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**Monday,  
September 19**

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# Pulpit and Pew

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

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September

## Being United Methodist Too!



### What Wednesday Would Wook Wike (Look Like)

Ok, it is really late as I'm writing this! But, I'm excited about the possibilities! We have devised a Wednesday program that I think will be a blessing to our church families. The schedule is as follows:

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall - Starts at 5:30 and serves until 6:30 p.m.

Children's/Cherub Choirs - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Youth - 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Adults - Program in the Chapel 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir - 7:15 p.m.

Ruth Williams has agreed to prepare the meals on the "Non-First Wednesday" Wednesdays. As you know, Ruth cooks for MRLEC and does a wonderful job of making nutritious, tasty meals. The menu for the first meal on September 14 will be:

BBQ Chicken, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls, and Dessert!

The cost of the meal will be a suggested donation of \$5 per person. We will set a max of \$20 per family. Remember, this is a suggested donation, not a requirement to eat!

There is one other important part of this offering: we want to open this meal up to the community. If you know of someone who would benefit from having this meal available and yet is not in position to contribute financially, we believe we can offset this cost. It is similar to the "Welcome Table" concept at Hope UMC at East Flat Rock.

We will need a "reservation system." Prior to Tuesday, we need you to let us know if you plan to attend. You can do that through a note in the offering plate on Sunday, a phone call to the church, an e-mail to the church office, or by creating a "standing" reservation. This program will run on the weeks of September 14 through November 9 with the exception being First Wednesdays when church groups will provide the meal.

The program in the Chapel will be led by Paige Ann Miller and our volunteers. Paige Ann will be sharing from the Psalms, part of a study she has prepared. I (Paul Thompson) am going to be spending time with the Youth! We are going to be having fun and learning a bit from a neat study written for Youth.

I sure hope you will consider joining us! I can't think of a better way to spend "hump day" than by coming and finding nourishment both for your body and your soul. I hope to see you on Wednesdays starting September 14. We certainly do need at least 100 participants to make the numbers work. Please consider joining us. I think you will be glad you did.

In His Love,

Paul B. Thompson

## Volunteers

### Nursery

#### September 4

8:15 Jon & Lori Hart  
9:33 Tricia & Michael Young  
10:55 Martha & Kaiti Cremer

#### September 11

8:15 Tabea Davenport  
9:33 B. Brown/K. Deckard  
10:55 Tammy & Samantha Gross

#### September 18

8:15 **need volunteer**  
9:33 L. Gossett  
10:55 T Dozier/Ali Parent

#### September 25

8:15 **need volunteer**  
9:33 J. Gladin /N. Willis  
10:55 The Pates/E. Woodall



### Children's Church

Sept 4 The Rathburns  
Sept 11 Terri Ippolito  
Sept 18 **need volunteer**  
Sept 25 Stephanie Austin



### Acolytes

Sept 4 Andrew Maltby  
Sept 11 Sawyer Frady  
Sept 18 Taylor Gladin  
Sept 25 Hartlee Hoyle



### Greeters

#### September 4

8:15 **need volunteer**  
9:33 Dianne King  
10:55 The Woods

#### September 11

8:15 The Kimballs  
9:33 Lori Cavanaugh  
10:55 D Carland & C Burke

#### September 18

8:15 **need volunteer**  
9:33 Bill Bellamy  
10:55 D Dwyer/B Benfield

#### September 25

8:15 Carolyn Johnson  
9:33 The Morrors  
10:55 The Parris'

## Music Notes

### Greetings to all the folks at MRUMC.

There is definitely music in the air again. All choirs will resume for the fall. We are excited over new leaders, new choir members and new music. Here is a line up of schedules:

**August 31, 6:00** Chancel Choir Christmas Party. All members and their families are invited. Ruth Williams will be serving up southern fried chicken with all the fix'ns. [minus calories]. Anyone and everyone interested in joining the choir please feel welcome to join us. We would love to have you for Christmas and would invite you to stay all year long. We are a friendly and rowdy bunch who love to praise the Lord in music. We love to make new friends.

We will be listening to our Christmas music "Hope is born, Emanuel" .

**Sept. 7** Registration for Jr. and Cherub Choirs.

**Sept. 14, 6:00** Rehearsal for Junior and Cherub Choirs begin.

We will continue to follow the school policy for inclement weather.

Tammy Gross and Beverly Gladdin will be leading Cherub with help from Kevin Robinson. Kim Maltby has graciously agreed to help me with Jr. Choir. THANK YOU ALL!

**Sept. 11, 7:00** Rehearsal for Youth Choir with Steve and Mary Carson

**Sept. 12, 6:00** Hand bell with Steve Carson

**Sept. 18** is Homecoming I need, I want, I pray for a full choir. Come help us celebrate this special Sunday.

We have lots of fun stuff coming up in the Fall and we are excited to share it with all.

Singing with the Angels!

Steve



## Evangelism Team

Reminder of upcoming 2nd round of Directory Pictures Sept 6-10.

Last call for directory pictures! We still have two openings during the week of September 6 - 10; call Norene Goard at 891-5920 to schedule or change an appointment. September 10 is the last day the photographers will be at the church.

Volunteer receptionists are still needed for 9/8 and 9/9. If you would like to volunteer for a low-stress, sit-down two hour shift, please call Norene.

The next Joining Sunday will be on October 30th. There will also be a luncheon for New Members after the 10:55 service. Please let the church office know if you would like to join the church or attend the luncheon.

New Member classes will be held on Sundays at 9:45 on Oct. 2, 9 and 16. Please notify the church office or Merit Wolff if you are interested in taking this informative class about our church, our denomination and your personal gifts and how they can be used to further the body of Christ.





The Methodist Men took the month of August off and did not have a meeting but will be back in action in September. President Bob Sweeney is in need of help from some UMM to serve food at the UMW Fashion Show Luncheon on September 10. Everyone should come at 11:00 AM for a bite to eat. Then, at 12:00, the UMM will start serving lunch to attendees. Men should wear black slacks, black shoes and a white shirt and tie. This is our way of contributing to this great UMW event after the women have helped the UMM in so many ways in the past. If you can help out with this please call Bob at 890-9025.

The MM will meet this month on Thursday the 15th at 7 PM. We will start with dinner at 7 and then a short business meeting which will be aimed at preparing for our golf tournament organized by Arnie Goard for Sept. 30th. The proceeds from this tournament will be going to MRLEC.

The next fund raiser the men are doing is a co-sponsored Pig Pickin' orchestrated by Jim Chapman with the Boy Scouts on Saturday Sept. 24th. The proceeds will go to the Boy Scouts. They have needs to replace their aging tents and other equipment. Any men willing to help should call Jim Chapman at 890-0460.

*John Hubbs, Secretary*



## United Methodist Women

We are busy getting ready for our upcoming events. We had a general meeting on Monday at 7 PM, August 22, 2011 to put the finishing touches on the Fashion Show and Luncheon in September and to discuss the Craft Bazaar in October.

### ***"Beauty On the Inside and Out" Fashion Show and Luncheon*** **Saturday, September 10, 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

By the time this newsletter is printed, we will have finished selling tickets, made four trips to Sylva to Krismart Fashions to have our models fitted for outfits for the fashion show, and will be working to get last minute seating and plans finalized. Lunch will be prepared by Sherry Hooper and Chris Miller. Sarah Murray and Paige Ann Miller will be our emcees. The MRUMM will be servers at the tables and will help with clean up. Our thanks to all of you who are helping.

### ***Craft Bazaar***

**Saturday, October 8, 2011** in the Fellowship Hall. More Information will be forth coming in the next newsletter. Our four circles are planning, cooking, knitting, and all that crafty talented stuff. Remember to return your empty canning jars for our ladies to refill, NOW.

**Thank you to our church** for all your support. We spend your monies for missions locally and internationally. Each circle focuses on their individual mission as well as the missions our unit supports.

***Ladies of MRUMC, there is a UMW group that needs you!!***

### ***Dates to Remember:***

**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 UMW Christmas Dinner** hosted by the Maggie Jones Circle

*-Anna Awald*

## Birthdays

- 1 Jerry Poteet
- 2 Emma Swift
- 2 Arnold Goard
- 4 Linda Hamilton
- 6 Beverly Ham
- 6 Janice Arden
- 7 Jim Tschepl
- 8 Caiti Cremer
- 8 William Brown
- 9 Carson Laughter
- 9 Daniel Bethea
- 10 Kristen Laughter
- 12 Jennifer Elswick
- 12 June Patterson
- 13 David Harper
- 13 Frank Erickson
- 14 Donald King
- 14 Janice Teller
- 15 Emma Cavanaugh
- 15 Nick Jones
- 16 Richie Meadows
- 16 Doris Youngdahl
- 17 Douglas Clewis
- 18 Luke Smithson
- 18 Sam Smithson
- 19 Erin Young
- 19 Linda Trantham
- 20 Dorothy Baer
- 23 Samuel Buchanan
- 23 Seth Grant
- 24 Bill Murray
- 25 Rebecca Davenport
- 26 Beverly Parris
- 27 Philip Lounsbury
- 28 Tiffany White
- 28 Robin Bates
- 29 Bobby Martin
- 29 Judith Tipword



To my wonderful church family,

Many thanks. Words can not express how much I appreciate all the kindness and support shown during the illness and death of my brother, Donald A. Owen. I am forever grateful.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Grace Hoxit and Family

Dear Mills River UMC,  
Thank you for your gifts, prayers and support of my seminary education. I am so thankful for my church family. It has been a pleasure to be home this summer and to serve in worship.

I am looking forward to my last semester at The Methodist Theological School of Ohio as well as the chaplaincy internship at the Lewis Stokes VA hospital in Cleveland. Thank you again.

Shalom,  
Meg Sweeney



**Dear Church Family,**  
Words cannot express the gratitude I feel towards this loving and generous community that I am so blessed to be a part of. My thanks goes not only to those who contributed to the "Scholarship Fund" for Meg and I, but to the SPRC for doing this for us. Your gifts and prayers this past year as I began my studies in seminary have been so greatly appreciated. Please continue to hold me in your prayers as I have already begun this semester of driving one day a week and an occasional weekend to my classes in Charlotte. Again, thank you for being such a giving and encouraging family to me.  
Joy and Peace,  
Merit Wolff

***Your giving will be a great help and encouragement to others.***

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

**2 Corinthians 9:12-14** This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

**Acts 4:34-37** There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. Joseph...whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

**Proverbs 19:4,6** Wealth brings many friends. Everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.

**Matthew 5:14-16** You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

***There is no advantage in being the richest person in the cemetery.***

***A wealthy Christian man who lost everything in a financial downturn was asked if he ever regretted the giving he had done to the Lord's work. He replied, "What I gave, I still have. What I kept, I lost."***

***Getting God's Help Out Of A Financial Mess***

My friend George and his wife didn't think they could trust God when it came to their giving and finances. So, they relied on their own financial wisdom and within a few years found themselves in tens of thousands of dollars in debt they couldn't pay. They asked me to meet with them to find a way out of the mess they had created. I shared with them, "You've made such a mess of your finances that it is going to take all the help of heaven to get you out of this mess." I explained that the only way I knew to heaven's help in their finances was to start giving at least 10% of their income to the LORD's work whenever they got paid. They agreed this was the right direction to go and in the coming weeks, months, and years, the LORD helped them get out of the financial mess they'd created for themselves. ***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)***

**The Jennie Corpening Circle** is breaking with tradition. The Book Extravaganza has been changed from the last weekend in October. This year it is being moved to NOVEMBER 12., the 2nd Saturday in November. Please tell all your friends of this new date. The church office has already been receiving calls wanting to know when it will be, so we know there are lots of folks who don't attend church here that are interested in coming. As in the past, there will be lots of books, so pass the word concerning the new date. Please start thinking now about the books you want to donate. We already have a good collection started, but certainly more are needed. We appreciate all donations! They can be brought to the church as early as the last weekend in October.

Linda Westmoreland

### THANKSGIVING DINNERS

We will again be helping Fishes & Loaves provide 125 Thanksgiving dinners for pantry clients. More to follow in the October newsletter.



## Church Council

Your Mills River United Methodist Church Council will meet on **Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Church Council members please remember to turn in your reports to Erica in the Church Office by **September 7** so e-mails may be sent and copies made for the meeting! Although only current Church Council members may vote, any member of Mills River United Methodist Church may attend Church Council meetings and are always welcome!



**The UMM sponsored golf tournament** to benefit MRLEC, will be held on Sept. 30th at Etowah Valley Country Club. Tee time is 12:30. Cost is \$65. Lunch will begin at 11:30. Dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately after the event. Prizes will be given and range balls will be available at 11:00. Ladies are invited to play. Sponsorships should be turned in by Sept. 10th and entries for the tournament must be in by Sept. 22nd. For more information please contact Arnie Goard @891-5920 or 828-290-8295 or John Hubbs @698-8054 or 828-280-4909.



### FALL FOOD DRIVE !!

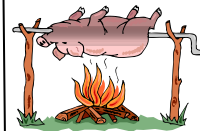
The start of school and turning leaves signal the upcoming food drive in October. The food drive is a vital part of providing meals for clients at Fishes & Loaves. Last year MRUMC helped provide about 2500 pounds of food for the F&L stores. With government cutbacks, these donations have become even more important to the pantry.

We will again be handing out grocery bags with instructions and lists to all of you. We would like you to take the bags and give them to your neighbors the week(s) before we collect them on October 8th and 9th. Bags will be handed out September 26th and October 2nd. You can bring them back to the church up to October 9th.

As always, you bless this ministry with your generosity and kind hearts.



**The Primetimers** will be traveling to one of our favorite places, Lake View Steak House in Greer, SC on Tuesday, Sept 13, 2011. We will leave the church at 10am for our 11 am reservations. If you would like to go along give Evelyn a call at 891-3743.



**Boy Scout Troup 622** will have a 'Pig Pickin'' on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at MRUMC. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children ten and under. Jim Chapman and Methodist Men will prepare the barbeque. Make plans to come out to enjoy this delicious meal and support the scouts!

**The Lillian Hall Circle** will meet on Tuesday, Sept 13, 2011, at 7pm in the Osborne Room. Myra Crisp will host. Ann Collins will have the program.

# September 2011

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>				<p>1 10 MRLEC</p>	<p>2 Youth Fundraiser at Apple Festival</p>	<p>3 Youth Fundraiser at Apple Festival</p>
<p>4 Youth Fundraiser at Apple Festival</p>	<p>5 LABOR DAY Office Closed Youth Fundraiser at Apple Festival</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 First Wednesday J. Corpening Host 10 MRLEC Mtg-OR 6:00 Children's Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8 10 MRLEC</p>	<p>9 5th Quarter Youth Celebration</p>	<p>10 UMW Fashion Show</p>
<p>11 Patriot Day 3:30 Kids Care 5:00 Jr Youth 5:00 SURGE 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Youth Choir</p>	<p>12 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Susan D Thompson</p>	<p>13 11:00 Prinetimers 7:00 Lillian Hall</p>	<p>14 11a Mission Comm. 5:30 Wed. Night Meal 6:00 Jr Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15 10 MRLEC 6:30 UMM Meeting 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>16 Blood Drive</p>	<p>17 4:00 Parent's Night Out</p>
<p>18 5:00 Junior Youth 5:00 Labor of Love 7:00 Youth Choir</p>	<p>19 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Jennie Corpening  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>20 1:00 Maggie Jones Circle</p>	<p>21 5:30 Wed. Night Meal 6:00 Jr Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22 10 MRLEC</p>	<p>23 Sr High Trip t</p>	<p>24 Sr High Trip 5:00 Boy Scout Pig Pickin'</p>
<p>25 Sr High Trip 5:00 Junior Youth</p>	<p>26 6:00 Handbells</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 5:30 Wed. Night Meal 6:00 Jr Choir 6:15 Prayer/Share 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29 10 MRLEC</p>	<p>30 UMM Golf Tournament and Dinner</p>	

# Children's Ministry



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## G.R.A.C.E.

Guide, Respect, Appreciate, Celebrate, and Embrace As we prepare Children for their walk with Jesus so that they may shine his word into the World!

Many thanks to all of you willing to share your gifts as a teacher in the Children's Ministry. The following is a list of those, who will be teaching this year.

**9:30**

- Preschool : Bess Bandy, Tabea Davenport, Lori Anderson, Cheryl Barnett, & Victoria Gladin
- K-1st grade: Stephanie Austin, Leslie Lowe, & Rebekah Pace
- 2nd-3rd grade: Beverly Gladin & Debbie Osteen
- 4th-5th grade: Terri & Toni Ippolito & Tommy Blackwell

**10:50**

- Preschool-1st: Anna & Eli McCall  
Kelly Buchanan
- 2nd-5th: Jay & Kelly Siltzer  
Mary Beth Wike

### Calendar of Events for September:

**September 4th:**

Begin New Curriculum - No Jr. Youth

**September 11th:**

Kids Care 3:30-5 - Jr. Youth 5-7

RSVP for PNO

**September 17th:**

Parent's Night Out 4-7

**September 18th:**

Jr. Youth 5-7 - Labor of Love with the Youth (Need Drivers)

**September 25th:**

Jr. Youth 5-7

**Do you need some time with your spouse or time with yourself?** Sign up for Parent's Night Out on Saturday, September 17th from 4-7pm. The youth will be providing childcare as a fundraiser. Childcare will be \$5.00 per child with a \$20.00 maximum.

RSVP for childcare by Sunday, **September 11th** to sbarbermrumc@bellsouth.net or millsriveryouth@bellsouth.net.



## Youth Ministry Update

**Paige Ann S. Miller, Associate Pastor/Youth Pastor**  
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### Upcoming Youth Schedule:

**Friday, September 2 - Monday, September 5 - (HUGE!) Fundraiser - Park cars for Apple Festival**

**Friday, September 9 - 5th Quarter Post-game Party at MRUMC (chaperones needed)**

**Sunday, September 11 - SURGE, Fellowship Hall**

**September 17 - 4-7pm - Youth Fundraiser: Parents' Night Out**

**Sunday, September 18 - Labor of Love - Visit Shut-Ins**

**Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25 - Sr. High "Fun and Random" Trip**

**Friday, September 23 - Middle School Movie Night and Lock-in**

Keep up with us on [facebook](#) at the S.U.R.G.E. Mills River Youth Group page!

***From The Desk of Paige Ann . .***

While many of their classmates and friends were relaxing during their last weeks of summer, Mills River UMC middle school and senior high youth put in a combined 44 hours of mission work in the local area.

On August 5, the youth served at Mainstay, a domestic violence shelter in Hendersonville. Will Dwyer and Zac O'Brien laid baseboards for a new family room for shelter residents, while Jake Barber, Austin, Caroline, and Evin Miller put their sales skills to work managing a huge sidewalk sale with all proceeds going directly to the shelter.

Nineteen youth and six adults took Kathy and David Lugo up on the opportunity to harvest their garden for the hungry. On August 21, despite the blazing sun and some overly friendly bugs, they managed to fill eight baskets to the brim. All of these baskets were delivered to Michael Collins and the kitchen crew at Bread of Life in Brevard, who received the green beans, greasy beans, okra, tomatoes, squash, peppers, and even an eggplant with deep gratitude.

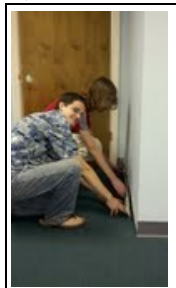
Two nights before school started, several of our youth helped serve dinner at the Hope UMC Welcome Table. This evening was great preparation for November, when the youth will actually prepare the meal for Hope!

It has been a busy month, but we have also had time to hang out and relax by the pool and to tube down the Green River. Through it all, we have been constantly reminded that God is at work *in* and *through* us.

-Paige Ann



Caroline Miller draws a crowd for the sidewalk sale benefiting Mainstay.



Zac O'Brien and Will Dwyer install baseboards in a family room at Mainstay, a domestic violence shelter in Hendersonville.



Last month, the Mills River UMC Youth harvested the garden of David and Kathy Lugo for the hungry. All food was donated to Bread of Life in Brevard.



A bountiful harvest for the hungry. Mills River Youth go out every month to serve in the community as a "Labor of Love."

**Opportunity to help**

As I write this article, I'm riding down a mountain road in Idaho on a three-week vacation to see some of God's most beautiful creations. I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to have this vacation. Many people do not have this opportunity, and many of them live right in our community. And guess what--hunger NEVER takes a vacation.

Yet we have an opportunity to help that is very simple to accomplish. It is the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry at Etowah United Methodist Church. You've probably heard a lot about this ministry. Our church does a great job donating food week after week. But we need to step it up on the volunteer time. A small cadre of dedicated MRUMC members volunteer to get the food into the hands of the folks who need it. And we need some help. Can you volunteer for 3 hours on an occasional Saturday? Or do you have a few hours to help put together food boxes? The food pantry process is a well-organized machine, and it is a very easy way to volunteer. Those of you who know me well know I'm not inclined to do anything that takes too much effort! But just like any volunteer effort, you get a million times more from it than you put into it. The folks who live right here in our community are so appreciative that their Christian brothers and sisters are willing to help.

Please consider helping. Just come one Saturday and I guarantee you'll be hooked. For more information, contact Carol Weast.

by Dianne King

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Make the Connection*

**Adult Education:**

Why does our church continue to offer Sunday School (Bible Study) to our church family? Because gathering in small groups is God's way of getting us to work along with Him to experience transformation in one another's lives. Adult Sunday School is one of the most widespread influential groups in that the a primary purpose of Sunday School is to offer ongoing life-transforming

Bible Study, reach the unchurched and provide caring ministry. At MRUMC we believe that Bible Study is a vibrant way of reaching people and teaching them the Word of God.

Sunday School is a powerful part of God's kingdom. God is at work in our Sunday School classes as He builds His kingdom. A great journey begins with a single step. Take that step today and join with other believers who desire to help grow the Kingdom of God through Sunday School/Bible Study.

## Mills River Life Enrichment Center (MRLEC)

### August Highlights:

The August 4th program honored Kenneth and Jean Smith, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with members of their family and MRLEC.

Three prayer shawls were presented to various people who were ill. Marge Cross thanked the volunteers who have donated their time and talents to provide the prayer shawls.

"The Lion's Mane" showcased the musical talents of Alysha Carland and Patrick Hefner.

Our own Kathleen Cabe transformed herself into "Miss Myrtle" and delighted the audience with her humor.

Friday, August 12th, MRLEC hosted their Sock Hop fundraiser. Everyone who attended had a great time! A big thank you to Tom Ciaramitaro for giving his time to DJ the event.

If Friday night didn't afford you enough exercise, Wes Sparks

provided a program of Gentle Yoga for the following Thursday.

On August 18th, local author, Steve Norwood talked about his book, "the Reluctant Missionary". His book is the true story of his first mission trip to Honduras.

On August 25th, Debbie Revis presented a question and answer session on Long Term Health Care. Also, Lynn Bryson shared her storytelling talents to entertain everyone.

### 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 September:

1 Jay Siltzer, "Geological Troubles" Earthquakes and Volcanoes

8 Recognizing Local Plants and Trees w/ Marguerite McCraw and Intro to the "Liar's Club"

15 Local Bluegrass Band, "Rocky Flats"

22 Classical Guitarist, Marc Yaxley and Bassist, Cameron Austin

29 Hee Haw

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

### 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.

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



### Fishes and Loaves

Some stories are wonderful and heartwarming, others can be generated from rumors. There are stories floating around right now about Fishes & Loaves that are just that, rumors. Please know that Fishes and Loaves serves the clients it is intended to serve filling a much needed gap in this community for families who can not afford food for themselves. If someone were to spend just *one* Saturday at the pantry they would see people who clearly need the help of Christ's servants. Volunteers wouldn't serve if we didn't know people needed this help.

In every free program there is the possibility of abuse. But Fishes and Loaves is held to standards set by the government including careful record keeping required by Manna and every can and box is accounted for through the TEFAP program. Fishes and Loaves volunteers keep careful records and monitor everything they hand out. The numbers of clients, boxes and cans of food and backpacks are reported every week.

If rumors have prevented you from giving to Fishes & Loaves, prayerfully reconsider. It's a good program, it's an extension of Christ's love for us and a way to show our love for him in our community.

**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**

5:30 pm Dinner  
6:15 pm Prayer/Worship  
in the Chapel

**Ministry and Staff**

The Rev. Paul B. Thompson.....Senior Pastor  
Paige Ann Miller . . . . .Associate Pastor, Youth Director  
Steve Carson.....Director of Music  
Dean Cavanaugh.....Worship Leader  
Shannon Barber.....Children's Ministry  
Ruth Williams.....MRLEC Director  
Kevin Robinson.....Organist  
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