



The Link

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TOPNOTCHER VALENTINE BANQUET

Celebrate love and laughter as we get together for an old-fashioned Western Hoedown on Sunday, February 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Robbins Hall. Our youth will host our annual Valentine banquet and we will enjoy a delicious meal, lively music, games, and great fellowship. Please contact the church office as soon as possible to sign up.

MISSIONS MARKETPLACE AND SILENT AUCTION

Missions Marketplace will be held on February 26 as our children lead us in raising money and awareness for local and global missions. This year's Silent Auction will open at 5:00 p.m. in Sugg Foyer and will feature pillowcases decorated by the children. You are also invited to contribute your creations. If you paint, sculpt, carve, knit, sew, garden, or have other talents to offer, we hope you will participate. Bring your items to the church office by Thursday, February 23.

At 6:00 p.m., we will enjoy a covered-dish supper. We'll provide fried chicken, bread, and beverages. Please bring a vegetable, side dish, or dessert. After dinner, our children will present the musical *Swamped* in which the critters learn about how our faith helps us handle change in life, be tolerant and encouraging of those who are different, and face the future with courage and joy. Be sure to sign up for dinner by contacting the church office or completing the Event Registration form on the website by February 22.

I DREAM: THE ROCKY MOUNT CONCERTS

A concert version of Douglas Tappin's musical *I Dream* focusing on the last 36 hours of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. will be presented at the Imperial Centre this week. Public performances are February 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. and February 11-12 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Imperial Centre.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

This week marks the anniversaries of two of our staff members. Elizabeth Edwards has served as our Associate Minister for fifteen years and Napoleon Taylor has served our congregation for eighteen years. We are thankful for the ways in which Elizabeth and Napoleon serve our congregation day by day. Please take the opportunity to express your gratitude to them.

ON MISSION IN NICARAGUA

From February 11-18, Sammie Crumley will be in Leon, Nicaragua, with Missionary Friends, a group which has had a ministry presence there for many years. Sammie and her group will be involved in construction projects, lead Vacation Bible School, offer medical care, provide water purification buckets and food bags, and offer veterinary services to local herdsman. We pray for Sammie and her friends as they share God's love in tangible ways.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:
Chester Regional Medical Center, 1 Medical Park Drive, Chester, SC 29706
Jean Wright (Jody Wright's mother), Room 54A
Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27106, **John Cappiello**, Room 718, **Denise Cappiello**, Room 534
Rocky Mount Rehabilitation Center, 160 Winstead Avenue (04)
Dozia Collins, Room 213; **Mary Frances Taylor**, Room 107

At Home:

Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)
Lee Broughton, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512
Janet Corbett, 3645 Elwell Ferry Road, Kelly, NC 28448
John Covolo, 3637 Litchfield Drive (03)
Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Boulevard., Dallas, TX 75214
Jim Dickens, 3909 Hawthorne Road (04)
Stan Ford, 1103 Belvins Trace Drive, Durham, NC 27703
Brenda & John Hartness, 1130 N. Jamestown Rd., #206, Decatur, GA 30033
Anne Morgan (Jane Snow's sister), 13 Valley Forge Place, Atlanta GA 30318
Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)
Pat and Jack Newton, 111 Cole Drive, Hampstead NC 28443
Regina Peters (Karla Willcox's cousin), PO Box 92, Bolingbroke, GA 31004
June Shearin, 110 Newby Court (04)
Katie Skinner, 604 Chad Drive (03)
Don Stallings, 1424 Harbour Point Drive, North Palm Beach, Florida 33410
Jill Ward, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)
Andy Wiggs (Jim Wiggs' son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253

Our Members-at-Home

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)
Ann Morton (Nancy Berry's mother), Autumn Care, 1210 Eastern Ave., Nashville, NC 27856 Room 209
Alease Mustian, Brookdale Rocky Mount #301, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Our Lakeside Preschool will hold an open house on Thursday, February 9 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Preschool Building. There are openings in all of our preschool and Pre-K classes. There will be a 50% discount on registration for those who register on the night of the open house.

DANCIN' AND SHAGGIN' FOR SHELTER

The United Community Ministries Board of Directors will hold "Dancin' and Shaggin' for Shelter" on Friday evening, February 24, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Brown Auditorium at Nash Community College. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$45 per person at the door and include dinner, a silent auction, a raffle, and dancing. Raffle tickets are available in the church office. You may also make reservations for the dance in the office.

WESLEYAN EXHIBITS MARION WEATHERS' ART

A reception to celebrate the opening of Marion Weathers' painting exhibit, *Rivers and Waterways*, will be held at the Dunn Center Civic Gallery on Thursday, February 9, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The exhibit will be on view until April 23.

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to the Watkins family for hosting a fun Super Bowl party. Congratulations to Connor Evans, Jacob Watkins, and Spencer Edwards for winning the Props Party Game. This Sunday night, we will host our annual Valentine Banquet for our Topnotchers. Please arrive by 4:30 p.m. in your best western attire to help with preparing dinner and decorating Robbins Hall. Your help is also needed for the Casserole Sale on March 4. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Elizabeth

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Brenda Cotton on Sunday. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up in the Youth Building.

MUSIC NOTES

The children are very excited to present the musical SWAMPED for Missions Marketplace on February 26. This event will be lots of fun, an event you don't want to miss. Plan now to come and invite a friend or family member.

Lakeside Ringers will lead in worship this Sunday, February 12. Rehearsal begins at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Amy

ANNUAL CASSEROLE & BAKE SALE

Share your culinary skills at the annual Casserole & Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, March 4, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The proceeds will benefit local missions chosen by the youth as well as their Urban Adventure to New York this summer. Casseroles will range from single serving to family size. Cakes (may be cut in half), pies, brownies, cookies, sauces, etc., are popular as are breads, rolls and muffins. Containers are available in the church office. You may also sign up every Sunday in the Narthex to bring items or to volunteer on Friday and Saturday.

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2017 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$646,064

| | Week | YTD |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Anticipated Giving | \$12,190 | \$73,140 |
| Receipts February 5 | \$14,687 | \$63,033 |
| Variance | +\$2,497 | -\$10,107 |

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Nancy Berry and Rebecca Watkins
 Ushers - Group II, Grady Pittman, Captain
 Acolyte - Elizabeth Paszek; Crucifer - Michael Waters
 Nursery - Cheryl Stanton; Extended Session - Jan Robillard
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

February 12, 2017 ♦ *The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; I Corinthians 13

Sermon: "Choose Love–Choose Life"

Adult Choir Anthems

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" - Helvey

"The Gift of Love" - arr. Hopson

Selections by the Lakeside Ringers

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Jody Wright

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Susan Skinner

Senior Adult Director

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, February 9

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor
 3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall
 5:30 p.m. Preschool Open House

Sunday, February 12

9:15 a.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 4:30 p.m. Youth set up for Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children, Youth Room
 6:00 p.m. Topnotcher's Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir

Monday, February 13

10:30 a.m. WMU Group 6, Office Conference Room; WMU Group 9, Parlor
 3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall
 7:30 p.m. WMU Group 10, Parlor

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 p.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 15

10:00 a.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room
 6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal