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July 2010

the orchard

fruit from the life of
bethlehem church

One of These Days...

Have you ever promised yourself that “one of these days” you were going to do something? “One of these days, you might have said, “I’m going to take a class at the community college,” or “I’m going to take piano lessons,” or “I’m going parachute out of an airplane.”

Some of us remember the Jackie Gleason TV show featuring the skit, *The Honeymooners*. Every week ol’ Ralph Kramden would get all worked up in a debate with his wife Alice. When this happened, Ralph would start whirling his arm around in a circle while shouting, “One of these days, Alice, one of these days!”

Ralph’s promise was that one of these days Alice was going to push him just far enough that he was finally going to act on his building emotion. Those of us who remember the show may recall that Ralph’s promise to act on his anger always amounted to a lot of hot air. At the end of every show Ralph reconciled with Alice and the skit often faded to black with the Kramdens in a tender embrace.

Ralph’s empty refrain of “One of these days...” which never amounted to anything illustrates the problem with this sort of thinking: for most of us - “one of these days” never comes! We can’t bring back the past so those days are gone. We do not yet have the days of the future so these are days that we cannot yet use. All we have is today. Today is the only “one of these days” that we can actually do something about.

Living with a “one of these days” mentality implies that when the day for action comes along we will recognize it and until then, we wait and wait to see if “one of these days” ever comes.

While summer is here, our church is in a very busy season. With Vacation Bible School, our Scandinavian Caravan, our new *Acts: A Letter From the Holy Spirit*

worship series, our new “Ice Cream truck” outreach ministry, our *Changing the Conversation* leader book study, Camp Meeting, there are many opportunities for all of us to serve, worship, study, fellowship, invite, witness, plan, provide in-put, lead, welcome and share hospitality. Throughout this newsletter there are opportunities for each of us to seize this day as the “one of these days” we’ve been waiting for to become more fully involved in our church and our walk with Jesus. You’ll be glad and blessed that you did!

WELCOME



WELCOME TO OUR SCANDINAVIAN CARAVAN GUEST!

Nine College age young people from Scandinavia will be coming to Bethlehem on **July 4th – July 8th** on a UMC sponsored Scandinavian Caravan tour. Six girls and three boys will be living in member’s homes and will be exploring the culture of Union County, NC. They will be viewing the Fourth of July Fireworks, picnicking at Cane Creek, touring a “chicken house”, Going to Concord Mills, going to a Knight’s baseball game and meeting our congregation at a covered dish dinner. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet young people from a difference country and learn about their lives as we share our lives with them.

If you and your family would like to attend the **Knight’s Baseball game** with the College Café group and the guest, please contact Shane Tracy at the church. They will be leaving Bethlehem at 6 pm. Cost will be determined by the number in the group.

Wednesday evening, the Bethlehem Church family and friends are invited to a **Covered dish Dinner** in honor of the Scandinavian young folk. Bring a full basket of food and come fellowship with our new friends. They will be our program for the evening and available to visit and answer questions concerning their countries and lives. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm.

Take advantage of this wonderful way of learning about other countries and peoples. Missions right here at home!

SUMMER ICE CREAM MINISTRY



CLING, CLANG, CLING! THE BETHLEHEM ICE CREAM TRUCK IS COMING AGAIN TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU!

Saturday, June 19 was the first day for our “**Bethlehem (Bus) Ice Cream Truck**” to go out into our community to deliver ice cream and invitations to come visit Bethlehem to folk who do not have a church home. People were excited to see us come and two families who were moving in on that Saturday were happy to know of the friendliness of Bethlehem.

JULY 24 FROM 2 – 5 PM we will be going again! Make plans now for your family to be a part of this exciting ministry. Children and adults alike enjoy a cool treat on a hot day and are excited to know that someone really cares if they come to church or not.

Sign up on the website or on Sundays at church to be a part of this happy time. All it takes is a few hours of your day, a smiling face and a welcoming heart! We want to run two buses on July 24 and need lots of folk to fill the buses. Come have fun!

UNITED METHODIST MEN



**CHICKEN AND PORK BBQ DINNER
SATURDAY, JULY 31
5 PM – 7 PM
\$7/PLATE DONATION**

**COME GET SOME GREAT FOOD AND HELP
SUPPORT MISSION PROJECTS
OF OUR UMM!**



BETHLEHEM CHILDREN



Join us as we learn about Jesus and His love for us!

Jesus Junction: Sundays at 10 am

(Classes from Nursery – 5th grade)

Kidz Praise Team, Shining Stars & Club 54: Will be taking a break for the summer months.

Plan to be a part to summer happenings for children when available.



Reading Program

Children's Summer Reading Program

Children may check out books from the library at 9:45 am each Sunday morning. This program is sponsored by the United Methodist Women. In

order to complete the program each child must read at least **five books** during the summer. Parents, if your children are too small to read, you may read the books to them. Please encourage your children to read during the summer and meet me in the library at 9:45 am each Sunday.

Barbara Strickland



PASSPORT CAMP FOR KIDS:

Pray for our children who will be attending Passport Camp at Wingate University on July 12 – 15.



SHINING STARS STAFF MEETING: Sunday, July 11 at 10 am in the Sanctuary. If you would like to help with Shining Stars or are interested in learning more about this ministry contact David and Leanne Piddock or Chris Helms.

BETHLEHEM YOUTH

Youth Mission Trip

The Bethlehem Youth and Counselors are going to Mercer, GA, July 11 – 16, for the Passport Mission camp this summer and will be serving in various mission projects during the week. Pray for our Middle School and High School students and our adult counselors who will be going on the trip.

YOUTH FUN NIGHT: JULY 28

6:30 – 9 PM

“MINUTE TO WIN IT”

FUN FOR ALL YOUTH!



Baby Shower

BABY SHOWER: All the ladies of the church are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Cheryl Yannett, daughter of Kenny and Deloris Starnes on Friday, July 23 from 7 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target for their new little girl. The shower is given by her family.



CAMP MEETING AT PLEASANT GROVE CAMPGROUND: JULY 18 – 25.

ATHLETES IN MINISTRY

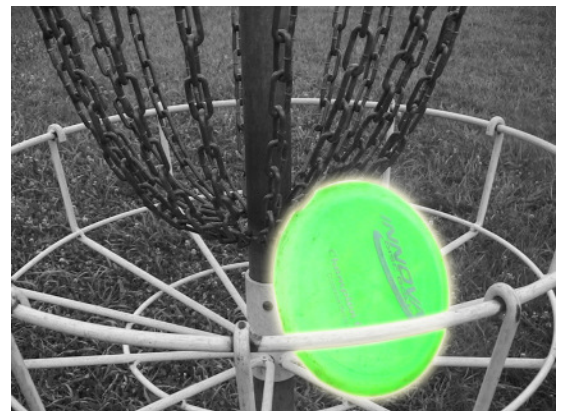


COMING EVENTS IN AUGUST!

TOUR DE BETHLEHEM
Saturday,
Aug. 7, 2010
Tricycle Races for all
ages!



DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010
Watch for details and sign ups on
www.bethlehemchurchonline.org



JULY CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers: 8:30 am

7/4: Dana Broome & Carey Mosley

7/11: Jennifer Hornberger & Cynthia Helms

7/18: Randi Laney and Kaye Eubank

7/25: Beverly Liles & Jacque Tanner

11:00 am

7/4: Leslie Kiser

7/11: Jodi Tracy

7/18: Michelle Owen

7/25: Jacque Tanner

USHERS for July: O'Neil Starnes, Nathan Starnes, Nolan Starnes, Todd Starnes

GREETERS for July: Edwina Starnes, Kim Starnes, Angie Starnes

ACOLYTES:

"the orchard" AUGUST INFORMATION DUE ON OR BEFORE:

July 18

REMEMBER: To Reserve the Fellowship Hall & Family Life Center call the church office. If you have a reunion or event upcoming, be sure to call the office and make sure it is on the calendar.

ADVERTISING : If your group or organization would like to announce a church event in the local newspapers, please have all information turned in to Leann Broome **the week before** it needs to run.

INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH BULLETIN: Turn in to church office by Wednesday.

INFORMATION FOR THE SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

SCREEN: Turn in to church office by Thursday

BUS & SOFTBALL FIELD RESERVATIONS: Call the church office.



United Methodist Women

Dear Ladies,

I am wishing you all a blessed and safe summer. I hope to see you at our July 11 meeting at 3 pm. Our program will be presented by the Willing Workers Circle and refreshments by the Busy Bees.

Betty Couick, UMW President

CIRCLE MEETINGS IN JULY:

Helping Hands Will not meet in July

Witness & Service Morning: Monday, July 19 at 10 am will pack bag lunches and have their meeting

Willing Workers Tues. July 13 at 4 pm

New Beginning: Wed. July 14 at 7 pm

Care and Share Circle: Sun. July 11 following UMW meeting

The Busy Bees Circle: They will meet Thursday, July 15 (third Thursday) at 6:30 pm at Tent #10 at Pleasant Grove Campground. Bring a covered dish to share. Families are invited.

July Church Responsibilities: Witness and Service Morning Circle



THE BUSY BEES CIRCLE'S ANNUAL BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

CALENDAR FOR 2011 is now being pre-ordered. Please give your names and \$5.00 for the calendar to any circle member to be included in next year's calendar. What a wonderful way to keep up with each other in the church family.



UMW FALL BAZAAR

October 16!!

Of course, it is never too early to get ready for this wonderful Fall event where you can purchase great homemade items and foods. Raffle tickets are on sale now for a lovely hand made quilt made by Loma Tyson and Audrey Tyson. These ladies have worked long, loving hours to make this quilt which will fit a full bed or make a lovely wall hanging. See any UMW member to purchase a ticket(s) to be in the drawing at the bazaar.

FINANCIAL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Finance Report through the week of June 20, 2010

Needed each week	\$6,249
Average Weekly for 25 Weeks	\$6,006
Budget Needed for 25 weeks	\$156,225.
Budget Received for 25 weeks	\$150,159.
Ahead / (Behind) budget for 25 weeks	(\$6,066)
General Operating Fund as of June 19, 2010	(\$3,289.67)
Disbursements for the year as of June 19, 2010	\$128,552.66.

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Church Office Hours: M – Th. 9 am – 5 pm; Fri. 9 am - noon

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Building Fund/Roof Repair Fund: In Memory Of:

Bill McWhorter By:

Mildred & Harrison Cook
Paul B. & Arma Lee Hinson
Ed and Jean Powers
Debra Summerville
Loma Tyson
Dean Cox

Wayne & Dianne Moser
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Eubank
Ajean Broome
Laura & Michael Grace
Arlin and Irene Mosley

Linda McWhorter By:

Genny Courtney
Loma Tyson

Ajean Broome

Shelia Payne By:

Loma Tyson

Marvin Sechler By:

Dean Cox

Building Fund/Roof Repair Fund: In Honor Of:

Bill Strickland By:

Charles Wesley S.S. Class

Kathy Starnes By:

Audrey Tyson

Preschool Scholarship Fund: In Memory Of:

Shelia Payne By:

Wayne & Dianne Moser

Clarence & Phala Starnes

Bill McWhorter By:

Clarence & Phala Starnes

Chancel Choir Fund: In Honor Of:

Donald Tyson's Birthday By:

Billy & Trina Tyson

Darin & Angela Tyson

Karen Totaro's Birthday

Boot & Annie Broome

Betty (Kenneth) Starnes

Kenny & Deloris Starnes

Henry & Grace Tyson

Nathan Starnes

Betty Couick's Birthday

Terry Richardson's Birthday

By: Betty and O'Neil Starnes

THINGS TO REMEMBER



THE BEST YEARS GROUP: Our Best Years Group will be going to the camp ground on July 21, 2010 to attend church service at 10:30 am and afterwards will have a covered dish lunch at Bill and Barbara Strickland's tent #10. The Weddington UMC minister will conduct the morning service. Contact Carolyn Starnes for details.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD DRIVE: Please remember to bring food for Union County Loaves and Fishes Ministry. Place food in the red container at the door to the Fellowship Hall.



RECYCLE: Recycle your cans at the Boy Scout Hut behind the church. Place in opening provided for cans.



Don't forget at www.bethlehemchurchonline.org you can:

- ✓ Sign up to be a part of the Ice Cream Truck Ministry
- ✓ Keep up with the calendar of events
- ✓ Let a friend check out your church and plan to visit



I AM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

by Genie Keller

I was born in 1776 on the 4th of July
Amid strife and the burning question of, why?

My aim to succeed in every way
To Bless my people with hope everyday.
My every word took a solemn beginning
The anticipation of futures and also of winning.

I was written with skill from far above
With meaningful words, blended with love.
The pattern was struck into every mind
To explain what was there for all mankind.
The Truth of the Right belongs to all men
To protect it and Guard it, secured to the end.

Now with hope in our hearts and the will of the state
With life, liberty and pursuit of happiness,
OR, our fate

I pledged to each person, the promise of peace
For Loyalty and Independence never to cease.

I wrote to protect us in all of our Rights
And grant us much strength through out all of the nights.



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

1. Garrett Helms
2. Paul Smith
M/M Kenny Starnes
3. J.T. Tyson
4. Doris McLean
5. James Ward
6. Caroline Byler
7. Walleen Norwood
Terri Rowell
Kim Starnes
Jonathan Couick
Dale McWhorter
8. Geneva Hilton
Billy Ponder
Les Parr
Edwina Starnes
Anna Hunter
11. Matt Moore
Karen Parot
12. Natalie Moore
Jessica Miller
13. Grace Tyson
M/M Smitty Helms
15. Bryan Gilliard
Scottie Baker
18. Dean Wortman
Sandy Springs
Ashley Blackmon
Jeff Myers
19. Doris McWhorter
Gavin Miller
20. Carey Mosley
Taylor Wallace
M/M Dale Britton
21. Phyllis Hill
23. Patty McWhorter
Blake Broome
24. Edwin Broome
Charlotte Blackmon
Will Helms
25. Sonja Couick
M/M Barry Griffin
26. Doris Broome
M/M Smitty Couick
27. Karmen Strickland
Patrick Lunsford
Daniel Stanford
28. Todd Starnes
29. Rachel Lathan
31. *M/M Mike Frazier*

Our Special Members at Bethlehem

Ira Lee Starnes (DOB 9-13)

Autumn Care Nursing Home
311 W. Phifer St.
Marshville, NC 28103

Virginia Starnes (DOB 6/13)

Brian Center Room 106
204 Old 74.Hwy E
Monroe, 28112
Phone: 704-282-0097

Geneva H. Hilton (DOB 7/8)

Monroe Square
918 Fitzgerald St.
Monroe, NC 28112

Mildred Cox (DOB 12/11)

7414 Olive Branch Rd.
Marshville, NC 28103
704-385-5015

Creola Starnes (DOB 5/13)

6417 Lancaster Hwy
Waxhaw, NC 28173

Allen & Christine Moser

(DOB: Allen: 9/25; Christine: 12/9)

5605 Lancaster Hwy
Monroe, NC 28112

Helen Robinson (DOB 6/29)

Rehabilitation & Nursing Center of
Monroe
1212 E. Sunset Dr.
Monroe NC 28112

Macie Carter (DOB 3/22)

Monroe Square
918 Fitzgerald St.
Monroe, NC 28112

Lura Starnes (DOB 5/29)

Brian Center
204 Old 74.Hwy E
Monroe, 28112

Gertrude Starnes (DOB 2/5)

c/o Johnnie Everhardt
11201 North Hampton Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28227-8990
Phone: 704-545-6846



*Caring for
Our Seniors*

*Take time this summer to visit with
those who have meant so much to all
of us.*