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*The mission of First United Methodist Church is to make and nurture Christian disciples
through the presence and power of the Spirit of God.*

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Build the Church One Soul at a Time.

Build the Building One Brick at a Time.

Be a part of a special fund raiser for our new building! Donate \$10.00 for a brick in memory or in honor of someone, by filling out a card located in your pew. Once completed, please place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. A list of memorials and honorariums for the bricks can be found on the tables in the narthex and tower room.

journey@first

The praise team from Mount Calvary Holy Church on Standish Street will present music for the *journey@first* worship service on Sunday, July 19th at 9:00 am in the chapel. The theme for the service will be "*Serving Others.*" Join us for this special music and as Steve Haines and his "drama team" present a skit before the serving of Holy Communion.

Last year, members of Circle #5 of United Methodist Women, along with other members of our church, joined together with Mount Calvary Holy Church to provide Bible school and school supplies for children in public housing. Over 100 bags of school supplies were distributed. What a privilege to combine with another church in local missions and how grateful we are for the support given by our church and Mount Calvary for their efforts in collecting school supplies for this mission. We

ask that you bring school supplies with you when you attend the *journey@first* service so that they may be blessed before being distributed to the children in our community.

Help us to give a warm welcome to the group from Mount Calvary Holy Church as they take part in our worship. A "love offering" will be collected and presented to the praise team from Mount Calvary at the end of the service.

Moving Beyond the Dream

One of the dreams from our Church Council's 2009 Leadership Retreat is to increase our outreach into the community by more effectively using publicity. We are forming a Publicity Team and want to invite you to be part of that group.

Related to this, the United Methodist Church is launching a nationwide program called Rethink Church. Rethink speaks to how we, as a Methodist Church, present ourselves to the community. It addresses publicity, but it is broader than just that. The Methodist advertisements that you've seen on television came out of the denomination's Igniting Ministries campaign. Rethink Church is the second phase of that initiative. If you are interested in knowing more about the Publicity Team or if you have talents and abilities that you would like to offer, please contact Elaine Hewitt.

News You Can Use

I would like to thank all the people who helped out with the **College Mom/Dad program** for this past school year. I'm sure it means a lot to your college students to know they are being thought of on a regular basis. I appreciate everything you did. If you are interested in helping with this program next school year, please let me know. College students can expect a letter soon inviting them to participate this fall (2009-2010). If your child doesn't receive a letter from me, please let me know. I would not want to miss anyone. Thank you, *Becky Spencer* (704-630-9490 or rbcaspencer@yahoo.com)

Missions Festival

Why would we mention in July that First United Methodist is having a Missions Festival on November 8? Because we are excited about celebrating our congregations' acts of love in our local community and beyond ...and we need help from everyone in our congregation involved in missions. The festival will include missions where we are "hands on" and missions we support financially through the local church and through the conference. The Missions Festival will include food representing different missions, persons who can provide information on our missions, displays, printed information, and slide shows. Where we need your help now is in preparing the slide shows. Jeff Thompson will be putting together this presentation. We ask that all Missions ministry teams provide photos (digital preferred, but non-digital also accepted) to Martha Ballard or Elaine Hewitt no later than September 1. We would love to have 10-15 photos from each mission area. Thank you.

**The Church Office will
be closed Monday, July 6th
for Fourth of July!**

United Methodist Women:

Keep these dates open!

September 12: 9:30-11:30 am; This will be our UMW General Meeting—a "Friendship Brunch." Mary Kay Forbes, the book writer, will be our speaker.

February 5-6, 2010: Jean Padgett, the Rooms of Your Life inspirational speaker, will return for a retreat! She will do sessions on Friday, February 5, and additional sessions on Saturday, February 6. Additional information will follow.

A huge thank you to the Children's Ministry Team and friends for another successful VBS! We had a great turnout of over 90 kids! What a wonderful time we had! We had kids from all over including our own. Thank you to all the leaders, cooks, decorators and the behind the scenes people. We couldn't have done it without you! We want to thank everyone who loaned us props to help make Camp EDGE the coolest camp in town! And a special thanks to our scout troop for setting up some tents and loaning us camping supplies.

Emmaus: Soup to Nuts

The Walk to Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders. Emmaus is open to members of a local church who have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives, may have unanswered questions about their faith, understand that being a Christian involves responsibility, and are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner. If you'd like to know more about "taking a walk," contact Steve or Nancy Sherriff.

The Soup to Nuts Emmaus group will meet Sunday, July 19 and August 16 in the Conference Room after the 11:00 am service. The group will also meet Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm at the home of Bill and Cindy Noell.

Pastor's Note Pad

I am afraid that I have created some confusion when I recently said that we were receiving a matching gift from the Robert Williams family in his memory that would go toward paying for the recent installation of our sanctuary air conditioning unit. Let me try to explain it more clearly. The Williams' donation is indeed a matching gift that can go as high as \$55,000.00 depending upon what we as a congregation can also apply to the project. The project will cost approximately \$126,000.00, and the trustees are paying for this from reserves that have already been severely depleted due to other necessary work that has been done to our facility. As it stands now, we would be hard pressed to pay for another major repair if it were to occur in the near future. Currently, we have received almost \$8,000.00 toward the air conditioning project, which means that we would receive another \$8,000.00 from the Williams family for a total of \$16,000.00 toward the air conditioning. If we were to receive \$55,000.00 in donations then the Williams family would donate \$55,000.00 giving us a total of \$110,000.00. That would be huge in insuring that we could pay for any future repairs when they happen. Personally, I am pledging \$1,000.00 toward the project above what my wife and I have committed toward the operating budget and other causes. I know that many of you may not feel that you can make that kind of commitment, but any help you can give toward this necessary work would be wonderful. Every dollar given is actually like giving two dollars because of the Williams' generous offer.

While we are talking about the physical needs of the church, our Building Committee will have a report to give you in this coming month about how their latest request for bids has turned out. It is our prayer that the Committee, along with our other church leaders, will be able to see the way for us to begin the building process. I am very proud of those who have begun trying to raise the funds to make this project happen. By working together we can make this addition a reality.

Finally, I will be using the sermons this summer to preach about the happenings of various places in our city. Each week, I will spend a day in what I believe is an important place trying to understand how the location is integral to the life of our community. I am looking forward to doing this, and my prayer is that through my messages, you will see God's ever present hand at work in the place where we live.

Steve

Youth News

July Birthdays

Samantha Z.-1 Sarah Seifert- 19
Benton Kribbs- 9 Jacob Grenoble- 15

Youth Activities

Hunter Arey is an Eagle Scout with our very own Troop 442. He is traveling west for 23 days with Teens Westward Bound.

Luke Lundy is an Eagle Scout with Troop 442.

Quinn is the JROTC cadet of the year at Salisbury High!!!! She attended Girls' State in June.

Luke Miller is headed out west to the National JCL convention in California this summer.

Brianna Brinkley & Grace Fazia will be across the Atlantic Ocean, studying at Cambridge for three weeks.

Drake Burlingham received the "Most Improved" bowling award for first year bowler, 12 awards through ROTC at SHS.

High School Mission Trip

7 youth and 3 adults will be at ReCreation July 19-25. Please keep Quinn Scarvey, Samantha Zerger, Cydney Arey, Hunter Arey, Luke Lundy, Max Parker, Andrew Langford, Glenn Langford, Adam Sproles and Melanie Miller in your prayers as we share God's love with those in the Weaverville area of NC.

<http://www.recreationexperiences.org/index.shtml>

Middle School Mission Trip

8 youth and 4 adults will be at Estoy Loco July 24-26. Please keep Alex Warren, Callie Slife, Parker Williams, Benton Kribbs, Jacob Daye, Matthew Langford, Veronica Leasure, Jordan Van Voorhis, Greg Williams, Bob Slife, Jack Kribbs and Catherine Warren in your prayers as we share God's love with those at The Children's Home of Winston-Salem. <http://tsunamiministries.com/>

Check out the youth Website:

<http://1styouth.com/>

Cool Kids!

July Birthdays

4 Lindsey Conrad
8 Luke Grenoble
10 Will Webb
12 John McCoy
29 Connor Price

PAWS is taking a summer vacation. See you in the fall!

Summer Fun '09

Sign-ups are on the bulletin board outside the conference room!

Emerald Pointe Water Park: Tuesday, July 14th; Time: Meet at church at 8:23 am; Cost: \$8.00 for children 48" inches in height and under; \$15.00 for adults and kids over 48" in height; children 2 years old and younger FREE

Fun with Clay: Tuesday, July 21st; 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall; kids ages 3 years old and up! You will learn how to make animals, clay pots and more!

Parent's Night Out: Friday, July 24th; ages 2 years old-5th grade; 5:30-10:00 pm; cost is \$7.00 per child; Fellowship Hall; Pizza and fun provided! Sign up no later than July 22nd.

Movie at Tinseltown Theatre: Tuesday, July 28th, "Kung Fu Panda," Rated PG; meet at the theatre at 9:30 am (movie starts at 10:00 am); cost: \$1.00 per person (snacks are extra)

Extreme Play—Indoor Inflatables: Tuesday, August 4th; meet at 10:00 am at Carolina Mall in Concord where Extreme Play is located; cost: \$5.00 per child; bring a bag lunch; kids ages 3 years old and up! This will be tons of fun! Bring your friends, and let's have some bouncy fun!

Movie at Tinseltown Theatre: Tuesday, August 11th, "Madagascar 2," Rated PG; meet at the theatre at 9:30 am (movie starts at 10:00 am); cost: \$1.00 per person; (snacks are extra)

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HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

United Methodist Women: A Reminder!

The 2009 Salisbury District UMW Annual Meeting will be held on August 27, 2009 at the Westford United Methodist Church in Concord, NC. Rev. Dr. Arnetta Elizabeth Beverly will be the speaker; her program theme, "Called by Name." There will be a \$10 fee per person attending to cover the costs of the meal and registration. For UMW members interested in attending, please contact your circle leaders by August 3.

Stephen Ministry Program Grows

The Christian caregiving ministry at First United Methodist Church has grown recently with the commissioning of Ken Hollar, Darrell Lewis, Kelly Melton and Karla Swanson as new Stephen Ministers. These new lay caregivers join nine Stephen Ministers and five Stephen Leaders now serving in the church.

Stephen Ministers offer care and support for people experiencing life difficulties such as the death of a loved one, job crisis, aging, separation or divorce, long-term illness, or in need of the support of a Christian friend. They have received 50 hours of intensive training covering topics such as effective listening, confidentiality, feelings and utilizing community resources.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry; those receiving care can be sure that their identity and what goes on in the caring relationship will remain private. In addition to the training, these Christian lay caregivers will continue to receive monthly continuing education and supervision and support sessions as they strive to offer the highest quality of Christian caregiving.

We at First United Methodist Church expect their ministry to continue to be a source of warmth, care and blessing for many years to come, enabling the entire congregation to grow as a nurturing community where people are cherished and cared for, and their needs taken seriously, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you have questions about Stephen Ministry or if you know someone who needs care and support at this time, please call Martha Ballard, Associate Pastor.

MUSIC NOTES

by Matthew M. Brown,
Director of Music Ministries

During the month of July, we will make wonderful use of our church's grand piano in the sanctuary. It amazed me last summer during the organ refurbishment how much the congregation enjoyed hearing the piano in worship, and I am delighted to do the same this summer. Music presented will range from hymn arrangements to the great classical repertoire of Bach, Chopin, Debussy, and Rachmaninoff. I also hope you have enjoyed the music offered by our guests this summer during the choir's recess.

Other news from the Music Ministry includes many exciting events in the works for *firstARTS* next season. Due to the great success of our inaugural year, we are able through the generosity of our congregation to continue this wonderful outreach into a second season. This series is solely supported through gifts to the Music Ministry within this congregation. Gifts toward the Music Memorial Fund ensure guest instrumentalists for worship services and other music ministry needs while gifts toward *firstARTS* support exclusively the concert series. Your continued support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

In addition, a professional CD recording featuring our sanctuary's magnificent pipe organ is in the process of being made. Music that represents the finest qualities of our instrument, I recorded music by *deGrigny, Vaughan Williams, Harris, Elgar, Bach, Shearing, Tournemire, Dupré and Lanquetuit* last month. All proceeds from the sale of this recording will benefit the church's ongoing organ fund and will hopefully be ready in time for stocking stuffers at Christmas!

Service Opportunities and Recognition

College Scholarships Awarded

First United Methodist Church is extremely fortunate to be able to honor college students who apply with scholarships. During the 11:00 service on June 8th, the following young people were named scholarship recipients: Julia Kraft, Daniel Allen, Chandler Johnson, Spencer Scarvey, Patricia Smith, Parker Cox, Ryan Disseler, Ellen Emerson, Elizabeth Kraft, Zach Collins, and Colin Gainer. Congratulations to each of these students, and best wishes for their academic success!

Thank you for the flowers from the Care Ministry. They were gorgeous and brightened our day. Also, thank you for the many prayers. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. *Brad, Elizabeth, Spencer and Davis West*

Adopt a School

On June 4th, 12 volunteers attended the Thank You Tea at Isenberg. Mr. Currie thanked and praised each individual for their personal contribution of time and talents. He was overwhelmed with our gift of 460 books, as well as our token gift of the Nintendo DS Lite and the Personal Math Trainer.

Please continue to save your pennies and change. We will have a special loose change collection on July 19th. August 9th is the deadline for our collection. All loose change, paper money, and of course, checks, are all gladly accepted. We will purchase our Nintendo gifts in August and will donate them to Isenberg School before August 25th when the students return for the new school year.

In addition to the listed school supplies, we are also in need of Kleenex facial tissues to be used in the classroom. School supplies list: wide-rule spiral notebooks, crayons, pencils, glue, construction paper, wide rule paper, scissors.

Thank you again for all your donations, financial support, and most of all, your prayers. It takes all of our church family to support our Adopted School Family! Thank you again, *Jan Dyrholm*

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SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, September 11—7:30pm
Br. Jonathan Ryan, SJC
Concert Organist from Chicago, Illinois

Sunday, November 1—11am
REQUIEM BY John Rutter
*accompanied by chamber orchestra
 with guest soprano
 Tami Petty from New York City*

fridays@first: a downtown series
 Friday, December 4—Noon
Dr. Katie Ann McCartney, organist

Friday, December 11—Noon
Parkland Magnet High School Chorus
from Winston-Salem

Friday, December 18—Noon
Scott MacLeod, baritone
Matthew Michael Brown, pianist

Sunday, December 20—5pm
A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
 Choristers and Chancel Choir
 Accompanied by
 organ, harp, flute, cello, and percussion

Friday, January 7, 2010—7:30pm
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Men's and Women's Glee Clubs
 In Concert

Friday, February 12—Time TBD
Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
 (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 21—7:30pm
Bach's Birthday Bash
 Presenting a multimedia musical dramatization
Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach
 written by Thurston Moore

THOSE SERVING ON SUNDAYS

July 5

Acolytes

8:30: Matthew Langford
11:00: Alex Warren, Haley Watts, Elle Wimmer

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:
Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

July 12

Acolytes

8:30: Callie Slife
11:00: Mason Whitaker, Parker Williams, Kate Zimmerman

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:
Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

July 19

Acolytes

8:30: McClees Whittington
11:00: Ryan Anderson, Robert Egloff, Hurst Fowler

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:
Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

July 26

Acolytes

8:30: Mary Seifert
11:00: Lauren Gray, Jacob Grenoble, Connor Johnson

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:
Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

ON CALL SCHEDULE

July 3-July 5

Steve Haines

July 10-July 12

Steve Haines

July 17-July 19

Steve Haines

July 24-July 26

Martha Ballard

July 31-August 2

Steve Haines

If a member of your family is hospitalized, please inform the church office. In the case of hospitalizations or pastoral care needs when the office is closed, the cell phone number of the pastor on call can be found by calling the church number 704-636-3121 and listening to the message.

DOORSTEP VISITORS

July 5

Grey Calvert

July 12

Jean West

July 19

Jim & Ginny

Wilber

July 26

Tommy & Sue

Lewis

ALTAR GUILD

8:30

Jean West

11:00

Betty Wilhelm

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN

July 5

No Moments for Children

July 12

Judy Fowler

July 19

Charlotte

Cherry

July 26

Linne

Wallace

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Friday Hospital Visits

July 3

Linda Adams

July 10

Betty Smyth

July 17

Jay Hughes

July 24

Barbara

Langford

July 31

Brenda Loflin

THE SUNDAY PULPIT

July 5

Steve Haines

July 12

Steve Haines

July 19

Steve Haines

July 26

Steve Haines

JULY USHERS

8:30 Worship

Jim Molitor, Co-Chief; Don Hylton, Co-Chief; Susan Fraley, Joyce Miner, Steve Schoch

11:00 Worship

Jay Duke, Capt.; Hoke Brittain, Co-Capt.; Jason Walser, Melvin Smith, Van Kelly, Jim West, Jeff Daye, Ned Storey, Helen Hager, Tripp Callahan, Donna Smith

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS

To Be Determined

To my church family,
A big THANK YOU and sincere gratitude to you for all the cards, telephone calls, e-mails, visits, food, and especially the prayers extended to us during the long illness and VA hospitalization of Bruce. THANK YOU, also, for attending his memorial service and visitation. You have been extra kind and patient to me as I adjust to life without Bruce.
Alice Owens

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www.salisburychildcare.com

Email: cdc@fumcsalisbury.org

After-School Care: 704-433-6679

Preschool: 704-636-3121

www.firstmethodistpreschool.org

Cool Kids Summer Fun Continued...

Jumping Back to School Fun: Sunday, August 16th at 3:00 pm; church front lawn; outdoor bouncy houses and more! Bring school supplies!

Eaman Park Pool Party: Monday, August 17th; We have reserved the pool for our event. Time: 9:00-11:00 am; meet at the pool; cost: \$5.00 per person (includes pool use and food)



Preschool News

It is with great pleasure that the **Preschool** would like to announce Lindsay Wineka as a new teacher for the 2-year old class. Lindsay brings a wealth of early childhood teaching experience to our school and will be a fantastic addition to our faculty. She is excited about starting, and we look forward to working with her.

We still have enrollment availability in the 2-year old classes and the 4-year old class. If you know anyone who is interested, please have him or her call Patsy Langlais at 704-636-3121 or 704-637-3920.

FUMC MINISTRY TEAM

Senior Pastor:	Steve Haines*
Associate Pastor:	Martha Ballard*
Director of Music Ministries:	Matthew Brown*
Director of Christian Ed and Children and Family Ministries:	Samantha Wesley*
Director of Youth Ministries:	Adam Sproles*
Church Business Administrator:	Becky Lippard*
Director of Lay Ministry:	Elaine Hewitt*
Administrative Assistant:	April Elrod*
Building Superintendent:	Murl Leazer
CDC Director:	Vickie Wood
Preschool Director:	Patsy Langlais
ASC Director:	Salem Dietz

The Salisbury District Methodist Scholarship is available through Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC). This scholarship was established from the Unemployment Response Ministry and is available to those seeking job retraining. Applications are now being accepted. The information and application are available on RCCC's website. The deadline is July 9, 2009.

Have you heard about or read The Shack?

Need a summer read? I have heard many people saying that they have read or are planning to read The Shack by William P. Young. On Sunday, August 2nd, at 2:00 pm, anyone who would like to have a discussion about the book, whether you like it or not, is invited to join Samantha in the parlor for a chat about The Shack. You don't have to sign up, just show up. Hope to see you then.

The Casting Queens, creators of the beautiful prayer shawls, will meet at 10:00 am in the parlor on the following Mondays: July 13 and August 10. If you would like to learn to knit and/or crochet, or if you would like to join us in the church prayer shawl ministry, please come be with us for these meetings.