



The Link

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GRATITUDE

When our family sits down for a Thanksgiving feast in two weeks, we will join you and people across our nation in offering thanks for the multitude of blessings we have received over the past year. I have the privilege of starting a bit earlier, however, for I feel an abundance of gratitude for you, my family, and many friends.

First, I am deeply grateful that my surgery went well. I never doubted that it would, but I have been in enough waiting rooms to know that expectations are not always fulfilled. My outcome could not have been better, I think, and the care I received from my surgeon, the surgical team, and the hospital staff was superb. We are fortunate to have Nash General Hospital and its staff as a part of our community.

I am overwhelmed with your demonstrations of love and support. Cards, calls, visits, food, and other signs of affection have reaffirmed what I know so well. Thank you. The timing of this surgery was unfortunate, coming so soon after my being away on sabbatical; yet, you have made it clear that your first concern is my health and well-being. Our staff has done all that is necessary to keep our ministry humming right along. My only fear is that you may get used to not having me around! I will be back soon to make certain you do not forget who I am.

I am abundantly grateful for my family. No one quite knows what it is like to care for someone who is ill as do the people who live with him. Deborah has met this challenge with her usual compassion and energy. Our children, though far away, have kept close check on me. Our larger family is faithful in keeping in touch.

Above all, I am grateful to God, not only for a renewing health, but for the blessing of being surrounded by so many caring people. Thank you. And thanks be to God.

Jody Wright



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual church conference will be held immediately following worship this Sunday, November 17. Last week we included in *The Link* a brochure which includes the Deacon nominees, proposed 2014 Budget, and the Nominating Committee report. Please study this information in preparation for our conference.

If you cannot be present at the conference, and would like to record your vote, ballots will be available in the church office. All absentee ballots must be returned to the church no later than noon on November 17.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

Duke Medical Center, Erwin Road, Durham, NC 27710

Gaylord Lehman, ICU

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Audrey Scarborough, Room 473

Autumn Care of Nash, 1210 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Ed Hamlet, Room 603

Jerry Jolley, Room 505

Dennis Raper (Jackie Raper's brother-in-law)

Peggy Skinner (Berkley Skinner's mother), Room 405

Sue Toney (Jerry Jolley's mother), Room 605-A

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

Chris Bishop (Linda Hoyle's sister-in-law), 4158 Deepwood Cr., Durham, NC

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Brenda Hartness (John Hartness, Jr.'s wife), 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033

Isabel Masten, 8031 Deverow Court, Lewisville, NC 27023

Georgia Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Ed Wilkerson (Sallie Ray and Charles Wilkerson's son), 430 Park Road, Seven Springs, NC 28578

Jody Wright, 3616 Litchfield Drive (03)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Our Members-at-Home

Winnie Brown, 108 Bunn Drive (04)

Lambert Sutton, 3400 Hawthorne Road (04)

Ed Hamlet, Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856, Room 603

Nancy Henry, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

Doug Daniel, 201 Dover Road (04)

Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)

We offer our sympathy to Corrie, John and Beth Seagroves in the death of Corrie's father, Charles Ritterbusch, on November 7.

We rejoice with Ashley and Bruce Berry in the birth of a son, Powers Macfarlane, on November 1. Linda and George Millar are the proud grandparents.

FAMILY DEDICATION

On Sunday, November 17, we will celebrate the dedication of John Aidan Croom, son of Amy and Brandon Croom and grandson of Denise and John Capiello.

ADVENT POINSETTIAS

You have received your order form for Advent poinsettias. Please make sure your order and payment are turned in by Sunday, November 24.

HONOR CARDS FOR UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Honor Cards which benefit the homeless, hungry and indigent through United Community Ministries are available in our church office. Painted by William Mangum, these beautiful cards are perfect for Christmas and any other occasion. The cards are \$5.00 each or 5 cards for \$20.

YOUTH NEWS

If you are planning to go skiing January 24-26 at Winterplace, WV, be sure to turn in your deposit of \$45 by the November 17 deadline. We have a busy December ahead with lots of opportunities for worship, missions and fellowship. Watch your email for details about these events and respond by the deadlines. We will begin on December 1 with a party at the Graham home at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a gag gift costing \$10 or less. I will send an email about signing up for food.

We will be on a regular schedule with choirs, dinner and SNL this week. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday!
Elizabeth

YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER

Need relief for your holiday schedule? Lakeside's youth will be wrapping gifts on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Donations will be received for the youth trip fund.

WREATH MAKING

Wreath making is a traditional Lakeside event. Meet us at the home of Mike and Pam Evans (1617 Rivera Drive) at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 24, to cut greenery. Then join us in Kincheloe Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, to assemble the wreaths. Please call the church office or complete the Event Registration Form on the website to volunteer. Bring gloves and clippers.

SUPPORTING A LAKESIDE MISSIONARY

Erin McAuliffe, daughter of Dianne and Trey Bulluck, will spend spring break in Haiti, working with the Fuller Center to build a home for a family living in tents. She is currently raising money to pay for the trip. If you would like to support Erin in her work, you may do so online at www.gofundme.com/4tc4ko or through the church office no later than December 1.

Let Us Be . . .

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Craig Parker and Stuart Todd
Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain
Crucifer - Will Hedgepeth; Acolyte - Madi Adkins
Extended Session - Sue Harris; Audio Booth Volunteer - Jerry Hamrick

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 45 WEEKS

2013 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,379

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$548,117
Receipts November 10	\$ 6,049	\$453,695
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$179,684

Worship at Lakeside

November 17, 2013

Gospel Lesson - John 6:1-14

Epistle Lesson - I Corinthians 12:12-31

Sermon: "Let Us Be . . . Appreciative of Our Gifts"

Jerry Baker, preaching

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Anthem of Dedication" - arr. Martin

"The Gift of Love" - Hopson

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Church Conference and Deacon Election
5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. SNL
7:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

If you would like to sponsor one or more children for the Christmas season, please contact the church office as soon as possible. You will receive a wish list indicating age and gender, clothing sizes and wished-for toys.