



From Pulpit to Pew

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Being United Methodist Too!

Change, Change, Change!



The old saying, "Change is one constant" of life is pretty accurate in my experience. Nothing stays the same for very long. Each and every day the fresh winds of change blow upon God's creation and everything moves and changes. It happens in all aspects of life and in every institution and organization, even in the church. Those of us in the church seem to desire that with everything else in the world changing, that the church wouldn't. But, it has to. It is the way things move. I would acknowledge, sometimes change is good, and other times, not so much. But it is inevitable.

There are a couple of changes forthcoming that needed a special word of explanation. The first is the location of the 9:33 service. Beginning on June 19 and lasting through the end of August, we would like to experiment with having the 9:33 service in the Fellowship Hall. We are suggesting this for a couple of reasons:

1. There are times when the transitions between the three services make for a "rushed" feel. The 9:33 service leaders have just a few minutes to get set up, sound checked, and spiritually focused to lead worship. The congregations are literally "turning over" and sometimes it feels congested and crowded. Moving downstairs is an effort to alleviate this problem.
2. The Fellowship Hall offers a smaller, more intimate feel. For some, maybe especially non-regular church attendees, this may be more attractive for them. We can offer a coffee pot and less formal worship environment downstairs. It is our hope that this might induce more people to come and try us out.

As stated, this will be a trial period to see how our congregation responds. I recognize that this will move the Sunday School class out of the room in the Fellowship Hall, and will require many of our Sunday School folks who enjoy the time of coffee after the early service and before the Sunday School time to move over to the "old kitchen" area for coffee and fellowship. As always, we are grateful for your patience and cooperation in making this move. Again, we hope that this move will facilitate someone coming to Christ, and I think we can all agree any change is worth that worthy goal.

Another change is with our staff. Your Finance Committee, in conversation with the Staff Parish Relations Committee, believes that our church has grown and changed, and needs a revamping of our financial controls. Therefore, we are taking the Accounting Function (payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, etc.), out of the church office and contracting with a Certified Public Accountant, Wayne Parris. We feel this will offer greater efficiency and quality control of that important process. Then, we hope to hire a person who can help the church move into the next style of ministry by helping us live into the model of "equipping the saints" to do the work of ministry. We want to encourage volunteers in helping in the church office. We also hope to free the Church Administrator to perform many other important aspects of church ministry which have been left unattended. While these changes have precipitated some painful decisions we have made, we are confident these decisions will better position the church to move forward in how we accomplish the church's ministry. You are also aware of the impending change of appointment for Michael Flack, our Associate Pastor. Michael is moving to become the Pastor of Salem UMC in Weaverville. Paige Ann Miller will be appointed to take Michael's position. Paige Ann has just finished Seminary at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta. Paige Ann, her husband Alan, and three children (ages 14, 12 and 10), will move here on June 28. We are excited to have Paige Ann, but will certainly miss Michael, Laura and Lucy. We

ask for prayers for all of these involved in these transitions. Well, these are some significant changes! There has been prayer and careful thought given to these changes. We hope and believe they are the right things to do. We do value your input and hope you will help us understand your feelings about these changes, positive or negative. As always, we simply want to honor and glorify God in everything we say and do. I look forward to seeing you in this summer of change!

JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

are due

Monday, June 20

Please email articles

to [millsriverumc](mailto:millsriverumc@yahoocom)

[@yahoocom](mailto:millsriverumc@yahoocom)

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

June 5

8:15 The Hart's
9:33 King & Maultsby
10:55 The Miller's

June 12

8:15 **need volunteer**
9:33 Brown & Deckard
10:55 The Bandy's

June 19

8:15 **need volunteer**
9:33 Gossett & Wong Chong
10:55 Weast & Staton

June 26

8:15 **need volunteer**
9:33 Linda Brittain
10:55 Barnett & Woodall



Children's Church

June 5 The Rathburn's
June 12 The Phillip's
June 19 **need volunteer**
June 26 The Deese's



Acolytes

June 5 Hunter Barnett
June 12 Ainsley Deese
June 19 Mary Manning Holmes
June 26 Andrew Maltby



Greeters

June 5
8:15 The Kimball's
9:33 Lori Cavanaugh
10:55 The Parris'

June 12

8:15 Carolyn Johnson
9:33 Kathleen Cabe
10:55 The Awald's

June 19

8:15 **need volunteer**
9:33 The Bellamy's
10:55 The Bandy's

June 26

8:15 Carolyn Johnson
9:33 The Morrow's
10:55 Benfield & Coard



Music Notes

Special thank-you to all who participated in the Mountain Valley fund raiser. We are looking forward to Dave Shirlin, Robbie Laughter and Creeks Arisin' sharing in our worship service in July. Date to be announced later.

This years Junior choir has been an exceptional treat. They have worked hard and accomplished much. We hope everyone enjoyed Jailhouse Rock.

Junior and Cherub choirs will resume in September.

We are grateful for all the new voices in our chancel choir. We still have a few empty seats. If God is moving in your heart to share in this ministry, please come on Wednesday night at 7:15.

God Bless,
Steve Carson

Evangelism Team

Greeters and Welcomers - The Evangelism Team is looking for some warm smiles and people who love to talk! If that is you, or you know someone who is please contact us - we would love to have you join the team that welcomes our members and visitors on Sunday mornings. The time commitment is Sunday morning on a rotating basis! It's a great way to meet someone new! Please contact Carolyn Johnson at cmjohn@bellsouth.net



United Methodist Women

MRUMW supports missions throughout our community and world-wide.

Following is a schedule for 2011 for the main events:

June 12th - UMW Sunday, Brooks-Howell Home is the subject of the program.

July 30th - Annual Rummage Sale.

September 10th - Lunch and Fashion Show.

October 8th - Annual Craft Bazaar.

November 16th - Thanksgiving Care Bags assembled/delivered to shut-ins in

the Mills River community

December 10th - Annual Christmas Dinner hosted by Maggie Jones Circle

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 down- sizing.

Peace, Popcorn, and Pansies

The women of the church have an opportunity to experience Spiritual Growth in the beautiful setting of Lake Junaluska on Friday evening, June 17 and Saturday morning, June 18. Rev. Dr. Heather Murray Elkins will be the spiritual leader. She is the Professor of Worship, Preaching, and the Arts at Drew Theological School and the Graduate Division of Religion at Drew University. Dr. Elkins is an Elder in the United Methodist Church, an author, and an inspirational speaker and storyteller. Complete information about the retreat is available on the UMW website: www.wnccumw.org. Our UMW budget has money this year to help with accommodation cost. Don't miss out on this event.

Delores Meadows



The Methodist Men voted to buy a commercial dishwasher for the Fellowship Hall. This is a 19 cycle per an hour dishwasher and dates and should be a boon to those doing dishes in the future. The MM asked MERLEC if they would like to contribute some money toward the project and they will get back to us.

The cost for the dishwasher is \$3700 delivered. It was also voted on to pay the cost of the remote TV setups provided at the Varnadore funeral if needed.

Army Goard announced that he has set the MM golf tournament date at Sept. 30th at the Etowah golf course, more info will be forth coming. The subject of the summer meetings were discussed and decided that the June meeting will be the annual bus trip to the Asheville Tourists ballgame. The date will be June 16th and the bus leaving at 6 PM sharp. ALL people from the church are invited to attend as well as the children and friends, if we fill the bus we will car pool. Tickets available at the gate. There will be a meeting on July 21st and it was decided that we would not meet in August this year.

President Sweeney thanked all those who worked on the Easter Sunday breakfast noting that we served 160 that morning.

John Hubbs, Secretary

The UMW Circles

The May Bake Sale at Valley Ag. went very well. We were short on cakes and pies and could have sold more of them. Next year when you are preparing to bake, remember to make us a cake or a pie. The opportunity to welcome our neighbors, who shop at Valley Ag., to our church face to face, has become a part of our mission at the bake sale. We have several return customers each year and strive to see their faces at our church services.

The young women's group met in May with lots of plans and excitement for their mission focuses. Many of them had been in UMW at their former churches and their circle will thrive under their leadership. Their meeting time will be at 6:30PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact any UMW member for more information and as always membership to any group of the MR unit is welcomed.

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MRUMW Bible study led by Lynn Bryson is held twice a month on Wednesday mornings. If you would like to help Shannon and Lyn with the childcare for the young parents who attend this class, you will be blessed with the sweetness of these kids. Most of the kids are toddlers and do not need lifting, so, come play with them. The childcare is needed from 9:45 AM until 11:15 AM. Please contact church office. Contact: mrumcchurchoffice@bellsouth.net or aawald@morrisbb.net or telephone Anna 891-2848 to volunteer your time. .

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Anna Awald

Birthdays

- 1 Lori Johnson
- 2 Molly Corhn
- 3 Vicki Crisp
- 4 Jim Anderson
- 4 Chelsea Long Lambert
- 4 Jacob Martin
- 4 Dan Poeta
- 6 Dylan Cooper
- 7 William Dwyer
- 7 Nat Gross
- 8 Betty Boyd
- 8 Steve McCartney
- 8 Cathy Seal
- 8 Kathy Trantham
- 9 Bethany Gribble
- 9 Maggie King
- 9 Elizabeth Thompson
- 9 Bill Walser
- 10 Tyler Carson
- 15 Phyllis Sweeney
- 15 Beverly Wood
- 16 Robin Hildebrand
- 16 Alan Lowe
- 17 Rick Jernigan
- 17 Kevin Rimbault
- 18 Avery Williams
- 19 Kate Perrotta
- 23 Jessica Allison
- 27 Cory Beth Horton
- 27 Ann Weeks
- 28 Steve Hunter
- 28 Helen Seal
- 30 Austin Allison
- 30 Marti Rimbault





Church Yard Sale

Need some extra funds for camp this summer? Trying to raise money to decrease your debt or save up for something special (Dave Ramsey-style)? Then the “Stuff Sale” is where you need to be! Come sell & shop with us from 8 til 12 on Saturday, June 4th! This yard-sale, craft-sale, bake-sale, whatever-you-have-to-get-rid-of sale will be held in the church parking lot weather permitting, and in the events of rain , it will move to the Fellowship Hall.

Vendors will need to set up between 7-8am and clear out between 12-1pm

Spaces/Booths will be available for \$10 (booth rental fees will go to the School Backpack Ministry) and tables will be available on a first-come basis for \$5 each (tables proceeds to benefit the Upper MR Community Club-since the church’s tables can’t go outside.)

Call Kelly Deese to reserve booths/tables (feel free to bring your own tables) - 891-3985

Rental money will be collected on June 4th at the Stuff Sale—You keep your sale profits for your own use—We hope to have a good turnout of buyers & sellers since we’ll be in a central location, and we’ll advertise with some road signs too. We wish everyone luck!

Our main request is that you donate unsold items to the MRUMWomen’s sale or take your goodies back home with you. A MRUMW representative will be there around 12 to collect donated items for the women’s sale coming up in July. (We cannot dispose of leftovers in the church dumpster-sorry, but you’ll have to pack out whatever’s left!)

Kelly Deese

God is the Owner of everything

(including all that you currently have or ever will have)

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

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 “Everything in heaven and earth is yours (O Lord)...Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.”

Psalms 50:10-12 (God says) “Every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills...and the creatures of the field are mine...the world is mine, and all that is in it.”

Haggai 2:8 “The silver is mine and the gold is mine,” declares the LORD Almighty.

Leviticus 25:23 (God says) “The land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants.”

1 Chronicles 29:14-16 (David’s prayer after people gave generously to a building project) “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.”

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

If we belong to Christ, it’s logical that everything we have truly belongs to Him.

When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him.

A Single Mom’s Grocery Money

Nancy was a single mother with young children. Her ex-husband sent her only a small amount of grocery money every week--so small it couldn’t even feed 1 person, much less her family of 4. But Nancy decided to begin giving to God from her little bit of grocery money and trust Him to provide. Shortly after, she got a job with a cookbook company. The company paid Nancy to go grocery shopping and prepare meals so they could take photographs for their cookbooks. When they were done taking pictures, Nancy could keep the food she had purchased and prepared. Isn’t that an amazing story of God’s goodness? Nancy learned that even if you’re poor, you still need to learn to give from whatever you have.

This is a true story in a series of radio spots by Brian Kluth of www.GiveWithJoy.org and www.kluth.org



DISCIPLE

Disciple Facilitator (Teacher) Training

Through much prayer & discernment, we are convinced that Disciple classes are one of the vital keys to an equipped laity, one that builds up the body of Christ to serve the living God in our community & world.

We are committed this fall to offering even more of the outstanding Disciple I, II, III & IV classes to you, our congregation. To that end, we have identified several folks who have indicated a willingness to take on the role of Disciple Facilitator, or, if you will, teacher.

To equip these people, we will have an all day training, conducted by the Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry on Saturday, May 28th in our Fellowship Hall. While we are encouraged by the six real saints who have stepped forward to take on Disciple facilitating, we could always use a few more.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Craig Kirkpatrick, Lay Leader, at 891-9771, closeburn@att.net. Thanks and God bless.

Church Council

The next meeting of your Mills River United Methodist Church Council will be on Sunday, June 26, 2011. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. As always, anyone may attend our open meetings. We look forward to seeing you there!



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!



ZUMBA
FITNESS

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 begin classes on Saturdays from 9-10am & Mondays from 6-7pm beginning Saturday, May 7th! If interested contact Jessica at jdozier@unca.edu. Jessica would love for everyone to come out no matter your age or workout experience, Zumba is fun for everyone!!!



Kids Care & Jr. Youth Cookout
Sunday June 12th
3:45-6:15pm
at Keith & Kelly Deese
Hamburgers and Hotdogs provided
Each family needs to bring a side dish.
RSVP by June 5th
The bus will leave the church at 3:45 and return at 6:15.

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 looking for growers of vegetables, fruits, flowers, honey, jams, jellies, relishes, baked goods, and regional crafts. The Market is each Saturday 8 am - 12 noon, beginning May 7 - Oct. 29. For more information, contact Jim Reed at 890-4105 or millsriverfarm@yahoo.com.

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 weeks per month & "Game Days" the other 2 weekends. (**An easy service project for a youth group!**) Contact Jim for info.

June 2011

Book of Acts Reading Plan April 24 – June 12

Sunday, Apr 24 Acts 1:1-26
 Monday, Apr 25 Acts 2:1-13
 Tuesday, Apr 26 Acts 2:14-47
 Wednesday, Apr 27 Acts 3:1-16
 Thursday, Apr 28 Acts 4:1-22
 Friday, Apr 29 Acts 4:23-37
 Saturday, Apr 30 Acts 5:1-16
 Sunday, May 1 Acts 5:17-42
 Monday, May 2 Acts 6:1-15
 Tuesday, May 3 Acts 7:1-8:1
 Wednesday, May 4 Acts 8:2-25
 Thursday, May 5 Acts 8:26-40
 Friday, May 6 Acts 9:1-19a
 Saturday, May 7 Acts 9:19b-31
 Sunday, May 8 Acts 9:32-43
 Monday, May 9 Acts 10:1-33
 Tuesday, May 10 Acts 10:34-48
 Wednesday, May 11 Acts 11:1-18
 Thursday, May 12 Acts 11:19-12:5
 Friday, May 13 Acts 12:6-25
 Saturday, May 14 Acts 13:1-12
 Sunday, May 15 Acts 13:13-52
 Monday, May 16 Acts 14:1-20
 Tuesday, May 17 Acts 14:21-28
 Wednesday, May 18 Acts 15:1-35
 Thursday, May 19 Acts 15:36-16:10
 Friday, May 20 Acts 16:11-40
 Saturday, May 21 Acts 17:1-15
 Sunday, May 22 Acts 17:16-34
 Monday, May 23 Acts 18:1-23
 Tuesday, May 24 Acts 18:24-19:10
 Wednesday, May 25 Acts 19:21-40
 Thursday, May 26 Acts 20:1-16
 Friday, May 27 Acts 20:13-37
 Saturday, May 28 Acts 21:1-16
 Sunday, May 29 Acts 21:17-36
 Monday, May 30 Acts 21:27-36
 Tuesday, May 31 Acts 21:37-22:16
 Wednesday, June 1 Acts 22:17-23:11
 Thursday, June 2 Acts 23:12-35
 Friday, June 3 Acts 24:1-27
 Saturday, June 4 Acts 25:1-22
 Sunday, June 5 Acts 25:23-26:11
 Monday, June 6 Acts 26:12-32
 Tuesday, June 7 Acts 27:1-12
 Wednesday, June 8 Acts 27:13-38
 Thursday, June 9 Acts 27:39-28:6
 Friday, June 10 Acts 28:7-16
 Saturday, June 11 Acts 28:17-22
 Sunday, June 12 Acts 28:23-31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 GRADUATION SUNDAY Breakfast 4 Youth Choir 5 Disciple I 6 Community 601	6	7	8 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir	9 10 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team	10 5 Men's Group	11 Craft Day-FH Men's Group
12 PENTECOST SUNDAY 3:45 Kid's Care/Jr Youth 4 Youth Choir 5 SURGE	13	14 11 Prime-timers 7 SPRC—FH 7:30 Lillian Hall Circle	15 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir	16 10 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 UMM Ballgame	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY MICHAEL DINNER 4 Youth Choir 5 Labor of Love	20 7:00 Jennie Corpening NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 1:00 Maggie Jones Circle	22 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir	23 No MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team	24	25
26 4 Youth Choir 7 Church Council	27	28 HS Mission Trip MICHAEL MOVING	29 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir	30 10 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team		Worship Services 8:15, 9:33, 10:55 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 and

Children's Ministry



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VBS News: June 20st-June 24th

For those of you who experienced the fun and fellowship last year as we set sail on the High Seas, come and discover what is in store for you this year. This summer, let's transform our church into a lush bamboo forest, overflowing with wild, wacky, mischievous pandas. . It's our goal to reach 100 kids with this program. That's 100 kids who will grow in their relationship with God! We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's love. As we plan and prepare for PandaMania, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to join our team. And pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to PandaMania! To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. So let me share a few ideas about ways you might be able to make this program a success.

A big thank you to our Craft Director, Nedra Willis who already has fun crafts planned for each night. There are, however, several items we need to collect for crafts.

Announcements:

Youth Council applications for 2011-2012 will be available soon.

If you haven't turned in your mission trip money or forms, see me asap to do so!

- We need 25 Pringles cans with lids, 75 coffee cans with plastic lids, 75 brown paper grocery bags and 25 medium brown paper bags.
- All volunteers and children will be able to register online through our website May 1st.
- We will be providing a meal each evening. There is a sign up in the Narthex to bring items for the meals or make a monetary donations.
- All volunteers must attend one training for VBS. The training will be June 1st from 6-7pm or June 8th 6-7pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Youth Ministry Update

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

May Thank Yous:

Thanks to all our Confirmation Mentors for the hard work they put in this Spring! Thanks to Alan Combs, Hilda Hamilton, Tom Ciaramitaro, Jan King, Tommy Blackwell, Jason Gladin, and everyone else who helped out with the Senior Roast. It was a fun evening! Thanks to Kenny Davenport, Mack Brittain, Zac O'Briant, and Bradley Henderson for coming with the group to Bread of Life in Brevard. Thanks to Mack Brittain and Zac O'Briant for helping out with the Sleepout for the Homeless.

May Schedule

June 5th: SURGE Lake Day, 12:30-8pm.
June 12th: No SURGE
June 12-17: Youth Choir Tour
June 19th: No SURGE
June 22nd: Outdoor Movie Night, 8pm
June 25th: SURGE Party at Kelly Brittain's home, 4-7pm.
June 26th: No SURGE
June 26-July 1: High School Mission Trip to Tennessee.

Youth Summer Schedule: This is a tentative schedule for our Summer events.

June

- 5th: SURGE Lake Day, 12:30-8p**
- 12th: NO SURGE**
- 12th-17th: Youth Choir Trip**
- 19th: NO SURGE**
- 22nd: Outdoor Movie Night, 8p**
- 25th: SURGE Party at Kelly Brittain's home, 4-7p**
- 26th: NO SURGE**
- 26th-July 1st: High School Mission Trip to Tennessee**

July

- 3rd: Community 601, 6:01pm. Dinner afterwards**
- 6th: Outdoor Movie Night, 8p**
- 8th: Moving Mountains**
- 10th: NO SURGE**
- 10th-16th: MSM**
- 17th: SURGE trip to Dupont Park**
- 22nd: Moving Mountains**
- 24: Putt-Putt and Mellow Mushroom**
- 31st: Pool Party at Kelly's**

August

- 1st-3rd: High School Breakout**
- 5th: Moving Mountains**
- 7th: Youth Sunday**
- 12th-13th: Youth Council Retreat**



Lectionary Readings

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.

June 5

Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10 (UMH 792)
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

June 12

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34(UMH 826) | 1
 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 John 7:37-39

June 19

Genesis 1:1-2; 40
 Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

June 26

Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13 (UMH 746)
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

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

The Adult Sunday Connection Classes are groups whose primary purpose is to:

- * Search for what is relevant
- * Provide caring ministry
- * Serve the unchurched
- * Offer ongoing - life transforming Bible Studies
- * Reach those without a relationship with Christ
- * Know the reasons we believe in our Christian faith

Invite others to join hands across our Connected Congregation to become a part of the Sunday Connection Classes. For additional information regarding the Adult Education Ministry, contact Lorraine Jernigan at 884-2430 or lcloer@mtnwaves.net.

CONNECTION CLASSES

- (1) Fellowship Class - led by Joyce McCall meets at 9:45 in the Osborne Room
- (2) Bible Learner's Class - led by Ray Bryson meets at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall room
- (3) Crossroads Class - led by Brian Morrow meets at 10:45 in Osborne Room
- (4) Koinonia Class - led by Eric Rathburn meets at 9:45 upstairs Education building Room C
- (5) Grace Abounding Class - led by Kevin Robinson meets at 9:45 in Choir Room
- (6) The Link - led by Rebekah Pace & Anna McCall meets upstairs Education building Room D (times vary please contact)

Mills River Life Enrichment Center (MRLEC)

May Highlights: The beginning of the month, the audience was entertained by Gospel Music performed by the Bill Moore Family. Red and purple were the colors of the day when Red Hat groups joined us to listen to the music of the Blackwell Family. On a more serious note, Jeremy Wilde talked about ways to help the Caregiver. A question and answer session followed. The WOW Van was available for all who wished to take advantage of their services. Becky Russell's Second grade class from Glen Marlowe Elementary School performed their version of *Cinderella* and Line Dancing instruction followed the play.

Operation Hope: MRLEC senior adults packed 35 boxes. The UMM covered the cost of all the postage. The boxes were sent in memory of Terry Varnadore, who was MRLEC's contact person. The boxes were shipped to Terry's unit in Afghanistan.

Ongoing Events:

Chair Exercises every Thursday @ 9:45am
Blood Pressure Checks
Magazine Swaps
Fellowship with Others

June Programs:

- 2 Music by Mike Morgan and Friends
- 9 "A Biblical Perspective on Depression" w/ Dr. James Crutcher
- 16 Civil War Author, Terrell Garren
- 23 NO MRLEC
- 30 Jerry Poteet in Concert

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.



Dessert Teams for Hope

If you would like to contribute to an exciting part of the wonderful, new Welcome Table Ministry, well do I have a job for you !! Become part of the "[Dessert Teams for Hope](#)". We hope to create at least 8 teams to make desserts for the Welcome Table at Hope UMC at East Flat Rock. Carol Weast has lots of volunteer cooks, cleaners, servers, etc. for the Welcome Table, but this is another special opportunity to help beginning Tuesday, May 17th.

We are asking you to buy, make, or prepare a dessert that can be transported ready to serve to Hope UMC for 100-125 folks. It could be store bought cookies, brownies, sheet cakes, cup cakes, ice cream sandwiches, popsicles, cobblers, or fresh fruit. It would be perfect if some of our dedicated committees: the Chancel Choir, Children's Ministry, Youth, Methodist Men & Women, Worthy Women, MRLEC, Sunday School classes --all-- groups of MRUMC work together to plan a dessert to serve about every 8th week. The more teams we have, the less often each team needs to provide the weekly dessert. With God blessing this ministry, we know it will be a success & will greatly help the Welcome Table at Hope UMC.

I look forward to signing up your "Dessert Team for Hope Welcome Table". Please call or email me if you wish to participate. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve in a special local mission field. In Christ - Ramona Henderson Bryson ramona@millsriver.net or phone - 891.4455

**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 & Share
Worship in
Chapel

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The Rev. Paul B. Thompson.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Michael Flack.....Associate Pastor, Youth Director
Steve Carson.....Director of Music
Laura Flack.....Music Ministry
Dean Cavanaugh.....Worship Leader
Shannon Barber.....Children's Ministry
Ruth Williams.....MRLEC Director
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