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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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LOOK

The Scholarship Committee announces the following important dates. The deadline for submission of all applications for the 2010-2011 year is April 15, 2010, but they may be turned in any time prior to that. Applications are available in the church office, tower room, and narthex. Interview dates for initial applicants are May 1 and May 8. Please consult the youth bulletin board to sign up for a convenient time for your interview.

Evening Services for Lent

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 17th, there will be weekly services in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, except for Holy Week. These times of worship will begin with a traditional Ash Wednesday Service and then continue through the next five weeks with half hour services, which will feature different guest speakers from around our community. In the past, these half hour services have been at mid-day, but it was felt more people might have the opportunity to attend them if they were offered in the evening. A list of the services and speakers is listed below.

February 17th—Ash Wednesday, imposition of ashes; **February 24th**—Rev. Dr. Horace Six-Means, Assistant Professor and Area Convener in the History of Christianity; **March 3rd**—Rev. Judy Klusman, Congregational Health and Dev./LDR Coordinator/LFS Partnership Initiatives Assoc., North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;

March 10th—Capt. Jason Smith, Salisbury CORPS Officer, Salvation Army; **March 17th**—Rev. Dr. Albert Aymer, President and Professor of New Testament, Hood Theological Seminary; **March 24th**—Rev. Gloria Hughes, Christian Education and Nurture Coordinator of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Also, please be aware that we will have evening worship services on Maundy Thursday, April 1st, and Good Friday, April 2nd. These services will begin at 7:00 pm.

firstARTS PRESENTS

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**Murder Mystery
Dinner Theatre**

Lee Mueller's

I'm Getting Married

(Murdered!) in the Morning!

Friday, February 12, 2010

7pm—Fellowship Hall

(Enter through Bank Street entrance)

TICKETS ARE \$20.00

*Available in church office, First Family Celebration,
or members of the Chancel Choir.*

All proceeds benefit the organ fund.

News You Can Use

Connecting 101

Connecting 101 began January 31st and will continue through February 28. It's not too late to join the class. Connecting 101 is targeted to new and prospective members, but it is open to anyone in the church family. If you want to know more about Methodist history, theology, organization, the ministries of our congregation, and where you might serve, join us. The class is 9:45-10:45 am in the Conference Room (Room 106). Contact Elaine Hewitt if you have questions.

SENIORS... Get Connected... Friends Connecting with Friends. Please join the Methodist Connection on Tuesday, February 9th at 12:00 noon at the Sagebrush Steakhouse on Jake Alexander Blvd. for a "Dutch Luncheon" and to celebrate Valentine's Day. Five Lunch Specials for \$5.00 are featured along with a steak for \$7.00. Come celebrate with us and bring an unsigned Valentine for our Valentine Box along with a favorite poem, story or reading you wish to share. Please register in the church office or call the office at 704-636-3121.

Welcome Pads

Please take the initiative to sign the Welcome Pad on your row each Sunday. This information is helpful in a number of ways. One example—by signing in, you make it more likely that guests will also sign in. Thank you.

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser

Tickets are available for lunch (served at 12:30) at Oak Park Retirement Center for \$5. All proceeds go to Meals on Wheels. You can pick up tickets through the church office or by contacting Elaine Hewitt, one of our church Meals on Wheels coordinators. The tickets do not have an expiration date, but they ask that the tickets be used within 2-3 months. RSVP to Oak Park for your specific date.

Camp Discovery will be here before you know it to begin its 8th year. The dates for camp are June 27-July 2 at Mount Shepherd Camp and Retreat Center. We need mentors, day trippers, craft people, people to come up and help the kids fish, etc. The cost for each camper is \$125; for each mentor is \$225. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Samantha or Lynn Withers. Most of all please be in prayer for the children who are in need of this camp, that God leads them to us, as well as the mentors and daytime staff. Thank you so much for supporting this awesome outreach of FUMC!

journey@first

"Are You Able?" Find out by joining in worship on Sunday, February 21 at 9:00 am in the chapel as Samantha Wesley delivers the message based on scripture found in Mark 10:35-45. Are we able to take the cup that Jesus offers – to make the commitment to pick up the cross and to follow?

Beth Yelvington and Anna Poteat Godwin will lead the music for *journey*. Be prepared to "Light Your Candle." Now does that have you wondering what will be happening during worship? Only one way to find out - Be there!!

SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 WEST INNES STREET

presents

MATTHEW MICHAEL BROWN

ORGANIST

IN CONCERT

Sunday, February 28, 2010
Three o'clock in the afternoon

You are cordially invited to attend.

Pastor's Note Pad

I have always been a little confused by Valentine's Day. It never really made much sense to me as to why or how it evolved into a holiday where candy, cards, flowers, jewelry, etc. are exchanged between those who care for one another. I didn't know anything about "Valentine" and I suppose, as a child, I always believed that "Valentine" was just another name for "Cupid." So, to me it meant that we were supposed to give gifts to each other because some little man with wings was shooting little arrows at people. According to the "History Channel" website (<http://www.history.com/content/valentine/history-of-valentine-s-day>), there are three theories as to the identity of the mysterious St. Valentine.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest in the third century in Rome. Because Emperor Claudius II believed that single men made better soldiers, he outlawed marriage for young men. Supposedly, Valentine did not agree with this law and continued to perform marriages in secret. As a result of his actions, Claudius ordered that Valentine be put to death. Another story suggests that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape from Roman prisons where they were being beaten and tortured. Lastly, there is a tale that Valentine was the writer of the first valentine message. It is alleged that while in prison, Valentine fell in love with a young girl who visited him during his incarceration. Prior to his execution, he wrote her a note, which he signed "From your Valentine."

Whichever, if any, of these theories is true, it would appear that Valentine's Day is based on the memory of someone who willingly gave his life for the love of someone. Valentine was someone who lived out the faith that he had accepted as his own. He followed the example of his Lord, Jesus Christ, who gave up his life for the salvation of the human race. Now that I understand the origins of Valentine's Day, I feel better about celebrating it. For some reason, the idea of giving all of that stuff away because of a little guy with wings and a bow didn't have a whole lot of meaning for me, but to remember someone who chose to die so that someone else might live has a lot of significance for me. I hope it will for you, as well, and may God bless you and those you love on that special day.

Peace,

Steve

Youth News
www.1styouth.org

February Birthdays

Michael Anderson- 10 Ryan Anderson- 13
 Amelia Steinman- 16 Will Steinman- 16
 Neely Whittington- 18

Youth Activities & Honors

Exciting Opportunities to Grow
with Jesus in January

February 5-7- Summit (ALL Youth). \$90 DUE January 24(Non-Refundable DEPOSIT \$40). Scholarships available upon request. Discounted Cost for families with 2+ youth. Open to any parents that want to go as a counselor. Leaving the Church at 4:30 on Friday.

14- Regular Youth Meeting

14- Scout Sunday— Come and support our scout leaders and young men that are in the scout troop 442 at our church. This year the US Boy Scouts celebrate 100 years of scouting!!

16-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper— Youth are needed to set up, serve and clean up. The Adam and Eve class buy all the supplies and cook everything. The youth receive the profit to go towards our mission trips. Even if you are not going on a mission trip—come and help. You will be helping with missions by raising money. Adam has emailed a sign up sheet out for all the middle and high school youth to sign up for an hour slot. (They get to eat pancakes, too.)

21- Regular Youth Meeting

21- Deliver bags to neighborhoods for the 30 Hour Famine— Times to be announced.

26-27- 30 Hour Famine— Applications DUE NO later than February 14. Registration at the church begins at 6pm. This is a powerful way that we help the people at Rowan Helping Ministries and around the world. It is a strong and special tradition at our church. China Grove Methodist will be participating with us this year and of course you can bring friends. Youth participating should help with the bag drop and rice fundraiser. All money from the fundraiser goes to Haiti relief.

28- No Youth on Sunday, because we will have been together on Friday and Saturday.

Cool Kids!

February Birthdays

3 Sutton Webb
 4 Caroline Clark
 6 Sierra Braun
 7 Roger Malone
 16 Nicholas Peltz
 18 Neely Whittington
 19 Spencer West
 20 Dorothy Malone
 21 William Clark
 23 Hannah Smith
 28 Will Koontz

Parents Night Out: Friday, February 19th 5:30-10:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. \$5 per child. Sign up on bulletin board outside Samantha's office or email samantha@fumcsalisbury.org

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 27th 9:00-11:00 am. Our Egg Hunt is divided into 4 groups: 0-2 years of age, 3-4 years old, 5-6 years old and 7 and up. So, bring your friends, family and neighbors. We will have crafts, the egg hunt and tons of fun. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside Samantha's office or you can email Samantha at samantha@fumclsalisbury.org

We need donations of individually wrapped candy that can be placed inside the plastic eggs. A bin will be set up outside Samantha's door. Thanks ahead of time.

First Family Kids on Wednesday nights is for kids ages 3 years old to 5th grade. They will have a Bible Story and time for crafts. They meet on Wednesdays from 6:15—7:15pm in the 3-4 year old classrooms. Please come and join us, and bring your friends.

HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS



WOMEN'S United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, February 1, and Tuesday, February 2; meeting times and locations follow.

Monday, February 1

Circle 1 and 2—10:30 am, Church Parlor
 Circle 4—6:00 pm, Linda Brown's Home*
 Circle 5—6:30 pm, Church Conference Room
 Circle 6—12:30 pm, **Media Room**

Tuesday, February 2

Circle 7—9:00 am, Church Parlor
**For Circle 4, a light dinner is followed by the meeting.*
 For ladies looking for wonderful fellowship, please join us! Call Cheryl Nickerson at 704-639-0194 for more information.

Adopt a School

We received several thank you notes from students for their Christmas gifts. They were very excited to receive so many nice gifts.

Thank you to Donna Smith and the Wednesday Cooking Team, we've had an outpouring of groceries for our backpacks. We are now serving 8 students at Isenberg.

On January 29th, Jean West prepared and served a wonderful lunch to our Isenberg volunteers. Each person was thanked for their hours of service to the school. We are grateful to have so many dedicated workers at this time. If you are interested in helping at the school, please let Jan know. Call her at 704-636-7367.

Thank you again for all the wonderful groceries, time spent at the school, and for all your support. *Jan Dyrholm*

*A Thank You Note from one
 of our Backpack Buddies:*

Dear FUMC Members,
 Thank you for the Christmas presents. We hope you had a Merry Christmas, too. May God bless you. Sincerely, *Tony*

Can you help? Snow Removal. We're putting together a Snow Team who can help put down ice melt and help remove snow or ice at the church prior to Sunday services, as required. We know that your ability to help will depend on the severity of the winter storm. If this is something you would be willing and able to help with, please contact Elaine Hewitt. Thank you.

The Child Development Center is doing well. We are truly being blessed. The center is at full capacity. We received our approval letter from the Child Adult Care Food Program to become a sponsoring center. This means we are able to claim the After School Care Program each month, and they receive a reimbursement on their snack cost. The CDC will have a cookie dough fundraiser in March; order forms will be available on the 8th. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers! Vickie Wood—CDC Director

FUMC Preschool Open Registration

Registration for the 2010-2011 preschool year has begun. We still have spots available in our 2-year-old classes. Please let others outside the church community know about our registration. Forms are available in the church office and also from the Director, Patsy Langlais. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis as the registration forms and fees are turned in. Thank you for your help in spreading the word about our program.

The After School Program is excited to announce its participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). With the help of this program, we will be able to serve more nutritious and healthy snacks. We all know how expensive it can be to eat healthy. The CACFP will make this goal much more attainable.

Service Opportunities and Recognition

I want to thank you for the beautiful roses you sent me. I am enjoying them very much. Hope you have a Happy New Year. Love, *Virginia Eller*

Dear Friends,
What a beautiful spot you have in my room with the lovely bunch of red roses! They are so lovely that I wish I had my painting equipment. Wheel! Thanks so much for remembering me! You mean so much to me. Love, *Nancy Rogers*

Dear Church Family,
Thank you all so much for your calls, cards, food, and especially your prayers for Jack and me. They meant more than you'll ever know. He is doing well and began radiation therapy on Monday, January 18th. With love, *Jack and Barbara Safley*

Thank you so very much for the goodies, cards and love offering that I received for Christmas. Your generosity and kindness was very kind, and I feel very blessed. Thank you again. Grace and peace, *Samantha*

Dear Church Family,
Our daughter, Jessica Jensen, makes bookmarks for veterans out of old, discarded Christmas cards. Whenever you are done enjoying the Christmas cards you have received, if you could bring them to church (can place in the bin located in the hallway outside Samantha's office), we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you, *The Jensen's*

Correction on Brick List: *Rae Bullock gave ten bricks in honor of Steve, Martha, Samantha, Matthew, staff and volunteers instead of the one brick that was listed.*

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine

Right now, more than 1 billion people worldwide won't have enough to eat. Annually, more than 9 million children under the age of 5 die from disease and malnutrition as a result of hunger. But world hunger is 100 percent preventable, and teens from FUMC are ready to be a part of the solution. This February 26-27, they will participate in World

Vision's 30 Hour Famine "On An Empty Stomach." By going without food, they get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face every day. Prior to the event weekend, students raise funds with the knowledge that every \$30 they raise can help feed and care for a child for a month. Groups are also encouraged to perform hands-on service projects during the weekend in order to make a difference in their own communities. As part of the Famine, local participants will drop off empty grocery bags around Salisbury for people of the community to fill with non-perishable items. The youth go out to collect the bags and donate all the food to Rowan-Helping Ministries. Funds raised by 30 Hour Famine participants help feed and care for children in communities in need around the globe through World Vision. Visit www.30hourfamine.org or call 800-7-FAMINE for more information.

foundations@first

foundations@first is the first Sunday of the month, 9:45-10:45 am in the Chapel. All sessions are open to the entire congregation. The sessions are targeted to help inform leaders and prospective leaders on the foundations of our congregation and on leading our congregation. Again, everyone is invited.

Want practical information on how to be an effective leader in our congregation? Join us for the February session on Sunday, February 7, 9:45-10:45 am in the Chapel. Samantha Wesley will present information that is very helpful: how to reserve a room and get a meeting on the church calendar, how to submit a budget input, how to turn in expenses, Safe Sanctuary procedures, how to conduct a meeting, simplified Robert's Rules of Order... and lots of other useful information.

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Join us for the March 7 session that will look at "Where has God equipped you to serve/lead?" God has gifted each of us with spiritual gifts, interests, and ministry passions. Throughout our lives, with God's help, we have developed abilities and gained varied experiences. Looking at all of these together helps us to better understand where we can feel fulfilled in ministry. God's purpose for us is revealed in understanding how he has equipped us. Elaine Hewitt will lead the session.

THOSE SERVING ON SUNDAYS

February 7

Acolytes

8:30: Cleesie Whittington
11:00: Hurst Fowler, Connor Johnson, Matthew Langford

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

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

February 14

Acolytes

8:30: Neely Whittington
11:00: Kaleb Robinson, Michael Anderson, Callie Slife

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

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

February 21

Acolytes

8:30: Wes Fazia
11:00: Josh Smith, Alex Warren, Elle Wimmer

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
Laura Koontz; Sandy Powell

February 28

Acolytes

8:30: Susan Barker Fowler
11:00: Parker Williams, Kate Zimmerman, Michael Anderson

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
Bill and Laura Shaffer



FEBRUARY

ON CALL SCHEDULE

February 5-February 7

Steve Haines

February 12-February 14

Steve Haines

February 19-February 21

Martha Ballard

February 26-February 28

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

February 7

Grey Calvert

February 14

Jean West

February 21

Jim and Ginny Wilber

February 28

Tommy & Sue Lewis

ALTAR GUILD

8:30

Betty Mickle

11:00

Susan Pharr

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN

February 7

Charlotte

Cherry

February 14

Jason Walser

February 21

Bobbie Melton

February 28

Samantha

Wesley

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Friday Hospital Visits

February 5

Barbara

Langford

February 12

Brenda Loflin

February 19

Bobbie Melton

February 26

Hilda Pyatt

THE SUNDAY PULPIT

February 7

Steve Haines

February 14

Steve Haines

February 21

Steve Haines

February 28

Steve Haines

FEBRUARY USHERS

8:30 Worship

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

11:00 Worship

Henry Buck, Capt.; Bruce Kolkebeck, Co-Capt.; Larry Cordts, Mike Hensley, Robert McGee, Gene Miller, Glenn Moore, Stan Price, Camille Reische, Larry Schall, Harry Warren

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.)

February 3

Pairs & Spares

February 10

Friendship

February 17

Youth

February 24

(Ash Wednesday—Meal Only)

Daisy Hedrick



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www.firstmethodistpreschool.org

A report from Joyce Ingram, UMW Chair for Education and Interpretation: Collection of postage stamps and Campbell labels during 2009 totaled: 7 pounds, 14 ounces of postage stamps; 1,200 bar code numbers from Campbell soup can labels. Greeting card fronts UMW has collected have been sent to local rest homes for use in craft projects. We have received thank you letters from the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky and the Marion Mission Storehouse in Indiana. The Henderson Settlement appreciates our help in providing the Campbell soup UPCs. They have been used to provide the mission with minivans they use for transportation. A pen-an-ink notation on the letter from the Marion Mission in Indiana stated, "It is a blessing to receive stamps trimmed liked yours. It is a great help to those who help here at MMC. God Bless." Please continue placing postage stamps, bar codes from Campbell soup labels and greeting card fronts in the box in the church office. We thank everyone for their help in collecting these items for the UMW mission projects.

Hospice Needs Your Help

This new year brings opportunity to volunteer with Rowan Regional Hospice. Won't you please consider helping a patient through this sacred journey? Visiting in the home, providing transportation, running errands and working in our new Hospice Residence are some of the ways you can serve. Hospice volunteer training will meet as follows: February 25, March 4, March 11 and March 18 on Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:00 pm. We will meet at the Hospice office at 720 Grove Street, Salisbury, NC. Call Sandy Lee, Volunteer

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

Coordinator, at 704-210-5981 to register and for any questions. We need your helping hands. Please join us in sharing this special caring as we assist those with life threatening illnesses.

Have you bought your ticket for our murder mystery dinner theater production of **"I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning"**? This very special event is Friday, February 12, with the festivities beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. There will be a delicious, freshly prepared dinner by Danny Hunt and his entourage which will be served to you at beautifully decorated tables. You may enter ONLY through the Bank Street entrance and be sure to bring your ticket with you. That \$20 ticket guarantees that you can get in, have a seat and a meal as well as enjoy the play. Be prepared: when you present your ticket, you will be asked "Friend of the Bride or Friend of the Groom?". During the play, there will be a break for some delicious homemade dessert. Bring your thinking caps – you'll need to help figure out "whodunit." Was it Bunny, the maid of honor? How about that rags to riches Sheila Coquette? Don't disregard the nosy reporter Mary Berger or the all too smooth DJ. Childcare will be available. Please let Becky know how many children will need this service. The material is G-rated and the play and meal should be over about 9:15. We hope that you will join us for an evening of fun. Cast members have given LOTS of time to this project and are having a great time as they learn their lines and also as they work with each other. ALL PROCEEDS will go toward the organ renovation fund. Matthew Brown and the music committee deeply appreciate everyone's efforts and support.