



# From Pulpit to Pew

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

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## Being United Methodist Too!



### Who Are We?

I have been thinking about that question recently. Who are we as a church? What defines us? What is our compelling vision of why we exist and what we are about? How would you answer those questions?

I think the answers to those questions are important. Whether it be in the business world, a non-profit, and maybe especially in the church, it is important that we know who we are and what we are about. I don't think that simply saying "well, we are a church" is sufficient. Shouldn't we define more clearly what our purpose and vision in being the church includes?

If purpose is "Why you exist", and vision is "Where you are going", then maybe we can spend some time, energy and effort in reflecting on those questions. I read recently a book entitled Made to Stick by Chip and Dan Heath. The book is written to grapple with the question of why some ideas enter the public realm and become part of the nomenclature; the culture, the accepted view, while others are never accepted, never taking hold. One of the examples in the book about why companies survive and take hold and become ingrained in the business world with solid reputations involves Southwest Airlines. It seems that the leadership of Southwest Airlines has developed a philosophy and a mantra: they will be THE lowest cost airline. Everything they do is measured by this philosophy. Any changes that are made are measured by this statement: will this change help us become the low cost airline. Now, obviously, safety is their first issue. They can't compromise on safety. But for decisions like "what will we serve to our passengers on flights", they ask themselves "will this help us be THE low cost airline." This airline has developed a great reputation for being cost effective and is growing leaps and bounds in terms of passengers. They know who they are and they are being guided by this philosophy, and it is working!

I am in the process of prayer and reflection about who we are and what God is calling us to be. I am confident that part of that vision and purpose is for us to live in to the teaching of Ephesians 4:12-13, "to equip the saints to do the work of ministry." I am also confident that the identity that we have as a "community" church is healthy. This church has played a vital role in this community for over 200 years now, and I believe that is important to remember and embrace.

Beyond that, however, I am seeking God's leadership and guidance, but believe that you are a part of that inspiration. Who do you say that we are? What do you believe our purpose and vision should be? Would you be willing to share your thoughts and ideas with me? I would welcome your e-mails, letters, calls and conversations as we work through these questions as we lay the groundwork for this next mile of the journey. Please let me hear from you!

### JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

are due

**Monday, July 18**

Please email articles

to

**fishrus8@**

**morrisbb.net**

Don't have email?

Please place articles

in the Newsletter  
mailbox at the

church. You can

send them any time  
prior to the dead-

line.

Thank you.

## Volunteers

### Nursery

July 3  
8:15 Lori Hart  
9:33 **need volunteer**  
10:55 Martha & Kaiti Cremer

July 10  
8:15 Tabea Davenport  
9:33 B. Brown/C. Dozier  
10:55 Tammy & Samantha  
Gross/Kelly McCartney

July 17  
8:15 Joyce Gorgas  
9:33 L. Gossett /K. Deckard  
10:55 E/ Woodall/C. Barnett

July 24  
8:15 Jan & Maggie King  
9:33 J. Gladin /N. Willis  
10:55 J. Dozier/Ali Parent

July 31  
8:15 **need volunteer**  
9:33 The Pattersons  
10:55 The Kings/K. Buchanan



### Children's Church

July 3 The Rathburns  
July 10 Terri Ippolito  
July 17 **need volunteer**  
July 24 Stephanie Austin  
July 31 The Guinns



### Acolytes

July 3 Miceala Bradley  
July 10 Shelby Frady  
July 17 Johnathan Austin  
July 24 Kyra Phillips  
July 31 Emily Maltby



### Greeters

July 3  
8:15 **need volunteer**  
9:33 The Ciaramitaros  
10:55 The Woods

July 10  
8:15 The Kimballs  
9:33 Dale Thompson  
10:55 The Chapmans

July 17  
8:15 **need volunteer**  
9:33 The Ippolitos  
10:55 The Siltzers

July 24  
8:15 Carolyn Johnson  
9:33 The Poetas  
10:55 The Rankins

July 31  
8:15 **need volunteer**  
9:33 The Whitfields  
10:55 Goard & Cabe

## Music Notes



### Greetings to all:

The music department would like to say a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Jim Chapman and his wood-working crew for the beautiful new music cabinet in the choir room. This new cabinet assures all the choirs a place to keep their music and will be a great blessing for many years to come.

### Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir will be off for the month of July. No rehearsals during this month. We will resume regular rehearsals on Wed. August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:15. During this break many of our members are planning to visit Hope United Methodist to sing with their choir. We are grateful for Doris and Andy Carnes have graciously agreed to lead worship and work with the choir at Hope while Rick and Sandra McMinn are going through Sandra's treatments. We also wish Sandra a speedy recovery and pray for complete healing.

We are all so blessed with the gifts God continues to bring our way. May we never take for granite that all our blessings flow from His hands.

God's Blessings to All,

Steve Carson

## Evangelism Team

### 2012 DIRECTORY

Due to our unprecedented growth we feel that it is time to publish an updated directory which will provide participating members an opportunity to place names with all of our new faces and update everyone's contact information. Rather than running consecutive weeks and missing those on vacation, the weeks of the photo shoots will be split in order to accommodate both back to school schedules and vacations.



The more appointments we schedule and carry through with, the more directories we will receive at no cost to either the members or MRUMC, so it is important that we have a good percentage of our member families scheduled. Each family that has a sitting will receive a free directory regardless of whether pictures are purchased.

July 3 - July 17: Sign up for photo appointments in Narthex

Aug. 2 - Aug. 6: Photographer does pictures (by appointment only) in Choir Room

Sept. 2 - Sept. 6: Photographer does pictures (by appointment only) in Choir Room

More information will be posted in the Narthex and those who have questions in the meantime may call Norene Goard at 891-5920 for any concerns.

## The UMW Circles

We are excited to announce that the "We Need a Name Circle" has officially become the Susan D. Thompson circle and after two meetings we already have many wonderful things in the works. At our first meeting we elected officers and discussed several missions we want to support in the coming months. One mission we decided to support is Mainstay in Hendersonville. Their purpose is to build and support a community free of domestic violence and we will be donating needed supplies to their women and children's shelter. Another mission area we want to support is outreach to the children in our community through volunteering our time, donating food to alleviate hunger, and raising funds to provide for current needs. We are looking forward to supporting the United Methodist Women as a unit at MRUMC through the upcoming rummage sale and fashion show fundraisers. Our regular meeting time will be the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Osborne room, however due to several schedule conflicts our July meeting will be on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Because most of our members have small children, we have a need for childcare during our regular meeting times. If you are able to volunteer your time to come love on some really sweet children for two hours a month, please let Anna McCall or Kelly McCartney know. We appreciate your support and look forward to all the wonderful things God has in store for our circle.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** The Methodist Men did not have a dinner/meeting this past week as this is the month that we do the baseball game at Asheville. Unfortunately they were away last week but this week on Thursday the 23rd we'll be there. We will have our next meeting on July 21st at 7 PM, plan on coming out for a good meal and a short meeting. The August meeting has been cancelled as so many people are on vacation that month. We hope you are enjoying the summer and staying cool.

*John Hubbs, Secretary*



## United Methodist Women

UMW Sunday focused on Brook-Howell Home in Asheville bringing to our church members the global outreach that UMW is involved with. The Asheville District has women who are in contact with our United Nation Representative for the help and support of women and children throughout the world.

The birthing kits our church has sponsored go to third world countries. The May *Response Magazine* focuses on Haiti. The country's devastation from the earthquake is far from over. Haiti is a country where rural women have their babies at home with birth attendants. 80-90 percent of women have their babies at home. Our kits are given to the matrons ( birthing attendants) who are trained to care for mothers and their baby in remote places in the country side. The Jennie Corpening Circle's goal for the birthing kit's this year was 100 bags of supplies. Thank you to the church for all your help. These bags were turned in at *The Spiritual Growth Retreat* at Lake Junaluska in June.

Every year MRUMW present to worthy church members, who go above and beyond the standard giving of their time to help the church and people of the community. The unit's Special Mission Pin went to two men , Don Westmoreland and Kenn Seal, otherwise known as Frick and Frack. They are around weekly, repairing and fixing problems in all the buildings of the church.

The Lillian Hall Circle's pin went to Ann Collins, who raises her hand with a "I will" when help is needed.

The Jennie Corpening Circle's pin went to Lynn Bryson who is greatly involved with the childrens' programs, helping out at Hope UMW, teaching Bible study class twice a month and MRLEC, etc.

The Maggie Jones Circle's pin went to Shannon Barber who is our Children Ministry's Coordinator, She raises a family, gets meals to families in need and the list goes on and on for her.

We are proud to announce that next year, we will have an additional pin from our new circle which started in May 2011.

Remember our Rummage Sale in July, Fashion Show and Luncheon in September, and Craft Bazaar in October.

Keep all of us in your prayers. Prayers to help us support our missions and to see the missions spiritually and physically that are right under our noses out in the mission field. MRUMW supports missions throughout our community and world-wide.

**Following is a schedule for 2011 for the main events:**

[July 30<sup>th</sup> - Annual Rummage Sale.](#)

[September 10<sup>th</sup> - Lunch and Fashion Show.](#)

[October 8<sup>th</sup> - Annual Craft Bazaar.](#)

[November 16<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Care Bags](#) assembled/delivered to shut-ins in the Mills River community

[December 10<sup>th</sup> - Annual Christmas Dinner](#) hosted by the Maggie Jones Circle

-Anna Awald

## Birthdays

- 3 Sarah McCartney
- 3 Leland Jones
- 3 Peggy Poteet
- 4 Brooke Stanley
- 6 Karen Robinson
- 6 Pat Merle
- 7 Wesley McCrary
- 9 Ethan Ham
- 9 Denise Jones
- 10 Robbie Laughter
- 11 Dottie Poteet
- 11 Rich Patterson
- 12 Daniel Corhn
- 12 Bill Merle
- 13 Shannon Miller
- 14 Cameyn Wolff
- 14 Donna Allison
- 15 Kyle Shirlin
- 16 Tom Powlas
- 17 Eric Rathburn
- 17 Lori Thrower
- 19 Shirley Bollinger
- 22 Linda Chapman
- 26 Robert Moore
- 28 Brittany Long
- 30 Ainsley Deese
- 30 Gail Moore
- 31 Brian Arden
- 31 Beth Jenkins
- 31 Carol Allen



Dear MRUM Scholarship Committee,  
Thanks you so much for the summer camp scholarship. I just know I will have a great time at Camp Tekoa. I hope to have fun and hopefully make some new friends.

Love,  
Josh Morrow

Dear MRUMC,

Thank you so much for awarding me with my camp scholarship. I will have fun at Camp Henry. My family has worked at Camp Henry in the past, and I have heard good things about Camp Henry. I am looking forward to this summer because I get to go to Camp Henry.

Sincerely,  
Ainsley Deese

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I want to thank you for honoring me with one of the scholarships. I appreciate all of your love and support as I go off to college in the fall. Thanks again,  
Kayla Martin

Dear Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you so much for considering me for a scholarship this year. I know that I am truly blessed to be a part of this church family. I am grateful for your support throughout my childhood and now as I go to Peace College.

Thanks again for everything.  
Nicole Ciaramitaro

Dear Scholarship Committee,  
Thanks you so much for choosing me to receive a Camp Tekoa Scholarship. I can't wait to spend a week with my friends at camp. I think learning more about Jesus and Gods good work will be exciting. Sincerely and blessed,  
Ethan Ham

Dear MRUMC,  
Thanks for the scholarship money. I love Camp Cedar Cliff and wasn't sure we would get to go. But thanks to you we do! Thank you again,  
Daniel Ippolito

Dear Mills River United Methodist Men & Methodist Women Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you so much for this generous scholarship! It will be put to great use as I further my education at UNC-Wilmington in the fall. Thanks for all you do to help support all of the children and youth in the church.  
Graham Pate

Dear Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you again for selecting me to receive a scholarship from the church. Believe it or not, I am working hard & making good grades. I am also doing my best to represent God & the church in a positive manner. Thanks again, and GO HEELS!

Braden Rimbault

Dear Scholarship Committee,  
Want to thank you for supporting me as I leave for college. The scholarship you awarded me will be a great help with all my expenses. Thanks again,  
Courtney Laughter

Dear MRJMC,  
Thank you for the scholarship money for summer camp. We will use it! Thank you again!  
Love,  
Anna Ippolito

MRUM Men & Women's Scholarship Committee,  
I appreciate your generous scholarship gift to help our in pursuit post graduate studies. The Church's continued support throughout my life has been unprecedented. I love my church family and appreciate everything they have done. Thanks you and God Bless.  
Lindsey Pate

### **There are dangerous consequences if you live for pleasure.**

Read the following verses. Think and pray about the verse that applies the most to your life.

**Proverbs 21:17** He who loves pleasure will become poor.

**Galatians 6:7** If a man sows to please his own wrong desires, he will be planting seeds of evil and he will surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death.

**Ecclesiastes 2:10-11** I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure...Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless.

**Ecclesiastes 7:4** A fool thinks only of having a good time now.

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, ...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--having a form of godliness but denying its power.

**1 Timothy 5:6** The widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

**Proverbs 23:20-21** Don't carouse with drunkards and gluttons, for they are on their way to poverty. And remember that too much sleep clothes a man with rags.

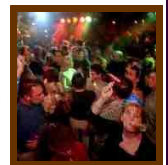
**Luke 15:13** The younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

**Your use of money shows what you think of God.**

#### **God's Provisions Of A House And Food**

When I was in my 20s, I moved to another city to take a new job. After I was told my salary, I sat down and wrote up a budget. First, I decided I would give 10% of my gross income to the LORD. I then discovered I could only afford \$100 a month for rent and \$55 a month for groceries. That wasn't much money, but I prayed and asked God to lead me. That same day, someone invited me to their house for dinner. It was a large home where 6 single Christian guys lived. After dinner, they invited me to move in with them. I told them I couldn't afford it. They then told me the rent was \$100 a month and the shared grocery bill was \$55 a month. I was blown away. I had decided to honor the LORD with 10% of my new salary and then God gave me a great place to live for exactly what I could afford. You, too, can learn to honor God and see Him provide.

This is a true story in a series of radio spots by Brian Kluth of [www.GiveWithJoy.org](http://www.GiveWithJoy.org) and [www.kluth.org](http://www.kluth.org)



# DISCIPLE

## Disciple—Your Chance to Step Out For Your Faith, Your Church, and Your Community

Many of you have heard the buzz about "equipping the saints" and have perhaps wondered how you fit in. Well here is how you go about it. You sign up for a DISCIPLE class! This year, following the outstanding DISCIPLE program which has brought so many in our Church to serving the Lord and the community in which He has placed us, we are offering all four DISCIPLE classes. Beginning with DISCIPLE I in mid-August, followed by Disciple II, III, and IV in September and roughly running through the normal school year, we plan on an outstanding DISCIPLE season. We have several newly minted DISCIPLE facilitators who are anxious to get started, and lots of opportunity within our congregation to turn hearts and souls to really getting involved in the community oriented mission of our Church. July 31st is our planned orientation and kick-off date. Please plan on meeting after services that day to register for the class you feel led to take this year. And God bless each and every one. In Christ, Craig Kirkpatrick

**The Lillian Hall Circle** will meet on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at 6pm at the home of Linda Paulus for our picnic. Girls, if you want to go swimming bring your swim suit. Bring what food you signed up for. Our Fishes & Loaves items this month will be napkins and Kleenex.



### MRUMC Hosts Duke Intern this Summer!

**Hello Mills River UMC!** I am **Sami Pack**, a 23 year old from Sheridan, MT. I am currently living in Great Falls, MT where I work as a preschool teacher's assistant & gymnastics coach at a local academy. I graduated from the University of Great Falls last May with a bachelor's in psychology & a bachelor's in criminal justice. I am also taking some graduate credits now in the Master's of Counseling program at UGF & playing golf for the college's team. After much discernment this last year, I decided that my faith needed to be a bigger part of my life, in fact, make it part of my career. Some doors shut, & others opened along the way, one of which being an opportunity of a lifetime: attending Duke for graduate school. I followed my heart & now, I am starting a brand new chapter in my life! My total goal is to study social work at UNC Chapel Hill along with my MDiv. degree at Duke and become an ordained deacon. But, I am keeping my eyes & mind open to other options along the way! I am the youth coordinator at my current church (Christ UMC) & am also a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. I love the outdoors & stay active with golf, swimming, running, & snowboarding. I find relaxation in playing guitar or just reading & listening to music. I am very excited to meet my new church family & to jump into my new chapter in life! I can't wait to meet you all! Blessings!



Would you like to work out, lose weight, & actually enjoy doing it? Give Zumba a try! A workout based off of several different styles of dance come together to accomplish amazing results, toning your body & burning calories! Jessica Dozier has classes on Saturdays from 9-10am & Mondays from 6-7pm! If interested contact Jessica at [jbdozier@unca.edu](mailto:jbdozier@unca.edu). Jessica would love for everyone to come out no matter your age or workout experience, Zumba is fun for everyone!!!



### When you are doing your spring cleaning,

remember our Rummage Sale in July. We will be taking items and preparing for the sale all week prior to the Saturday sale. Store your things for us, but if you need to bring them in early, we do have some storage space available. Thanks to the real estate agents in our church, we have been able to receive items from people moving or downsizing.



The Primetimers will be going to Sycamore Flats up on the Park Way on July 12 for our picnic. We will leave the church parking lot at 11am. If you would like to go give Evelyn a call at 891-3743 and bring a dish to share. This is always fun!

### UMW Annual Rummage Sale is July 30th, so it's

time to clean the garage, basement or shed & make a donation. Storage is limited storage, but if you must get rid of things now call Linda Trantham at 674-9888. If you can, hold on to your items until July. It's fun to donate, help set up and SHOP! Proceeds help support UMW missions.



### Mills River Farmers' Market

is open every Saturday morning from 8-12:00 noon. Drop by the G&B Energy Plaza on Hwy 280 and visit with local farmers and producers. The items for sale change from week to week as the season progresses. You will find nutritious and wholesome food as well as friendly people to spend a little time with. Drop by and see for yourself next weekend.

### Not-for-Profits

Free Vendor Space available means **fund raising opportunity** for your organization at the Mills River Farmers' Market. Contact Jim Reed to reserve a date(s).

### Family Time and Game Days

The Market will host "Family Time" each Saturday, 10-10:30 am. We are looking for individuals, groups, or businesses to host a learning opportunity for children & adults such as: preparing food, plants, pet care, mushrooms, soap carving, working with clay, farm animals - whatever you dream up. These activities will be held 2 weekends per month & "Game Days" the other 2 weekends. (**An easy service project for a youth group!**) Contact Jim for info.

# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>					1 Paige Ann Starts	2
<p>3 4 Youth Choir 6 Community 601</p>	<p>4 4TH OF JULY Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 FIRST WEDNESDAY UMM HOST 10 MRLEC Mtg-OR 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7 10 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team</p>	<p>8 Dozier Rehearsal Dinner</p>	<p>9 Dozier Wedding</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 11 Primetimers 7:30 Lillian Hall Circle</p>	<p>13 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14 10 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 630p Susan D Thompson 7p J Corpening NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>19 1:00 Maggie Jones Circle</p>	<p>20 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21 10 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 UMM Meeting</p>	<p>22 Jr. Youth Lock-in</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 12pm Disciple Orientation 31 Joining Sunday</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>28 No MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 UMV Rummage Sale</p>

# Children's Ministry



Shannon Barber  
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## VBS News

We had another exciting year during VBS. I would like to extend a special thanks to each and every one of you for all your help and support for this year's VBS. Each of you did an excellent job and I could not have asked for a better leadership team than all of you. I am so blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful volunteers. Thank you all for making this the best VBS yet. This year our mission focus was our local backpack program for our area schools. On July 22nd our Jr. Youth will be assembling back pack bags during their lock in, to be delivered to our local schools. God is really working through each of you in this church and it is awesome!

### Jr. Youth and 5th Grader Farwell Lock-in

All Jr. Youth(3rd-5th grade) are invited to our annual lock in to celebrate our 5th graders moving up to 6th grade. The nights events will include: filling bags for back pack program, painting t-shirts, movies, karaoke, scavenger hunts, food and fellowship. Drop off will be 5:00pm Friday, July 22nd and pick up Saturday, July 23rd at 9:00am. Pizza will be provided for dinner. The children will need to bring a white t-shirt, snack to share (salty and sweet) and breakfast item. RSVP by Monday July 18th. sbarbermrumc@bellsouth.net



## Youth Ministry Update

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

### June Thank Yous:

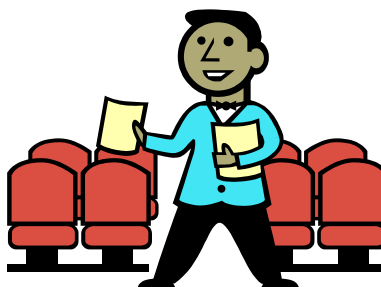
Thanks to Janice Arden, Kim Maltby, Elizabeth Thompson, and Zac O'Briant for all your help chaperoning the Youth Choir Tour.

Thanks to the Williams family for hosting the youth at the Lake.

Thanks to our wonderful youth leaders for all that you do, and all that you bring to enrich the lives of our church's youth group! You are a special group and I love you all!!

### Tentative Youth Schedule:

July 3rd: No SURGE activities  
July 6th: Outdoor Movie Night, 8pm.  
July 8th: Moving Mountains  
July 10th: No SURGE  
July 10-16: MSM  
July 17th: SURGE trip to DuPont Park  
July 22nd: Moving Mountains.  
July 24th: Putt Putt and Mellow Mushroom  
July 31st: Pool Party at Kelly's  
August 1-3: High School Break Out  
August 5th: Moving Mountains  
August 7th: Youth Sunday  
August 12-13: Youth Council Retreat.



To our wonderful church family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful outpouring of love and support you have shown us over our time here at MRUMC, and in these past few weeks as we prepare to move. The covered dish meal was a wonderful, blessing-filled experience! There are not enough words to adequately convey what this church and this church family mean to Laura, Lucy, and me. You will always hold a special place in our hearts, and we will miss you all very, very much!

Michael, Laura, and Lucy Flack.



**Many thanks** to Delores Meadows for organizing and heading up the UMW's Sunday!! She has done this many times and does such a good job. It was wonderful as usual.

Thanks again, Delores!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Make the Connection*

### **Adult Education:**

Summer is here. Time for relaxation and vacations. As you enjoy your summer days don't forget that your church family will continue to meet for Sunday School and worship times.

All of the Sunday School class leaders welcome any new members to their classes. For information about the Sunday morning classes, contact Lorraine Jernigan at 884-2430.

The Dave Ramsey classes have ended. This was the third classes our church family has participated in - learning financial principles that will change their lives. Outstanding debts were paid off and those attending the classes are now more financially free. **A special thank you to Tommy Guinn, Eric Rathburn, Anna McCall, and Kelly McCartney for their leadership in the two classes!**

Hope United Methodist Church is alive and doing well! With an average attendance of 68, we are thanking God for His leadership, guidance, and amazing grace. The involvement from the members at Mills River has been constant. The partnership between the two churches is working well. **Thank you** to all of those who have helped and continue to help with the rebirth of Hope UMC.

## Mills River Life Enrichment Center (MRLEC)

**June Highlights:** The first program of the month was provided by Ruth's sister, Debbie Moore. We were entertained by a number of popular songs as well as favorite hymns. On occasion, joining Debbie at the piano and also vocally was her two year old granddaughter Grace. Grace provided additional entertainment as only a two year old can.

Our second program of the month featured Dr. James Crutcher, who discussed *A Biblical Perspective on Depression*. He talked about the signs of depression, causes, cures and its similarities to what David was suffering in Psalm 22. The program concluded with music by Mrs. Arlene Crutcher - what a beautiful voice!

Author, Terrell Garren Talked about the Civil War and how it impacted families of North Carolina. This is Mr. Garren's third visit. He had much to tell the audience about man's inhumanity

to man, as well as heroic and humane actions performed by soldiers of both North and South.

VBS took over the fellowship hall for week number four.

June ended with Jerry Poteet in concert. As usual, his rich voice and sense of humor entertained all present.

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

### 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.

### Programs for July:

**7** Patriotic Celebrations with musical entertainment by Skip Fendley

**14** Bingo

**21** Barber Shop Quartet

**28** NO MRLEC - Rummage Sale

Please call the MRLEC office at (828)8080-5581 by noon the Tuesday before EACH program to make lunch reservations.

### 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.



## Welcome Table Update

The Welcome Table has been up and running every Tuesday 5:30 - 7 since our trial run on May 17th. Our numbers are slowly increasing every week and it has been such a blessing to the community in East Flat Rock and to Hope UMC. We are seeing lots of families with little ones, church members, older folks, and folks from the community who are curious about the church. The Welcome Table teams are fantastic and things run very smoothly. Some members from Hope UMC are getting involved also. I want to thank all the volunteers and I also want to thank everyone who has been supplying desserts for us. We have had a dishwasher and a chest freezer donated. The next thing we could use is a refrigerator that is larger than the one we have in the kitchen now. Also, if anyone knows of any businesses, organizations, other churches, restaurants, etc. who would like to take one Tuesday a year, please let me know. I can be reached at 230-3533 or [k.weast@charter.net](mailto:k.weast@charter.net)

Thanks so much, Carol Weast

**MILLS RIVER  
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**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 & Share  
Worship in  
Chapel

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