



From Pulpit to Pew

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

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The Courage to Question: Not Satisfied with “Easy Answers”



We live in a world that is constantly changing. What we knew to be “true” yesterday is challenged in this new world in which we live. “Kings” and “Kingdoms” in places like Egypt, Libya, and Bahrain, totter and fall. The latest political climate gives rise to the next new “truth” of the day. Yesterday’s health news gives way to the new discoveries that reshape our understanding of our bodies. Technology changes seemingly every day. There seems to be little that stays the same.

So, if that is true with the rest of the world, is it true about matters of faith? Is it okay to question the established truths, is it okay to raise issues with the God who we acknowledge as Divine and Sovereign? During this season of Lent that begins on March 13, we are going to not only encourage you to come with your tough questions and your honest doubts, we are going to raise them up and celebrate them!

It is entirely Biblical to question. We will look at several such passages in which people question. We will look at passages such as the one that describes the conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus in which Nicodemus asks, “How can this be?” We will look at a passage in the Gospel of John known as the “Woman at the Well”, and the question is asked, “Where can you get this living water?” We will look at a passage in which the two sisters of Lazarus confront Jesus with the statement that if he had been there for them in their time of need, their brother wouldn’t have died! Talk about questioning!

You see, I believe it is okay to question. I believe it is right to dig for deeper truths than the clichés and pat answers we have been given. And yes, while it is true that for some questions there are no easy answers, we owe it to each other and to God to be honest in the asking of the tough questions. That’s what they did in the Bible and I think that’s how we can grow deeper in our faith.

Is this allowable by God? Will it offend Him? I think not. While it is true that there are many places in the Bible (like Job) in which God asserts His sovereignty and reminds us of his omniscience, in many places we are given examples of those who question God (like the Psalmists), yet find that questioning can lead to deeper understanding and stronger faith. My conviction is that God already knows our doubts and fears before we vocalize them, so why not be honest and deal with them openly and honestly?

I think that many of our neighbors and friends are struggling with issues in their lives, and they have many questions. They too want to know how the matters of faith affect their daily lives, and they too want to know where Jesus is in their time of need. If we can proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to them in this open and honest series, then we just may have the forum in which to offer them the answers they are looking for. Why don’t you extend some invitations to some of those co-workers and neighbors and friends who aren’t attending church and ask them to join us for this series. It’s okay to raise the question!

APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

are due

Monday, Mar 21st

Please email articles

to [millsriverumc](mailto:millsriverumc@yaho.com)

[@yaho.com](mailto:millsriverumc@yaho.com)

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.

2011 E-Women Conference

Greenville Bi-Lo Center

March 25th & 26th

“Everlasting Hope, Isaiah 40:31”

www.ewomen.net

To reserve your space contact

Lori Cavanaugh 687-1905 or

Merit Wolff 776-1115.

Sign up today!

New Member/Prospective Member Luncheon

Sunday, March 27th

following 10:55 worship in the Fellowship Hall

Please make plans to attend if you have recently joined or worshipped with us!

All new members within the past 12 months are welcome.

Please RSVP by March 20th to the church office 891-7788

mrumcchurchoffice@bellsouth.net

Volunteers

Nursery

March 6

- 8:15 Jon & Lori Hart
- 9:33 Tricia/Michael Young
- 10:55 Martha/Katie Cremer
Pam Powlas

March 13

- 8:15 Tabea Davenport
- 9:33 Beverly Brown,
Kendall Deckard
- 10:55 Tammie/Samantha
Gross

March 20

- 8:15 Need volunteer
- 9:33 Lydia Gossett/Debbie
Wong Chong
- 10:55 Tracy Dozier/Ali Parent

March 27

- 8:15 **need volunteer**
- 9:33 Julie Gladdin/Nedra
Willis
- 10:55 Erica Woodall/Pam
Pate



Children's Church

- Mar 6 Lynn/Tommy Bryson
- Mar 13 Terri Ippolito
- Mar 20 Patty Auwarter
- Mar 27 Kathy/Laurel Koontz



Acolytes

- Mar 6 Elizabeth Armstrong
- Mar 13 Matthew Gladdin
- Mar 20 Michaela Bradley
- Mar 27 Shelby Frady



Greeters

- Mar 6 Carolyn Johnson
- Mar 13 Need Volunteer
- Mar 20 Carolyn Johnson
- Mar 27 Need Volunteer

Church Clean Up Day



Everyone is invited to Clean Up Day & help our church shine. Saturday, March 19th from 9:00-1:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to prepare the church grounds & buildings for the Easter season. If you have a project or would like to volunteer please contact the church office at 891-7788.

Music Notes

Winter weather is hopefully on it's way out and we are planning sunny songs to warm the heart. The Chancel Choir will be working on music for Lent and Easter during the month of March. The Jr. Choir will begin work on their Spring Musical.

March 6 Chancel Choir will be singing and Handbells will be ringing in two services.

March 9 No Jr. or Cherub choir practice due to Ash Wednesday service. Chancel will practice after service

March 19 Dinner followed by Worship Service in Song by Sounds of Singing Men East Flat Rock United Meth. Church (5:30 Dinner & 7:00 Worship Service)

Thank you to everyone for the support of our Prelude CD. Proceeds will be used for music ministry projects.

Yours in Christ, Steve Carson



United Methodist Women

Budgets & missions are planned for the coming year at our first meeting of the year. Thanks for all MRUMC's support & MRUMW hard work. UMW are able to sponsor an additional college scholarship and increase the amount to most of the missions we support (locally, state, nationally and worldwide missions).

The first general meeting of MRUMW was held on January 24th and we made lots of plans for the new year. Becki Benfield is our new chairman of the nominating committee. Linda Trantham is chairman of the Rummage Sale. (Thanks, goes to June Patterson for her years heading up the Rummage Sale. She will still be involved with her expertise.) We voted to add another general meeting in June so the December meeting can be just a Christmas Party to finish out the year. Maggie Jones Circle will hosting this year's party. Along with our regular fundraisers this year, we are planning a luncheon and fashion show at MR on Saturday, September 10th with Krismart Fashions of Sylva who also has fashion shows at Lake Junaluska. Should be great fun, and our own women will be doing the modeling.

My horoscope one day last week was: *"To care about others and want to help them is part of human nature. So, when you ask for help, you are not putting anyone out. You are providing others with the opportunity to give."*

Parents' Night Out volunteering from the women in the church is what is being asked for. UMW circles, children & youth leaders are combining our forces to provide one night a month of free childcare for parents to reconnect with each other. Our mission is to make a child happy, living in a united Christian family. Mom & Dad need time together without kids.

Submitted by: Anna Awald, MRUMW President

UMW are asked each year to make a Pledge to Mission. This is a personal pledge to further ministries with women, children, & youth. Our unit has pledge \$1,600 this year. Each member gives her offering & is sent to the Asheville District Treasurer, Dana Phipps. Our unit is given credit for each dollar given to Missions & is reported at the Annual meeting. Last year our unit sent \$2,042 to the District. The pledge money is then sent to the Conference treasurer, where it is added to the other 14 districts & sent to Women's Division. We can not be everywhere but our UMW Mission Dollar can help empower & improve the lives of women, children, & youth in the United States & around the world.

Delores Meadows

MRLEC Clothing Sale

Saturday, March 12th

8am - 1pm

Fill A Bag for \$5!

Tired of the clutter in your closets?

Start cleaning out & donate your used clothes & shoes.

Donations may be dropped off in the Osborne Room (across from church office) from March 7 - 11

First Wednesday Meal

March 2nd

5:30 pm

Hosted by MRLEC!

Join Us for Wonderful Fellowship!
Everyone is Welcome!



In our February meeting, Ken Weast spoke on the new project at East Flat Rock & he asked that some of the Men step forward & get on one of the work teams that will be going over there. Arnie Goard noted that the Church Golf Tournament will probably be held in the fall. The UMM will be donating \$500 to Meg Sweeney who has to raise \$1000 from her church in order to receive a \$4000 scholarship in divinity school in Ohio. The Men also purchased DVD players to be distributed to the shut-ins so they can play the church DVD's.

Just to remind all of the Men of the church, you are part of the Methodist Men and are entitled to come to the dinner/meetings & participate, there are no dues, no membership lists so why not come & see what the men do for the church & the community. Share in a meal (first timers free) & there are some fine programs. We meet at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall the third Thursday of every month.

This month we had Dr. Mark McCullough from Park Ridge who is a specialist in prostate cancer speak on the disease with a Q&A. We all came away with a much better understanding of the disease and the cures. President Sweeney announced that next month following dinner the Men will travel to the water treatment plant for a tour of the facility.

John Hubbs, Secretary

The UMW Circles

Lillian Hall Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm in the Osborne Room. Inez Kimball will be the hostess. Sally Lance will have the program on World Thank Offering.

Maggie Jones Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 15 at Marge Noble's home at Fletcher Park Inn Retirement Community. If you would like to join us at 12:30 for lunch at the Inn before our 1:00 meeting, please call Marge at 654-7980 for reservations. The cost for lunch is \$7.50. Members may car pool from the church at 12:00 or meet at Fletcher Park Inn parking lot across from Park Ridge Hospital at 12:30.

Jennie Corpening Circle will meet on Monday, March 21 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall Classroom. Sarah Murray and Kelly McCartney will be hostesses. Remember to bring a Fishes & Loaves item. Some suggestions for March: personal feminine products, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bathroom tissue. Any ladies of the church are welcome to join us for our fellowship and meeting.

* **The Primetimers** will travel to Paula Deen's new restaurant in Cherokee on Tuesday, March 8th. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30am. *
* The cost is around \$15. If you would like to go give Evelyn a call at 891-3743. *

Birthdays

- 1 Kennedy Combs
- 1 Larry Keith
- 2 Larry Laughter
- 3 Rex Ellsworth
- 3 Mike Hernandez
- 3 Debbie Osteen
- 3 Diane Power
- 3 Van Rogers
- 4 Mollie Phillips
- 4 Jennifer Cooper
- 4 Gene Grant
- 4 Sawyer Pearson
- 5 Oscar Jenkins
- 5 Joyce McCall
- 5 Janet Oyler
- 5 Martha Rankin
- 6 Myra Crisp
- 6 Sarah Buchanan
- 6 Bob Noble
- 7 Doug Dwyer
- 8 Graham Pate
- 8 Robert Carnes
- 9 Mack Brittain
- 9 Kyle Keith
- 9 Wes Red
- 10 Marge Noble
- 11 Brad Burton
- 11 Allyson Corhn
- 11 Carol Erickson
- 11 Joe Hildebrand
- 13 Julie Albea
- 13 William Crane
- 13 Kara Hamilton
- 13 Joseph Larate
- 13 Wayne Tipton
- 15 Wayne Carland
- 17 Mary Katherine Thompson
- 18 Chuck Thompson
- 19 Diane Burton
- 19 Meg Sweeney
- 20 Lillie Edney
- 21 Sara Grant
- 21 Andy Gordon
- 22 Tyler Arrington
- 22 Jay Deckard
- 23 Carol Weast
- 25 Donna Hunter
- 25 Kenn Seal
- 28 Sarah Gorgas
- 29 Sharon Nickerson
- 30 Keith Deese
- 30 Chip Koontz
- 31 Luther Heiser
- 31 Carey McLelland
- 31 Matthew Owen



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**Saturday, March 5th
7:30 to 10:00 am**

Come enjoy being with old friends and meeting new friends at the Mills River Community Center. Sausage gravy (made by our own Jack Crisp) along with biscuits, grits, scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee, jams and jellies all for only \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Proceeds will be used to continue operating the Community Center.

Woodworking Group!

This is an open invitation to all members of MRUMC.

The Mens Club is forming a woodworking group. Anyone interested in woodworking or learning woodworking is invited to participate. We already have requests for pieces for our church & a pulpit for the folks at East Flat Rock UMC.

Your skill level is unimportant. A novice can learn & an experienced or Master woodworker can teach. If you are interested call Jim Chapman at (c) 329-1466 (h) 890-0460.

Jesus was a carpenter - we can help.

Isaiah 55:8

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No. You must grow on your own! But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me Love others, as much as He loves me.

God said . . . Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship Services</u> 8:15, 9:33, 10:55 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 9:45 and 10:45 am <u>Youth Sunday School</u> 9:30 and 10:30 am</p>		1	<p>2 FIRST WED MEAL at 5:30 10:00 MRLEC mtg 6:00 Children Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share</p>	<p>3 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 Choir Robe Meeting</p>	4	<p>5 East Flat Rock Clean Up Day</p>
<p>6 3 Confirmation 4 Youth Choir 5 Disciple I,II,IV 5 Dave Ramsey 6 Community 601</p>	<p>7 10:00 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells</p>	<p>8 PANCAKE DINNER 9:30 Prime-timers 7:00 Lillian Hall Circle</p>	<p>9 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00 SERVICE 7:00 SERVICE 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team</p>	11	<p>12 MRLEC Clothing Sale 8-1</p>
<p>13 Girlscout Sunday/ Lent Begins 3 Confirmation 4 Youth Choir 5 Disciple I,II,IV 5 Dave Ramsey 5 Kids Care/Jr Yth 5 Labor of Love</p>	<p>14 10:00 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells</p>	<p>15 1:00 Maggie Jones Circle</p>	<p>16 6:00 Children Choir 6:15 MS Bible Study 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 UMM</p>	<p>18 30 Hour Famine</p>	<p>19 MRUMC CLEAN UP DAY</p>
<p>20 3 Confirmation 5 Disciple I,II,IV 5 Dave Ramsey</p>	<p>21 10:00 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Jennie Corpening NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	22	<p>23 6:00 Children Choir 6:15 MS Bible Study 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24 10:00 MRLEC 6:00 Worship Committee 6:30 Worship Team</p>	25	<p>26 Craft Day in FH</p>
<p>27 3 Confirmation 4 Youth Choir 5 Disciple I,II,IV 5 Dave Ramsey 5 Kids Care/Jr Yth</p>	<p>28 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells</p>	29	30	<p>31 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team</p>	<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">March 2011</h1>	

Children's Ministry



Shannon Barber
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The Not So New



Hosted by:
Ken and Carol Weast

Join us on Friday, April 1st from 6:00-9:00 pm for a Mexican themed covered dish dinner followed by the *Not So Newlywed Game*.

Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share. Please let Shannon Barber know if you plan to attend & if you need childcare no later than March 21st.



Craft Fellowship

Saturday, March 26th

10:00-3:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your favorite snack to share & a bag lunch. If you need childcare you must RSVP no later than March 14th. sbarbermrumc@bellsouth.net

New Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Are you a stay at home mom or dad, yearning for adult contact? Please join our new bible study, *Effective Parenting in a Defective World* scheduled to begin on March 9th from 10am-11:00am. We will be providing Childcare for birth to 3 years old.



Mark your calendars for April 30th. The Children & Youth Ministries are in the planning a 5K Run & 1 mile Fun Walk fundraiser to include an Outdoor Concert featuring our Worship Team. The proceeds will be applied to a fund for the outdoor activities for our church, children, & youth. Watch for more details!

What's Happening in March?

- Mar 9: Bible Study/Playgroup 10-11am
- Mar 13: Kids Care / Jr. Youth 5-7pm
- Mar 14: RSVP for Craft Day Childcare
- Mar 19: Church Clean-up Day
- Mar 21: RSVP for Not So Newlywed Game Childcare
- Mar 23: Bible Study/Playgroup 10-11am
- March 26: Craft Fellowship 10am-3pm
- March 27: Kids Care / Jr. Youth 5-7pm
- April 1st: *Not So Newlywed Game* and Mexican covered dish night.



VBS
June 20-24

Travel with Boomer the Panda & discover 4 main

Bible Points:

- **God made you.**
- **God listens to you.**
- **God watches over you**
- **God loves you no mater what.**

Youth Ministry Update

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



February Thanks!

Thanks to all the parents and leaders who helped drive for our Labor of Love. It was a great night of service! Thanks to Jan King and Valerie Sen for providing youth meals. Thanks to Bradley Henderson, Mack Brittain, & Stephanie Blackwell for braving our all night High School lockout!

March Schedule

- Sunday, March 6: Confirmation, 3pm. Youth Council, 4pm. Youth Choir, 5pm. Community601, 6:01pm.
- Sunday, March 13: Confirmation, 3pm. Youth Choir, 4pm. Labor of Love, 5-8pm.
- Friday, March 18: 30 Hour Famine.
- Sunday, March 20: Confirmation, 3pm. No youth choir or SURGE
- Sunday, March 27: Confirmation, 3pm. Youth Choir, 4pm. SURGE, 5-7pm.

God might want you to extend his love by offering to baby-sit for the single parent down the street. He might want you to prepare a hearty meal for that lonely old man who lost his wife -- and to sit and visit with him while he eats. Who knows, he might even want you to reach out and touch the life of a total stranger in some way you can't imagine right now. Are you willing to set aside your own comfort to touch someone else with God's love? Amy Nappa

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection

Everyone learns differently in different stages. And even as adults, we have unique spiritual needs on an ongoing basis.

We come together on Sunday morning to learn additional Biblical truths. But its not just about Sunday morning. To become a fully devoted follower of Jesus, we need to immerse ourselves in devotionals, magazines, prayer groups, or discussion groups that can help us develop a Biblical worldview.

As Spring approaches and new beginnings occur, it is a great time to plant those spiritual seeds that will later produce a harvest of spiritual renewal and deeper commitments to Jesus. Plant wisely.

March 6 is the beginning of our newest Sunday School Class. Rebekah Pace & Anna McCall will be leading Life Matters. This study contains honest discussions about issues that matter to young adults encouraging them to connect with their community and culture. The class will meet in room D upstairs in the educational building at 9:45 A.M.

Also on March 6, Eric Rathburn, Kelly McCartney, Tommy Guinn & Anna McCall begin the 3rd Dave Ramsey Class. The class periods will be held Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm & Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the study room in the Fellowship Hall.

We are thankful our Adult Sunday Connection classes continue to grow. Part of that growth is due to dedicated teachers. These teachers give their time for study and teaching. We are grateful to all of our Adult Education Leaders. They empower believers to become stronger disciples. They are encouraging believers to Connect with an open heart; Grow in body, mind, and spirit; Serve with willing hands; and Go with ready feet. *Thank you adult education leaders.*

CONNECTION CLASSES

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

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.

March 6

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

March 13

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32 (UMH 766)
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 20

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121 (UMH 844)
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 27

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95 (UMH 814)
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42



To our church family, Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the love and kindness shown to our family at the passing of our brother, Arnold. We thank you for all the hands that prepared the comforting food sent to our homes as well as the beautiful family dinner. We also appreciate the cards, memorial gifts and flowers. But most of all we thank you for the gifts of love and prayers we felt and the arms that held us and shoulders we cried upon. We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. Thank you Paul, for the love and support given to our family and for graciously allowing us to hold an informal service of sharing our memories of one who was loved. Thank you Steve, for sharing your endless love with your great gift of music in hymns of praise and victory.

The Bryson Family

Thank you , Thank you, Thank you soooooo much. I cannot tell you how wonderful it feels to come to church and see that grocery cart overflowing. You met the challenge and the Fishes & Loaves Pantry really appreciates it. Let's keep up the good work every Sunday!! Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Carol West

Dear Congregation, The Worthy Women would like to thank everyone who participated in the Susan Thompson Memorial Carnation Sale. Thanks to your generosity, \$860 was raised to help children in our community. We are continuing Susan's legacy of caring for needy children--it was a cause very dear to her heart. We are so thankful to be able to remember her in this appropriate way. Thanks again for your willingness to help.

Worthy Women

P.S. A special shout-out to Tommy Blackwell for the Carnation Song. Look for an encore next year!

Are You Ready for SPRING CLEANING?

It may be months away from the **UMW Annual Rummage** sale on **July 30th**, BUT it's time to clean the garage, basement or storage shed and make a donation. If you have stuff, junk, rummage, treasures, or items that you really can live without, donate them for the sale. There is limited storage, but if you must get rid of things now call Linda Trantham at 674-9888. If you can, please hold on to your items until July if possible. It's fun to donate (tax receipts available), help set up and SHOP! Proceeds go to support our many mission projects.



Spring Forward!
Sunday, March 13

Mills River Life Enrichment Center (MRLEC)

February Highlights

Cardiologist, Dr. Oscar Jenkins presented a program of interest to Seniors focusing on ways to promote "heart health." A Q&A session followed. All in attendance enjoyed the program & Dr. Jenkins sense of humor. A "snow day" cancelled our second program. The beautiful voice of Skip Fendley filled Fellowship Hall with Music, music, music. He mesmerized the audience. The lat program of February, again will focus on Heart awareness presented by Mission Hospital.

March 3

Steve Carson in Concert

March 10

BINGO

March 17

1940's Musical Program

March 24

Advance Directives -
Interactive Workshop

March 31

Mountaineer Gospel and
Bluegrass Music Ministry

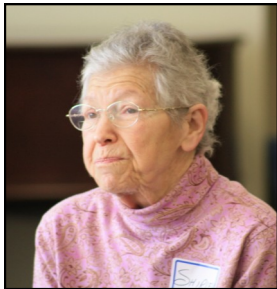
As usual, a delicious meal prepared by Kathleen Cabe or Ruth Williams will be served after each program. **RSVP REQUIRED FOR LUNCH** by noon Tuesday before EACH program @ (828) 808-5581 or mrlec8@yahoo.com

ONGOING EVENTS

Exercise 9:45-10:30 am
Blood Pressure checks,
magazine swaps & fellowship

Mission Statement

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



Train your children to be faithful and generous givers.

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

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Genesis 18:19 I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Psalms 78:4-7 We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes ...which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Ephesians 6:4 Bring them (children) up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice.

John D. Rockefeller said, "I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed on my first salary, which was \$1.50 a week."

Count Your Blessings Every Week

When my wife and I were first married, we only made \$15,000 a year. We were giving 10% of our income to the LORD's work, but we had a desire to be even more generous. Then I came across 1 Corinthians 16:2 that says, "On the first day of the week, each of us is to give according to how God has prospered us." I told Sandi that on Sunday nights I wanted to take out a pencil and paper and write down all the ways the LORD provided for us during the week. Each Sunday, we discovered that in addition to our small income, there would be special financial blessings that happened nearly every week. So, we'd give 10% of our income to our church and another 10% of the financial blessings we counted to share with others. The first year, we gave \$4,000 to the LORD's work on a \$15,000 income.

Brian Kluth/www.givewithjoy.org

**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

We're on the Web!
millsriverumc.org

Ministry and Staff

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

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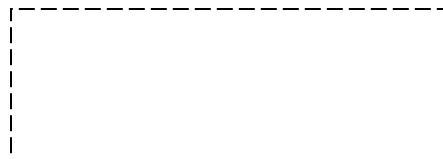


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