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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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Old Fashioned Hanging of the Greens will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, December 2nd**. Come back in time with us and enjoy the fun. Help us decorate the tree with stringed popcorn, paper chain links and much more. This is truly a great time of fellowship. Supper will be from 5:30-6:30 pm (reservations needed by Monday, November 30th). The festivities begin at 6:30 pm. Bring your families, neighbors and friends for a fabulous time of food, fellowship and fun!

Breakfast with Santa will be held on **Saturday, December 5th from 9:00-11:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$5.00 a person, maximum is \$15.00 per family. Crafts, gingerbread houses, pictures with Santa and much, much more! **Please RSVP by November 30th**, by signing up on the bulletin board in the education hallway or e-mailing Samantha, samantha@fumcsalisbury.org, with the name and number of people attending. This will help the Children's Ministry Team plan for breakfast and crafts.

First United Methodist Church Missions Festival

We are hosting a Missions Festival on November 8th, following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The focus will be on the work of our church in the mission field at home and abroad. Featured at the Festival will be a slide show, exhibits and food. Local, national and

international missions are funded through a portion of every dollar put into the offering plate each week at First church. This is an opportunity for all of us to learn more about what we support through our gifts and service. The congregation supports local missions such as Rowan Helping Ministries, One Church One Child and Isenberg Elementary School. Missions beyond the city of Salisbury include a team to Guatemala, youth missions, a disaster relief building team and a multitude of projects through conference benevolences and apportionments. We invite all in our community to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of our mission-minded church, and we encourage everyone to "Bring a Friend." The Festival will conclude at 1:30 pm.

Mark your calendars! A Bricks and Mortar Silent Auction will be held as a fundraiser for our new building on Saturday, January 30, 2010, from 6:00-8:00 pm. More details later!

**The Church Office will be closed
Wednesday, November 11th
for Veteran's Day!
&
November 25th (at noon), 26th
and 27th for Thanksgiving!**

News You Can Use



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Stewardship Opens Many Doors

When we recognize God in all we have, all we are, and all we do, giving becomes an act of faith. God's gifts to us are shared through our church to do God's work in our community and around the world. Our annual Stewardship giving campaign opens many doors of opportunity to *give* in many ways. This year, your Stewardship giving packet will include a card for your financial pledge to our operating and church maintenance budget, a new pledge card for participating in the Fisher Street building expansion, and a re-commitment form for areas of service to missions and other ministries. We ask that you consider the materials carefully and prayerfully and then consider where you might apply the gifts that God has given you. We invite you to return your card(s) and form on **Commitment Sunday, November 15, 2009.**

Let's celebrate God's work together. Stewardship Team

Attention all women! Mark your calendars and get ready!

The 2010 Women's Beach Retreat will be held from March 18-21, 2010 at Ocean Isle Beach, NC. The cost for the retreat is \$150, a **\$75 non-refundable deposit is due when you sign up.** Sign-ups will begin **November 8th.** No, this is not a typo. Sign-ups will begin November 8, 2009. This is different from years past. Policies have changed with our rental company, and we need to pay for part of the rental of the house in January and then the final payment in February. So, to make a long story short, we are trying to get our money in earlier. It is a learning game! The sign-up sheet will be on Samantha's door, and the deposit is due when you sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha or Mary Jane Thompson. We look forward to another great time at the beach for good food, fun and spiritual enlightenment.



Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! That indicates we are gearing up for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a project through Samaritan's Purse that collects shoe boxes filled with toys, toiletries and school supplies to send all around the world as a Christmas present to children who are in need. As the children receive the shoe boxes, they can share the good news of Jesus Christ.

We are collecting items for this special project by placing a wrapped Christmas box, which is labeled with the age of the child for items to be donated, in each Sunday School classroom. The box will be for toiletries, school supplies or toys (toys will be based on a particular age group). Take a look at the box in your classroom and your child's classroom, and enjoy shopping for the items indicated. There is also a box in the hallway outside Samantha's office for items for children ages 2-14.

On Sunday, November 15th, at 12:15 pm, please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch. After we eat, we will start packing the boxes. This will be a great time of fellowship for all ages. After the boxes are stuffed, we will continue celebrating the spirit of giving by watching a Christmas movie on the joy of sharing. We hope this provides an opportunity for you and your children or grandchildren to serve others in a special way! We will be taking donations to help defray the cost of shipping the boxes. Operation Christmas Child suggests \$7.00 per box.

United Methodist Women: Save These Dates!

February 5-6, 2010: Jean Padgett, the Rooms of Your Life inspirational speaker, will return for a retreat and do five sessions. A potluck dinner will be held on Friday, February 5, followed by two sessions. On Saturday, three additional sessions will follow with a light lunch between the last two sessions. A workbook will be included. Jean will bring her beautiful dollhouse!

Pastor's Note Pad

In the Book of Second Chronicles we read where, after a great victory, Jehoshaphat the King of Judah, in the Temple court yard and, as part of his prayer of thanksgiving, he cries out, "Your people settled here and built this Temple for you." (2 Chron. 20:8 (NLT)). This is the scripture I think of when I walk beside our sanctuary and look at the beginnings of our new building taking shape there. The people known as Methodists, over the course of three centuries, have claimed our current location as a place for God's word to be proclaimed and His name to be glorified to the world. First United Methodist Church has stood on this spot through wars, depressions, natural disasters and conflict and, through it all, the church building has remained a symbol of God's hope to the community. Now, we are adding to the facility, so that we may provide the space needed to allow that ministry to continue. It is an interesting thing to walk through the area that has been unearthed for the addition, because in that space, the blades of the bulldozers have uncovered the remains of former structures that served this church in the past. There are varying kinds of brick that make me wonder just how many different evolutions of buildings have been fashioned in that place. I'm sure that each time there was a structure erected, it was done so with the intention that it would stand forever, but as times changed, and needs were altered, the leaders of our church saw fit to make the adjustments needed to best serve God in the space we have been given. You are carrying on that tradition, and we will all pray that God blesses this venture and that this new structure will provide the space needed by this congregation to do God's work. I want to thank each of you for your continued support of this project. It is only by our working together that we are able to make this new structure a reality that allows us to say, "Your people settled here and built this Temple for you."

On another note, our city elections are taking place this month, and I would encourage all of you to exercise your privilege to vote. As a United Methodist Minister, I am not allowed by tradition to endorse any one candidate publically, but as John Wesley instructed his preachers, I encourage you to vote prayerfully. As a church located in the heart of the city, those who sit on the city council will have great influence over our future. I have personally found our candidates very easy to talk with. I would encourage you to ask them questions and then make your choice.

Peace,
Steve

Youth News
www.1styouth.org

**Live, Love &
 Learn through Jesus!**

Regular Meeting Schedule: 5:30 pm recreation, 6:00 meal, 6:30 fellowship, 7:15-7:30 closing

Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6:30pm

November Youth Birthdays

7- Matthew Langford
 11- Grace Nicholson
 14- Callie Slife
 20- Colby Lawrence
 20- Luke Miller
 28- Hurst Fowler

Youth Activities & Honors

Parker Williams- Jr. National Honor Society
 at Southeast Middle
 Samantha Zerger- National Honor Society
 at East Rowan
 Rob Anderson- National Honor Society
 at Salisbury High
 Mary Seifert- Football cheerleader at Knox
 Sarah Seifert- Golf team at Salisbury High

November Calendar

1, 8, 15, 22 > Regular Youth

Upcoming Events

November 14-Church Day at Wake vs. FSU
 football game (spots still open)
 November 17 – David Crowder Band Concert:
 Money due Nov 8
 Christmas Shopping Trip for foster youth presents
 Christmas Caroling/Bonfire
 Summit
 30 Hour Famine

Parents

Complete the consent form and return to Adam or put it in his box in the volunteer office.

Cool Kids!

November Birthdays

10 Taylor Conrad
 20 Carrigan Michael
 24 Marissa Brinkley
 28 Rachel Seifert

What's Happening for the Kids of FUMC

First Family Kids on Wednesday night is for kids ages 3 years old to 5th grade. They will have a Bible Story and time for crafts. The kids will be learning Bible verses and having a time for fun and fellowship. They meet on Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:15 pm in the 3-4 year old classrooms. Please come and join us, and bring your friends. This is an awesome time of being with your friends and learning more about the Bible.

P.A.W.S. for kids in 1st-5th grades meets in the chapel for their own worship service. This is not only a time of worship, but a great chance to learn why we worship the way we do. We will be dismissed from the service after the Moments for Children.

UMFKids—Mark your calendars!

November Activity: Operation Christmas Child Boxes Packing Party
 Date: Sunday, November 15th (covered dish lunch), after church

November Activity: Parent's Night Out
 Date: Friday, November 20th, 5:30-10:00 pm

December Activity: Breakfast with Santa
 Date: Saturday, December 5th, 9:00-11:00 am

Hey, PAWS Kids, here is your bonus question worth 20 points. Write your answer down on a sheet of paper, along with your name, and bring your response to PAWS and give to Samantha.

***What does the word Advent mean?
 And what Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent?***

HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

The United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, November 2, and Tuesday, November 3; meeting times and locations follow. **Monday, November 2:** Circle 1 - 10:30 am, Daisy Hedrick Classroom; Circle 2 - 10:30 am, Church Parlor; Circle 3 - 1:00 pm, Margaret Parker's House; Circle 4 - 6:00 pm, Jan Dyrholm's House*; Circle 5 - 6:30 pm, Church Conference Room; Circle 6 - 12:30 pm, Church Parlor**; **Tuesday, November 3:** Circle 7 - 9:00 am, Church Parlor. **For Circle 4, a light dinner will be followed by the program and business meeting. **For Circle 6, no lunch will be provided.* For ladies looking for wonderful fellowship, please join us! With our various meeting times, one of our circles should fit your schedule! Call Cheryl Nickerson at 704-639-0194.

MUSIC NOTES

by **Matthew Michael Brown,**
Director of Music Ministries

If you haven't already picked up a copy of our 2009-2010 season of firstARTS brochure, please do so. In it you will find all of the wonderful concerts planned for the year and also the dates of many other important services, as well. Copies are located in the tower room and narthex.

Many of you know that Salisbury prides itself on having a thriving arts scene. A part of that local scene is our wonderful Salisbury Symphony Orchestra who opened its season Saturday, October 24th with a splendid performance in Catawba's Keppel Auditorium. Before the concert began, I glanced around and was so proud to see many of the First Church congregation present and supporting this organization. As I thumbed through the program, I was even more impressed with the enormous outpouring of financial generosity members of our congregation contribute each season. All across our country, artistic organizations have closed their doors due to financial setbacks. How truly fortunate we are to have a very fine symphony orchestra right here in Salisbury that brings such beautiful music to our community each year. If you have never attended a concert, do give it a try. I promise you will enjoy yourself! For more

information, see me or check it out on the web at www.salisburysymphony.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

2nd Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 20th at 5pm—Sanctuary

journey@first

journey@first worship began Sunday, November 16, 2008 in the Chapel. It has been a journey of faith and a journey of new beginnings as First United Methodist Church reached out to our congregation and community by offering a third worship service that would meet on the third Sunday of each month. The journey@first Worship Team has spent many hours in planning each service this past year. The soil was prepared as the seed was offered for others to embrace as journey@first reached out to sustain our faith foundations in the heart of Salisbury.

There has been closeness within the services, an intimate atmosphere as the "peace" has been shared and the message delivered. We have celebrated with joyful voices under the leadership of Beth Yelvington, and in service to others, we have collected non-perishable goods for distribution by Rowan Helping Ministries and school supplies that were distributed within our community.

Join journey@first on Sunday, November 15, 2009 in the Chapel at 9:00 am as we begin our new year. Pastor Haines will deliver the message "Sorting Out the Confusion" with the scripture coming from Mark 13:1-8. During the service, you will watch "cardboard testimonies" given by others, heartfelt testimonies of how others have faced challenges in their lives and found peace in our Lord and Savior and committed their lives to Him. In confusion and chaos, peace may be found.

Continuing in our service to others, we ask that you bring non-perishable goods with you to the service for Rowan Helping Ministries. This is also Commitment Sunday, and you may bring your pledge cards to the altar during the service. After the service, you are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall and share a "birthday" cake for journey and to join in fellowship with one another.

Service Opportunities and Recognition

Thank you for the wonderful gift that you gave to our community through your sponsorship of the advertisement for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Family Day on Saturday, September 19, 2009. It might not have been possible without your support. I truly believe that this is one of the most important initiatives in our community, not only addressing gang prevention, but serving as a valuable tool for all parents and children in assuring a more successful future for our youth and our community.

Your support in this event is a true example of dedicated citizens who contribute to the success of our community. Thank you for helping make our City a better place for all people. Sincerely, *Susan W. Klutz*, Mayor

Dear Members of First United Methodist Church of Salisbury,
You have been our loving family for many years through good times, and more recently, through trying times. Thank you for all your loving concern and acts of kindness during the years of Narcidel's declining health. Your continual concern and thoughtful deeds cheered and helped us more than you could ever know. Your words of encouragement and heartfelt concern continue to carry me through this difficult time of adjustment. With love, *John Hoppe and Children* (John Foy, Marsha, Nita, and Bruce)

Dear FUMC Family,
Thank you for all the pastoral visits and prayers. I thank you for all the many cards, flower, cookies, calls and visits. I have enjoyed them all, and although I am a bit stiff and sore, I feel it was your love, care, concern and prayers that have given me the strength to move freely after one week of total knee surgery. Yours in Christ, *Blanche B. Sherrill*

A wonderful HUGE thank you to everyone who came to the Fall Carnival, helped set up and cleaned up, for those who donated candy and Little Debbie's, to the youth and their leaders, to the Wither's for decorating our very own Halloween Street for trick or treating, to Danny and his kitchen crew for the wonderful chili and baked potatoes, and to the Children's Ministry Team for their planning of the event. We had an AWESOME turnout, and a great time was had by all. Thanks again!
Samantha

We are writing on behalf of our staff and the families we serve, sending our deep appreciation to First United Methodist Church for holding the **Lunch Cookout Fundraiser** and for donating the proceeds to the Rowan One Church One Child program. We understand that the Church partnered with Kohl's, and that \$1, 644 was raised.

We know this event required much planning and coordination. Many in your congregation helped with preparing the food, cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers, and serving the ice cream. Others handled the program display table and decorations.

You brought the community together for such a worthy cause. We know of no greater need than that of our most vulnerable children. The donations have been placed in our Rowan One Church One Child account, from which we can draw to help with a variety of children's needs. With more than 160 children in foster care, we confront a wide range of needs. Many times, children come into our custody with only the clothes they are wearing. It is a blessing to have donated funds on hand to use to buy what they need. May God bless you and all those who worship at First United Methodist Church. Sincerely yours, *Sandra M. Wilkes*, DSS Director.

Community Outreach

You can help us reach out into our community to invite those without a church family to become part of ours. Join us Saturday, November 21 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll divide into teams to take door hangers into our community to share information about our Christmas worship, music, study, and fellowship opportunities. You don't knock, you don't have to say anything. For more information, contact Bobbie Melton or Elaine Hewitt.

Another opportunity is to be part of Salisbury's Friday Night Out here at the church on Friday, November 27 for Quiet Moment Out. With the rush of the holidays beginning, this will be a chance for people of our community to have a cup of hot cider and sit by a burn pit for a few minutes. We'll have book marks with our Christmas schedule and other information to share. If you can help, contact Catherine Warren.



Tommy and Suzanne Gibbons, Anne Hedrick, and Mark and Judy Beymer joined our church family on October 25, 2009.
Welcome
Our New
Members

THOSE SERVING ON SUNDAYS

November 1

Acolytes

8:30: Jake Goodnight
11:00: Callie Slife, Josh Smith, Alex Warren

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

November 8

Acolytes

8:30: Spencer Storey
11:00: Parker Williams, Robert Egloff, Kate Zimmerman

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

November 15

Acolytes

8:30: Chloe McGee
11:00: Michael Anderson, Heather Carmichael, Jacob Daye

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

November 22

Acolytes

8:30: Mimi Webb
11:00: Elle Wimmer, Connor Johnson, Matthew Langford

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

November 29

Acolytes

8:30: Alexander Whitaker
11:00: Hurst Fowler, Kaleb Robinson, Mary Seifert

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
TBD

ON CALL SCHEDULE

October 30-November 1

Steve Haines

November 6- November 8

Steve Haines

November 13-November 15

Steve Haines

November 20-November 22

Martha Ballard

November 27-November 29

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

November 1

Neal & Sandy Powell

November 8

Wayne Saleeby

November 15

Jean West

November 22

Tommy & Sue Lewis

November 29

Ken & Faye Hollar

ALTAR GUILD

8:30

Lori Burke

11:00

Betty Wilhelm

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN

November 1

No Moments for Children

November 8

Linne' Wallace

November 15

Bobbie Melton

November 22

Charlotte Cherry

November 29

Samantha Wesley

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Friday Hospital Visits

November 6

Brenda Loflin

November 13

Bobbie Melton

November 20

Hilda Pyatt

November 27

Bob Roakes

THE SUNDAY PULPIT

November 1 Steve Haines

November 8 Steve Haines

November 15 Steve Haines

November 22 Steve Haines

November 29 Martha Ballard

NOVEMBER USHERS

8:30 Worship Jim Molitor, Co-Chief; Don Hylton, Co-Chief; Susan Fraley, Joyce Miner, Steve Schoch

11:00 Worship Bill Noell, Capt.; Dave McCoy, Julie Gainer, Barry Gainer, Steve Hatley, Nancy Sherriff, Steve Sherriff, George Shuler, Bill Osborne, Linne' Wallace

FIRST FAMILY CELEBRATION

Volunteer schedule to collect money: (Two people needed per class. Please be in the fellowship hall by 5:15 to get ready for dinner service at 5:30.)

November 4 Golden Rule
November 11 Veteran's Day
No Meal

November 18 Christian Forum

November 25 No Meal
Thanksgiving Week

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Child Development Center: 704-633-7209

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Email: cdc@fumcsalisbury.org

After-School Care: 704-433-6679

Preschool: 704-636-3121

www.firstmethodistpreschool.org

Please join **The Methodist Connection** on a one day trip to Fort Mill, SC for NarroWay Productions of The Real Christmas Story. This is a dinner theater. The date is Saturday, November 21, 2009. We have room for 30 people, so be sure to make reservations early by calling Ann Morris at 704-636-4755. The cost of the trip is \$55.00, which includes lunch, show, transportation and gratuities. There is an information sheet in the church office, so please stop by and pick up a copy. Make checks payable to The Methodist Connection. *Ann Morris*, Trip Planner

Seniors... The Methodist Connection invites you to get connected with friends as they Celebrate Thanksgiving with a covered-dish luncheon on Tuesday, November 10, at 12:00 noon, in the church Fellowship Hall. Come bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and join in the fun, fellowship and good food. We will be entertained by the "Y Wonders Singers" under the direction of Ms. Cathy Norris. Please register in the church office or call the office at 704-636-3121.

Wesley - The Movie will have a premiere showing at The Stevens Center in Winston-Salem on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 pm. This is a full length movie about the life of John Wesley produced in the Winston-Salem area. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for students, \$10 for children. Tickets may sell out but at this time they can be purchased Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00 by calling The Stevens Center at 336-721-1945. For questions about the movie, talk to Martha Ballard.

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

Remember "Methodist Got Talent"? We had a chance to laugh as we learned about the leadership positions of our congregation and the process of identifying leaders. The Nominations and Leadership Development Team has implemented a series of sessions to help all of us be more knowledgeable about our congregation and our Methodist foundation. The sessions are the first Sunday of the month, 9:45-10:45 am, in the Chapel. Mark your calendar to attend the upcoming foundations@first sessions: November 1—Methodist Theology, Steve Haines; December 6—First Methodist Organization and Ministries, Martha Ballard and Elaine Hewitt; January 3—The Broader Methodist Organization, Steve Haines

