in* is going to come back out. Period. I don't care how holy we are or we think we are, on this side of heaven we still get mad when we get cut off in traffic.

The remedy for a world full of brownies-with-a-bonus is to filter with care those parts of the world that we allow to be part of us. There is still so much good to take in! God's wonders and goodness are all around us if we follow the advice of Paul (the apostle): "Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about (look at/listen to/speak/put your hands to/love) such things" (Phil 4:8).

Be careful, and for heaven's sake please check the ingredients before you eat the brownies.

Shalom!  
Rev. Paige Ann Miller



The Methodist Men will be launching 2012 with a fairly aggressive agenda. Our January meeting on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 P.M. in the Chapel will be a panel discussion on issues many parents will have to deal with from truancy to minor criminal acts to drugs. Our panel will feature experts in the judicial system, school intervention, probation, and law enforcement. We will ask persons with questions or concerns to **ANONYMOUSLY** write the question or concern and seal them in an envelope addressed to the Methodist Men's Group and put them in the offering plate. We would like to have the questions by no later than Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> so we will have time to prepare our panel members. Because this issue is so prevalent in our society and impacts the entire family we have extended a proposal to the Methodist Women to joint venture this program. The meeting will be open to the entire congregation and we encourage parents and grandparents to bring their junior and high school age children to help them better understand what they could face if they make some bad choices. This can also be a good opportunity to begin (or continue) an open dialogue with your children on this all important subject. This will not be a dinner meeting.

Our Christmas Tree sale is still going on and the books are not yet closed, but it appears that this year will be as successful as last year's effort. We owe a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Will McClung, leader of the gang and Wayne Rankin, his trusty sidekick, and all of the men (and woman) who helped to make this a success.

We also welcome Roger Benfield as our new Vice President and Arnie Goard as our new Treasurer. Phil Lounsbury has resigned as Treasurer after five years and we are very grateful for his service to UMM.

*John Hubbs, Secretary*

## Birthdays

- 1 Jan King
- 1 Rita Hall
- 2 Debbie McMinn
- 2 Sawyer Pearson
- 4 Rachel Ball
- 4 Betty Grant
- 5 Margaret Cross
- 6 Merit Wolff
- 7 Lori Cavanaugh
- 7 Barbara Guinn
- 7 Craig Long
- 7 Shirley Whiteside
- 8 Wayne Secrist
- 9 Pat Calhoun
- 10 Shirley Allen
- 10 Dudley Mulford
- 11 Donna Pascoe
- 11 Pam Powlas
- 14 Tommy Blackwell
- 14 Taylor King
- 14 Tony Smith
- 16 Brian Morrow
- 16 Debbie Wong Chong
- 17 Joe Brittain
- 18 Kelly Bellamy
- 18 Barbara King
- 19 Mary Manning Holmes
- 19 Lydia Rathburn
- 21 Chris Dozier
- 21 Jeanne Harper
- 22 Andrew Burnette
- 22 Spencer Carnes
- 22 Martha Cremer
- 23 Emily Albea
- 23 Kathy Koontz
- 24 Kim Andrews
- 24 Joyce Armstrong
- 24 Edward Ellis
- 24 Brittany Payton
- 24 Kim Pearson
- 26 Shirley Massey
- 28 Marty Payne
- 28 Bonnie Stewart
- 30 Stacey Frady
- 30 Heather Rejzer
- 31 Darrin Ball
- 31 Awanda Fisher
- 31 Eric Gorgas
- 31 Mark Miller
- 31 Eric Owen



## United Methodist Women

We wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Maggie Jones Circle hosted the UMW Christmas Party. The devotion chosen for the UMW's Christmas Party was about the beginning and the end of events in our lives (following three years as president of UMW). What makes up our life is what fills in the middle of those events that we can influence by our actions. Let's make 2012 have a good beginning and a good ending by living as a Christian all through the middle of the year.

Linda Paulas was voted in as president of our UMW unit and Casey Varnadore as vice-president. We are sure the two of them will do an excellent job for Mills River's UMW Unit.

In addition to the excellent food and the fun gift exchange, the youth from Fletcher Academy provided our entertainment for the party. Their performance was outstanding!!

May God Bless all of you and keep you healthy in 2012.

Ladies of MRUMC, there is a group of the MRUMW that needs you!!

*-Anna Awald*





Shannon and Junior Choir:  
The Children sang so beautifully while caroling! Thank you for the lovely tree ornaments, I know you worked hard making them. They are now on my trees!!

I hope each of you have a wonderful Christmas and may God bless each of you and your teacher! You make people happy just seeing you. All of you are beautiful.

Much love, Alta Fowler

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for providing Christmas presents for 30 of our needy students at Marlow Elementary. Our families appreciated your generosity, and our school appreciates your support of our families. Of course, your church member Connie Wright had an integral part in organizing the gift-giving at Marlow, so your church also provided a much-welcomed and appreciated gift for us. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of your church. God bless you and best wishes for the new year. Sincerely,

John Bryant  
Principal

Kathy Edwards  
School Counselor

Dear Friends of Mills River School,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas sponsorship of so many Mills River students through your Angel Tree. Your gifts of warm clothing, special toys, and little surprises will delight the children on Christmas morning, and have certainly warmed the hearts of their struggling parents. You should see the gratitude on the parent's faces when they come to pick up the gifts!

We appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Todd Murphy  
Principal

Ann Crisp  
School Counselor

Dear Pastor Paul and the congregation of MRUMC,

We at Fishes and Loaves want to thank you all for the 130 Thanksgiving Baskets that we were able to give out to the clients of Fishes and Loaves the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The baskets contained all the "fixins" to cook a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you to the many who donated to make this possible and especially to June Patterson for coordinating the food boxes and money collection at Mills River. Without this support, many would not have been able to have a Thanksgiving Dinner.

Also, many thanks to your generous congregation during our Fifth Annual Food Drive this year. Overall, we collected more than 5,000 pounds of food, some of which we needed to raid for food boxes given that Saturday. The rest will be distributed throughout this winter and spring. Bless you for your kind donations,  
Mrs. MJ MacFarlane, Communications Volunteer

Dear United Methodist Men,

Thank you for your kind contribution of a tree and stand for a family with young children who would not have otherwise had a tree. Your generosity brought smiles, laughter and joy to three young boys.

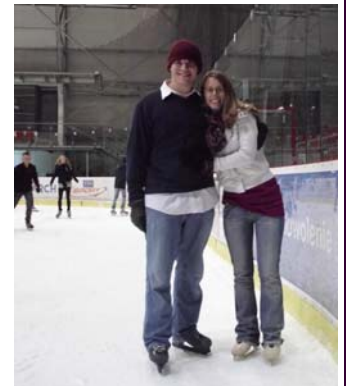
With much appreciation, The Bandy Family

Dear MRUMC,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support! We are truly grateful for everything ya'll do for us and the partnership we have with you. We hope that you are enjoying the Christmas Season and know that we are thinking of you. Thank you for the financial support and the wonderful cards from the Children! They are so encouraging!!

Take care and God Bless Ya'!!!

Stephen and Traci



Stephen and Traci Edworthy  
skating in Krakow, Poland

### Missions Corner

Happy New Year! This is a time for new beginnings, new resolutions, and starting a new year fresh. As we do so, let's take a moment to remember our missionary families, so far away. They are missing family as they follow God's calling. Make them a part of your new years. Drop them a note or email letting them know how much they are appreciated for the sacrifices they are making.

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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**



**American Red Cross**  
 Mills River Community  
 BLOOD DRIVE  
 Mills River UMC  
 Friday, January 27th  
 2:00 pm — 7:00 pm  
 Please call Stratton Taylor at 243-3735 to schedule your donation appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome as the schedule allows. Donor's are entered into a drawing for a pair of Delta Airline tickets! Thanks for giving the gift of life!



**Calling all Chili Cooks!!!  
 The Annual Chili Cook-off**

sponsored by your **Church Council** will be on  
**the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in January**  
**that's January 4, 2012!!**

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. (Chili should be present by 5:00 p.m., PLEASE!!!) Are you willing to make a crock pot of chili? It does not have to be 'judged!' but that is part of the fun of the evening! You may even win one of the wonderful prizes!!  
 Please contact Eric Rathburn, the 2012 Church Council Vice-Chairman at 684 – 8463 or e-mail him at [berathburn@bellsouth.net](mailto:berathburn@bellsouth.net) .  
 All the chili 'fixins', corn bread and desserts will be provided by your 2012 Church Council members.  
 Please come and share this time of fun and fellowship and get to know us!  
 See you at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2012!!!

The Lillian Hall Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 7pm in the Osborne Room. Patty Heafner & Suzanne Maney will be hostesses. Joyce Ward will have the program. Ladies remember to bring cans of Chunky Soup for Fishes & Loaves.

**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](mailto:millsriveryouth@bellsouth.net) for more information or to sign up.  
 Skilled leaders are needed!

**The Primetimers**

The Primetimers will be traveling to Wade's in Spartanburg, SC on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. We will leave the church parking lot at 10am. If you would like to go, give Evelyn a call at 891-3743.



**Third Tuesday at Ten - New UMW Circle!**

The first meeting is January 17th at 10:00AM at Delores Meadows' home.


**THE NEW DIRECTORIES WILL BE HERE SOON!!!**

**A HUGE THANK YOU to Noreen Goard** for all of her hard work on the directories! Her ownership of this project made it possible! The new directories will be at the church and available for pick up on January 8th and January 15th following all three services in the Narthex. Don't forget to pick up yours if your family had a photo taken or if you are a new member and you joined since September 1, 2011!



Scenes from the Youth Cantata. It was a wonderful performance!

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4:30 Nerf War and Community 601 SURGE Youth Worship	2	3	4 5:00 Chili Due in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Chili Cook-off 7:15 Chancel Choir Practice	5 10:00 MRLEC 1:00 Visitation	6	7
8 5:00 Jr. Youth/ SURGE Youth 7:00 Youth Choir 7:45 Sr. High Chorus	9 6:00 Handbells	10 10:00 Primetimers 1:00 Mission Committee Meeting 6:00 Susan D. Thompson Circle 7:00 Lillian Hall Circle	11 6:00 Jr./Cherub Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share 7: 15 Chancel Choir	12 10:00 MRLEC 1:00 Visitation	13	14
15 12:00 Acolyte Training 3:00 SURGE Youth Labor of Love 3:30 Kids Care 5:00 Jr. Youth	16 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Jennie Corpening Circle <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	17 9:00 Primetimers 10:00 TT@T Circle 12:00 Maggie Jones Birthday Party 1:00 Mission Committee Meeting	18 6:00 Jr./Cherub Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir	19 10:00 MRLEC 1:00 Visitation 6:30 Worship Comm 6:30 UMM Meeting	20	21 SURGE Ski Trip
22 5:00 Jr. Youth NO SURGE Youth	23 6:00 Handbells 7:00 General UMW Meeting	24	25 6:00 Jr./Cherub Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir	26 10:00 MRLEC 1:00 Visitation	27 Blood Drive 	28
29 5:00 Jr. Youth/ SURGE Youth 7:00 Youth Choir 7:45 Sr. High Chorus	30 6:00 Handbells	31				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

# Children's Ministry



Shannon Barber 828-808-6377  
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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!

## January Events

January 8th: Jr. Youth 5:00-7:00pm

January 11th: Cherub Choir resumes  
6:00-7:00pm

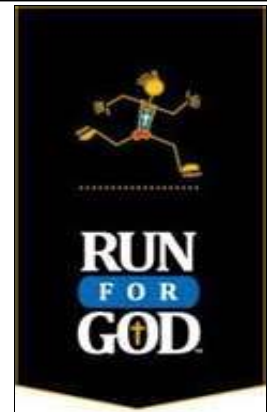
January 15th: Jr. Youth 5:00-7:00pm

January 22nd: Jr. Youth 5:00-7:00pm

January 29th: Jr. Youth 5:00-7:00pm



Run For God - The 5K Challenge" is both a Bible study and a training program. The book teaches individuals how to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ while also illustrating the parallels between an endurance sport and the endurance that faith requires. This study is for everyone! In fact, it is designed for those who have never run. Working together, students are not only prepared for a race at the end of the course, but for a closer relationship with a loving God who wants to see us run for Him! And for beginning runners, the encouragement received is certain to improve race performance! If you are interested in this 12 week bible study, to begin in 2012, contact Shannon Barber, sbarbermrumc@bellsouth.net by no later than February 1st.



## Youth Ministry Update

### S.U.R.G.E. Mills River Youth January

January 1, 4:30-7:00 - NERF WAR and 6:01 Worship

January 8, 5:00-7:00 - SURGE Youth

January 15, 3:00-6:30 - Labor of Love

January 21, 8a.m. departure – Ski/Tubing Trip with Groce UMC (day trip only, reservations required!)

January 29, 5:00-7:00 - SURGE Youth



S.U.R.G.E at the Storehouse

For our December Labor of Love, 19 youth and seven adults cleaned and organized the Storehouse, a Hendersonville mission organization that provides food, clothing, and hope for our neighbors in need.

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

## Volunteers

### Nursery

#### January 1

8:15 Jon & Lori Hart  
9:33 Lydia Gossett/Julie Gladin  
10:55 Bob & Pam Pate

#### January 8

8:15 Tabia Davenport  
9:33 Beverly Brown & Kendall Deckard  
10:55 Pam Powlas

#### January 15

8:15 Joyce Gorgas  
9:33 Lydia Gossett  
10:55 Ali Parent/Tracy Dozier

#### January 22

8:15 Jan & Maggie King  
9:33 Nedra Willis  
10:55 Erica Woodall & Linda Brittain

#### January 29

8:15 NEED VOLUNTEER  
9:33 Lydia Gossett  
10:55 Don and Joanne King

### Acolytes

Jan 1 Emily Maltby  
Jan 8 Drew Maltby  
Jan 15 Jonathan Austin  
Jan 22 Ainsley Deese  
Jan 29 TBA

Janice Arden will be doing a short "training" for new acolytes following the 10:55 service on January 15. She needs to know the names of ALL children who are interested in serving as acolytes for 2012, even if they are currently an acolyte. Parents can call at 891-1984 or email at [janicearden@rocketmail.com](mailto:janicearden@rocketmail.com)



## Music

### Greetings to all:

#### Chancel Choir

#### HOPE IS BORN! EMMANUEL

What a great joy to bring together the choirs of MRUMC and Hope UMC to present this wonderful worship experience. I hope this time of encouragement and hope touched your hearts as it has ours. Thank you to all who gave of their time and talents to bring Glory to God during this season. May God truly bless you in this coming year.

There will be no Chancel Choir rehearsal on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:15.

#### Junior and Cherub Choirs

The Cherub and Junior Choirs will be participating in worship on Christmas Eve during the 6:00 service. The Jr. Choir will be playing chimes and singing. The Cherubs will also sing during this wonderful celebration of Savior's birth.

There will be no Jr. or Cherub rehearsals on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> or Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. We will resume regular rehearsals on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Youth Choir

Thank You Youth Choir for a wonderful worship experience with "Celebrate The Day!" You allowed the Holy Spirit to work with and through you bringing Glory to God during the Christmas Season.

GREAT songs-GREAT Praise for 2012--Youth Choir will start back on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Come on and bring a friend!

#### Hand Bell Choir

Hand Bell rehearsals will resume on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

The CD "Preludes" was a great experience that has been graciously received by our church and community. After many requests Kevin and I will begin a 2<sup>nd</sup> CD shortly after the Christmas season. I think we will call it "Worship with Kevin and Steve", but we are open to suggestions.

We are all so blessed with the gifts God continues to bring our way. May we never forget that all our blessings flow from His hands. It is a great honor to be a part of that which God is blessing at Mills River United Methodist Church.

God's Blessings to All

Steve Carson



## Mills River Life Enrichment Center

### December Highlights

**12/1**

The West Henderson High School Jazz Band entertained the audience with a variety of great music.

**12/8**

Bingo was provided with grocery items given as prizes.

**12/15**

The last program for 2011 brought the Sounds of Christmas, presented by the Woodwind Quintet. The audience enjoyed the wonderful music.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas holiday and a very Happy New Year.

### 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.



### January Schedule

**1/5**

God Winks \*Canned Food Day

**1/12**

The Ultimate Bucket List Adventure - Alaska!

**1/19**

Mindful Eating, presented by Park Ridge Health

**1/26**

Bingo

### 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.

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

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



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU From the Welcome Table

I would like to extend a very special thank you to the MRUMM for their baked spaghetti dinner on October 25, the gals from MRLEC for their homemade soups and sandwiches on Nov. 1, the Jennie Corpening Circle for their hot dog supper on Nov. 8, and the Mills River Youth for their loaded potato and salad supper on Nov. 15th. The meals were delicious and everyone there appreciated your kindness. Also my cooks enjoyed a much deserved break. I would love to make your visits an annual event. Thank you again so very much.

On Tuesday, November 22nd the Welcome Table cooks plus some newcomers came together to put on a Thanksgiving feast – turkey and all the trimmings. Special thanks to Will and Ruby McClung, Beverly and David Parris, Mark Kruse, and Val Sen. Thanks again so much for everything!!

On December 20th the Hope United Methodist Church hosted a Christmas dinner at the Welcome Table for all our volunteers and the community. Several folks from Hope have joined the Welcome Table team. I would also like to thank everyone on the Dessert Team for providing yummy desserts each week. Again thanks to everyone!

Carol Weast

**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](http://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](mailto:erica_mrumc@bellsouth.net).

**Ministry and Staff**

The Rev. Paul B. Thompson . . . . . Senior Pastor  
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Dean Cavanaugh . . . . . Worship Leader  
Shannon Barber . . . . . Children's Ministry Director  
Ruth Williams . . . . . MRLEC Director  
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Erica Woodall . . . . . Administrator  
Gina Long . . . . . Custodian

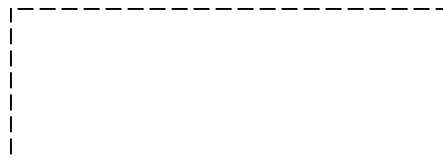
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