



From Pulpit to Pew

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A Proud Father

The following "blog" was written by my oldest daughter, Caroline. It has been passed around Facebook & other social settings. I find the article so captivating & helpful that I'm using it for my article this month. Please ask me if you have any questions on the official United Methodist stance on this issue. May God grant all of us peace. In His Love, Paul B. Thompson

"Peace" & Finding Love for a Homophobe

October 6, 2010

Do you remember that song? The one that goes, "I am a C! I am a C-H! I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N! And I have C-H-R-I-S-T in my H-E-A-R-T and I will L-I-V-E E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y!" Many of us learned it in either Sunday School or at VBS or something similar. For those of us who grew up going to church, it's like common knowledge. In fact, there are many things that I'm sure I could recall learning at church that were also learned by young Christians pretty much all over the country and even different parts of the world. We may have little jingles like this in common or it may just be those "truths" that we are all supposed to agree on or be familiar with. But the longer I live the more I'm finding out that there are apparently a lot of disagreements too. I won't try to define exactly what everyone else thinks and believes. But I've done a lot of thinking about what it is that I believe. There's still a lot that I can't explain for sure but there are also some things that I believe so firmly that I would allow you to say that they define who I am.

I'm a Christian and I'm heterosexual.

This I believe: God is good, God is great. He loved me so much that he sent his only son to die for my sins. Because of this, the very best thing I can ever do is to try and show true love for ALL of God's creations. Whether it's through taking care of this beautiful planet and universe God allows me to exist in, glorifying him through my gifts and talents, or showing kindness to my brothers and sisters in Christ, neighbors, AND EVEN my enemy... I am called to do one thing: Love others as God loves me. That means fully, without fear, unconditionally.

So, here's where I get really confused. I personally don't remember learning anything in church about it being ok to hate as long as the person I am hating has wronged me or is simply different. No, that's not how it works. Christ told us to love thy neighbor, love thine enemy. In fact, rather than attack, Christ even dared to tell us to turn the other cheek. He told us to invite those who are different into our homes. My God loves the poor, the blind, the lame, the Christians, the blacks, the whites, the republican, the ambidextrous, the children, and the homosexuals. He loves us all. Getting to the point: So, how is it that we find these responses to a Yahoo news article about the rise in suicide attempts by homosexual youth? How can we believe so differently?

"next time try a gun. that'll save you and your other sick friends some time. or if you want i'll do it."

"Don't listen to them [celebs encouraging suicidal teens to seek help before ending their lives], the stars are more messed up than the homosexuals. Go ahead and end your misery now! No one wants you."

And now for my favorite response... Notice how this individual signs his post...

"Homosexuality is WRONG, period. All 3 revealed religions condemned it and God is NEVER wrong. What we are seeing nowadays is the sign of the upcoming end of times. Peace."

They use the word "Peace".... Wow.... If there has ever been a word more inappropriately used I'd love to hear it.

So, go ahead. Ask me if I think homosexuality is right or wrong based on the teachings of the Bible. My answer: It doesn't matter. Christ used the word "enemy". That means even if I hate or am against everything that defines a person, it doesn't matter. I am called to love them. As for "sin", that judgment does not belong to me and cannot be made by me. That is between God and the individual.

Don't take it from me. See this for yourself in scripture...

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:36-40

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:43-45

So, what I do about all of this. Hate the people that hate the gays? If you answer yes, you have not been paying much attention. All I can do is try and lead by example and pray for those who have so much hate in their hearts. Here is my prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for your undeserved love, grace, and gifts. Give me the strength, wisdom, and patience to show others the same love you've shown me. Please fill those who hold onto hatred with a true "peace". And Lord, I pray for the souls of those whose lives were cut short. *Your Daughter, Caroline*

To learn more about the epidemic of homosexual teen suicide or the church that has influenced my beliefs check out the following links: http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog_upshot/20101006/pl_yblog_upshot/stars-urge-gay-teens-not-to-take-their-own-lives; www.thetrevorproject.org; www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnNlLtH/b.1355349/k.FC63/Our_Faith.htm

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

are due

Thursday, Nov. 18th
due to the Thanks-
giving holiday.

Please email articles
to **millsriverumc**

@yahoo.com

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

November 7

- 8:15 Linda Brittain
- 9:33 Beverly Brown
- 10:55 Donna Allison, Kenny Davenport

November 14

- 8:15 Tabea Davenport
- 9:33 Erica Woodall, Lydia Gossett
- 10:55 Haley & Jamie Staton, Anna & Eli McCall

November 21

- 8:15 Jon & Lori Hart
- 9:33 Nedra Willis
- 10:55 James & Mary Holmes, Jay & Kelly Siltzer

November 28

- 8:15 Dan & Katrina Poeta
- 9:33 Lydia Gossett
- 10:55 Mike & Cheryl Barnett, Tracy Dozier



Children's Church

- Nov 7 Tommy & Barbara Guinn
- Nov 14 Suzanne Ellis
- Nov 21 **Need Volunteer**
- Nov 28 Dave & Karen Shirlin



Acolytes

- Nov 7 Camryn Wolff
- Nov 14 Andrew Maltby
- Nov 21 Gabrielle Poeta
- Nov 28 Hunter Barnett



UMW
Tour of Homes
Sunday, Dec. 5th
1:00 pm
The tickets are
now on sale from
UMW ladies.
For more informa-
tion call Delores
Meadows
at 891-7638.

Music Notes



Greetings to all,

The Chancel Choir is hard at work on our Christmas Musical "Voices of Christmas". The musical will be presented in Worship Dec. 10, 11 & 12. This year's musical blends Voices from past and present in an uplifting worship that will bless us all. Many thanks to Beverly Parris for directing & orchestrating our drama, Phyllis Sweeney for taking care of sets & Lynn Bryson for handling our costumes. Rehearsal times for the Chancel Choir will change to 7:00 starting Nov. 3rd, & "Voices of Christmas" rehearsal will begin at 7:30.

Hand Bell Choir We are so blessed to have such a great Hand Bell Choir. Mark your calendar for their first Hand Bell Concert December 19th at 4:00. This will be a Christmas blessing to all.

Jr. and Cherub Choirs The Jr. Choir is also working on their portion of "Voices of Christmas" & will be a large part of this wonderful worship experience. Also, the Jr. Choir will be playing chimes & singing on Nov. 21st, "Christ the King Sunday".

Kevin, Laura and I are still planning for a recording of our Preludes. We are anxiously awaiting new recording technology that works with our new sound system. We are hopeful that this recording will be ready before the Christmas Season begins.

As our technology continues to advance we are in GREAT NEED of a volunteer to assist with this element of worship. The ideal candidate would be gifted in computer skills, video techniques, & audio visual processing to enable us to post podcasts of our services & events to our web site. This volunteer would work with Allen Lowe, Paul, Michael & me to bring our worship experience to a greater audience. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity & contact one of us.

We are all so blessed with the gifts God continues to bring our way. May we never take for granted that all our blessings flow from His hands.
God's Blessings to all, Steve Carson

United Methodist Women



Seems I am always starting my report for the newsletter with a big THANK YOU to our church. The love & help from you with our Bazaar was amazing! We will be able to fund more money to our mission programs. The suggestion has been made to sponsor another college scholarship this year for one of our seniors. Our budget & planning for 2011 will be held at our January 24th general meeting.

There are just so many women who made the Bazaar a success & fun for all. Sally Lance's brunch bunch had plenty of food and how many casseroles would Cathy Seal's group sell if there was no limit to the supply? These casseroles are one of the hot items & go fast selling over 50 casseroles. Suzanne Maney's bean soup mix sold out again this year. The customized necklace booth Kelly & June had was another big hit. Ruth William's of MRLEC helped us all morning at the cashier table. The ladies who baked, canned & made candy throughout the year are greatly appreciated (esp. baked nuts treats). Many of the crafts & foods were contributed by ladies of the church who do not belong to a UMW circle & we appreciate the fact that you realize we all are united by being a member of Mills River UMC.

Remember our Tour of Homes on December 5, starting at the church at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person and are on sale now. We will have 6 or 7 homes mapped out around Mills River.

The Golden Rule comes into play with this undertaking. A trial parents' dinner-out night will be held in November. The children of young parents will be kept at the church from 5:00 -7:30 pm for couples who have no family in the area. The child care is expensive for young people struggling to make ends meet. I need volunteers for the nursery and older child-care. Michael and Shannon are working with us to work out games, snacks, and a date. Hopefully in the new year we can have the fourth Thursday of each month as a parent dinner-out night. We could use some two-for-one coupons at local restaurants for the parents use. A child, raised in a happy, Christian family, benefits from mom and dad staying in touch with each other and keeping their love alive. Busy schedule for work, sports, and school events doesn't leave much time for mom and dad to have time alone together. More information and sign-up sheets for volunteers and children will be coming soon. UMW supports women, children and youth, so let us begin with MRUMC.

Anna Awald



The Methodist Men met on Thursday, October 21.

Believe it or not, it's time for the Methodist Men to begin preparations for our annual Christmas Tree sale. Set up of the tree racks will be done on Tuesday, November 22 at 9:00 am if anyone can assist us. The trees will be delivered on Friday, November 26. Many strong bodies will be needed that day to unload 370 Christmas trees. Sales will begin immediately after unloading & sales help is needed in 2 hour blocks until all trees are sold. Weekends are particularly busy times. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex beginning October 24. This is our main fundraising event of the year & its success depends on lots of volunteer time from both the regulars in the Methodist Men & from the congregation at large.

The annual Christmas dinner is Thursday, December 9. We will be looking for help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Please contact Arnie Goard or Wayne Rankin if you can help.

The Methodist Men will be part of a church-wide effort to purchase 70 new choir robes. The total cost is estimated to be \$11,500. Bob Sweeney will send out information to the congregation as this new and important fundraiser progresses.

Our next meeting has been rescheduled to **Thursday, November 11**. All men in the congregation are welcomed to share in food and fellowship. Newcomers always eat for free.
Doug Dwyer, Secretary

The UMW Circles

Lillian Hall Circle will meet Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm in the Osborne Room. Carroll Laughter will be the hostess. Elaine Pettit will have the program, One Great Hour of Sharing. If you are looking for a Circle come join us.

Maggie Jones Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 16th at 1:00 pm in the Osborne Room & will celebrate our annual program of "Thank Offering" (a world-wide UMW's event). All ladies who would like to join us are most welcome.

Jennie Corpening Circle A big thank you to all who donated books for our Book Extravaganza, & to all who shopped at the & enjoyed MRLEC's delicious breakfast. We would also like to thank everyone who purchased Memory & Honor Ornaments for their loved ones to be displayed during Advent. This month's meeting will be our usual Thanksgiving meal on November 15th at 6 pm at Ramona Bryson's home. Our hostess will provide the meat & drinks. Members need to bring food to complete the dinner. If you are not a member of any circle you are invited to join us for this time of thankfulness for all our blessings. A short business meeting will follow the meal. Please remember to bring your World Thank Offering boxes.

Asheville District Leadership Training "Let's Get Together to Educate"

This event is not just for officers, but for every UMW member. It will be at Avery's Creek UMC on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Registration is at 9:15; Meeting at 10:00. Come and learn new ideas! Contact Delores Meadows for more information!

CALLING ALL CAST MEMBERS!

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 3rd all Cantata cast members need to be present for rehearsals. Please be in the sanctuary by 7:15. If you are interested in helping backstage, contact Bev Parris at 692-8225 or Bparris@camstar.com

November Birthdays

- 1 Janet Green
Pam Laughter
Kim Maltby
Paul Perrotta
- 2 Gary Bates
- 3 Camden Robinson
- 4 Hannah Green
Margaret Henry
Olivia Thrower
- 6 Nancy Heiser
Haley Staton
- 7 Jake Barber
Wayne Youngdahl
- 8 Stephen Jenkins
Jessica Williams
- 9 Jackson Guinn
Julia Perrotta
Darlene Reid
- 10 Ned Giddens
- 11 Anne Clewis
Grayson Lance
- 12 Ray Bryson
Leonard Owen
Eli McCall
James Power
- 13 Marett Bandy
- 14 Jennie Hernandez
Donna Young
- 15 William Burnette
Johnathan Cavanaugh
- 17 Leslie Lowe
Barbara Rathburn
- 18 Andy Carnes
- 23 Paul Bethea
Carol Burke
Richard Green
Joan Sitton
- 24 Madyson Barber
Steve Dozier
- 25 Norene Goard
Jennifer Watermulder
Joe Strange
- 26 Tom Ciaramitaro
Erin Justice
Mark Whitfield
- 27 Mike Barnette
- 29 Al Seal
Bill McLain
Kim Tipton
- 30 Helen Beck
Samantha West
Samuel Gibbs

First Wednesday Meal
November 3rd at 5:30 pm
 Hosted by the **Youth Ministry**
 Join Us for Wonderful Fellowship!
 Everyone is Welcome!

The Primetimers
 We will be traveling on Tuesday,
 November 9th to a place to be
 announced later. See the church
 bulletin on Nov. 7th for details.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Our annual stewardship emphasis is upon us now that the 2011 budget is complete. To begin the process of determining your offering to God, we ask you think on and pray about the following excerpt from Brian Kluth's book, "You Are Invited on a 40 Day Spiritual Journey to a More Generous Life."

The Faithful Giver's 7 Great Surprises.....

*When you begin to actively and
faithfully return 10% or more of all your
income to the Lord's work,
you will be surprised at...*

1. The generous amount of money you will be able to give to the Lord's work.
2. The deepening of your spiritual life through trusting the Lord to meet your needs.
3. The increased ease in which you meet your other financial obligations on the 9/10th's of the income you have left.
4. The way that starting to give 10% leads to more generous giving than you ever dreamed possible.
5. The effect faithful giving has in making you a wiser manager over all the rest of the money and possessions you have.
6. The unexpected provisions that God brings into your life.
7. And the surprise you have when you wish you had started giving 10% or more much sooner.

Stewardship Sunday is November 21st. More information will be mailed in early November.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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 | 1 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells | 2 VOTING DAY | 3 FIRST WED MEAL 5:30 10:00 MRLEC mtg 6-8 Dave Ramsey 6:00 Childrens Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:00 Chancel Choir | 4 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team | 5 | 6 Ministry Fair Setup |
| 7 All Saints Day 4:00 Youth Choir 5:00 Youth Choir 5-7 Dave Ramsey 5-7 Disciple I, II, IV 6:01 Community | 8 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells | 9 11 Primetimers 7:30 Lillian Hall | 10 6-8 Dave Ramsey 6:00 Childrens Choir 6:15 MS Bible Study 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:00 Chancel Choir | 11 Veterans Day 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 UMM | 12 Youth Choir Retreat | 13 Youth Choir Retreat |
| 14 Stewardship 3:30 Kids Care/Jr. Youth 4:00 Youth Choir 5-7 Dave Ramsey 5-7 Disciple I, II, IV | 15 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells 7:00 J Corpening | 16 1:00 Maggie Jones Circle | 17 6:00 Childrens Choir 6:15 MS Bible Study 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:00 Chancel Choir | 18 10:00 MRLEC 6:30 Worship Team NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 19 | 20 Scrap Booking |
| 21 12:00 Volunteer Lunch 4:00 Youth Choir 5-7 Disciple I, II, IV | 22 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Boyscouts-FH | 23 UMM Tree Setup | 24 6:00 Childrens Choir 6:15 MS Bible Study 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:00 Chancel Choir | 25 THANKSGIVING Office Closed | 26 Office Closed | 27 |
| 28 4:00 Youth Choir 5-7 Disciple I, II, IV 5:00 SURGE | 29 10-12 Disciple I 6:00 Handbells | 30 | <h1 style="margin: 0;">NOVEMBER 2010</h1> | | | |

G.R.A.C.E. News

Shannon Barber
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Guide, Respect, Appreciate, Celebrate, & Embrace as we prepare Children for their walk with Jesus!



November 14th: Sunday, November 14th Operation Christmas Child Jr. Youth/Kids Care Shopping Trip to Dollar Tree 3:30pm-7:00pm.
Deadline for return is Sunday, November 14th.

November 14th: The Angel Trees will be in the Narthex on Sunday, November 14th. The packages need to be returned no later than Sunday, December 5th. Please remember to sign for each tag you choose, so we know each child will receive a gift. Please make sure tags are attached securely to each gift.



November 25th: Happy Thanksgiving

November 28th: No Jr. Youth or Kids Care

December 3rd: Family Fun Caroling Night. Please come & join us for a night of sharing the Spirit of Christmas with a local nursing home. After caroling, the children will have a Birthday Party for Jesus in the Fellowship Hall. Each child will need to bring \$3.00 for the pizza party.



December 5th: The children kindergarten-5th grade will be wrapping Christmas presents during all 3 services on December 5th for a donation of canned food for the Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome to bring items to be wrapped to the Fellowship Hall that morning. Make sure all items are labeled with a last name & make sure those wrapping the presents are not the recipients of the gifts.

Youth Ministry Update

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October Thanks!

Thanks to Kenny Davenport, Lisa Olson, Beverly Gladin, Mack Brittain, & Bradley Henderson for going to Bread of Life for our Labor of Love. Thanks to Nat & Tammy Gross for providing dinner at SURGE on October 10th.

November Schedule

Nov. 7: Youth Council, 4pm. Youth Choir, 5pm. Community601, 6:01pm

Nov. 12-14: Youth Choir Retreat

Nov. 14: SURGE, 5-7pm

Nov. 21: Youth Choir, 4pm. Labor of Love, 5-8pm

Nov. 28: Youth Choir, 4pm. High School Dinner at Parsonage 5-7pm. No MS activities after youth choir.

Coming Up in December

Saturday, Dec. 4th: Youth Choir practice, 10-12 at church. Singing at Givens Estates after lunch.

Sunday, Dec. 5th: Youth Choir Christmas Concert, 6pm.

Sunday, Dec. 12th: SURGE Christmas Party, 4-7pm. Includes annual gift swap game!

Sunday, Dec. 19th: SURGE Movie night at Parsonage, 7pm.

Sunday, Dec. 26th: No SURGE events.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection

It's all about Connections! Have you made the Connection yet! Sunday Connection classes are listed to the right. Our Bible Study leaders invite you to come & share in the Fellowship, Bible Study, Prayer & Teaching that helps you grow in your spiritual walk. Get Connected! Join a Bible Study Group!

On October 17th we began the first New Member Class for new members & for those interested in becoming members. The class discussed: The Methodist Heritage; Our Beliefs & Doctrines; & Knowing & Using Your Spiritual Gifts. We are excited about this new event in the life of our church. We celebrate its beginning!

If you would like more information about the Sunday Connection Classes or the next New Member Class, contact Lorraine Jernigan at 884-2430 or lcloer@mtnwaves.net

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) Dan Poeta & 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 the Choir Room
- (6) Sharon Michaels class for single adults meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the Osborne Room.

Lectionary Readings

These 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.

November 7

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857)
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 14

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118 (UMH 839)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 21

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 28

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122 (UMH 845)
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Evangelism Team

The Evangelism Team has been very busy planning the upcoming Ministry Fair & Bring A Friend Sunday coming up **November 7th**. We are very excited about this event & hope that you will make every effort to attend & bring a friend or neighbor or co-worker. If you are part of a ministry or committee please check with your leadership to see how you can help! Set-up is Saturday, Nov 6th at noon...plan to really "deck" your booth out!! If you have questions please contact Merit Wolff at mwolff@bellsouth.net or 828-776-1115

The E-Team is also in the process of having a "Spirit Wear" sale! How often have you been out & about & seen someone with a nice shirt from their church? The E-Team is working with a great local company to design an embroidered line of clothing that will soon be available for purchasing. Keep on the look-out for further information.

Finally, the E-Team is looking for morning & event greeters & welcomers! We want people who visit our warm church family to be overwhelmed by the radical welcome they receive as they enter our "home". If you love to talk & meet new people or maybe you want to try something new, please speak to an E-Team member or contact the church office. We hope to have a training before Christmas so that all our Christmas Program visitors will want to come back again & again!

As always we would welcome any new folks to our team! We have so much fun and are so excited about all that we see the Holy Spirit doing within our congregation! Our next meeting will be November 15th at 6:00pm in the Osborne Room. Our meetings are short and lively! Please join us!

Peace and Joy, Merit Wolff, E-Team Leader

Fishes & Loaves

Fall Harvest Whenever asked, the people of this church really step up! We distributed over 700 bags for the Fishes & Loaves Food Harvest! The food started pouring in, and as you saw at church we had a mound of white bags & boxes of food that will help the pantry. You did all that! It was a sight that let's us know that the love we share in the congregation goes beyond the walls of the church. It's what helping our neighbor is about. Blessings to you all.

THANKSGIVING It is unfortunate, but as long as there are hungry people, there is work to be done in the name of Christ. Since you did such a fabulous job of providing Thanksgiving dinners for pantry clients in 2009, we are going to do it again! While we never know exactly how many people will show up it is estimated there will be a 50% increase or 150 dinners. Shopping lists will be handed out November 7th, 14th and 21st. Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Make checks out to Etowah United Methodist Church and put Fishes and Loaves/Thanksgiving on the memo line. We want everyone to be thankful on Thanksgiving day.



Dear Church Family, we'd like to give all of you a personal thank you, you are a generous, loving group of people. Thank you so much to each of you that called, visited, sent cards, brought food and most importantly for your prayers and concerns for Robert & I during our recent surgeries. Our love to each one of you!

Robert and Gail Moore

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers and support. The meals have been awesome!! God is so good to have led me to a wonderful church family. Please continue to pray for God's will for me and Chelsea.

Joy Frazier and family

I would like to express sincere appreciation to those members who were so generous & helpful & enabled me to have canned goods for the UMW bazaar. Thank you to everyone who provided canning jars, to Lou Moore for beans & tomatoes, to Delores & Richie Meadows for beans & cucumbers, to the Weasts for grapes & to Linda Westmoreland for tomatoes.

Joyce McCall, Maggie Jones Circle

Mills River Life Enrichment Center (MRLEC)

October Highlights
 October was good month for MRLEC. Comfort Keepers of Arden, shared valuable information on Health Options & Funding Services with our senior adults. Wes Jones provided entertainment with Karaoke which was a fun day. MRLEC's senior adults packed 260 bags with toiletries items & a Christmas figurine for the Homebound senior adults who receive Meals on Wheels. Also, Canoe Grass, a local bluegrass band, played some wonderful toe tapping music.

The MRLEC committee enjoyed an evening of recognition for all of their dedication & hard work for this ministry. What an amazing group of people!

***Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet November 11th @ 9:45 am.**

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

November 4
 Jere Brittain, Songs & Stories of Mills River, Packing Bags for Haiti

November 11
 Kenmure Show Chorus
 A Salute to the Armed Forces

November 18
 Forge Mountain Cloggers

November 25
 NO MRLEC-Happy Thanksgiving

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.



"So long everybody! We'll see you next week on... **HEE-HAW!!!**"

To Celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ at MRUMC

The Church will be serving a **free Christmas Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall for people in the community who would like to share fellowship time with other Christian friends in our area.

Saturday, December 25th
11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Reservations & Needed Transportation: Call the Church Office at 891-7788

Anyone wanting to help call Glenn Banning at 697-9778

Charge Conference

for MRUMC is on Sunday, November 7th at Fletcher United Methodist Church from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

All Church Council members are urged to attend and anyone in the congregation is welcome to attend.

**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

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

Office Hours: 9 am - 3 pm Mon-Thurs, 9 am - 12 pm Fri

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