



ECCLESIA

*The mission of First United Methodist Church is to make and nurture Christian disciples
through the presence and power of the Spirit of God.*

March 2010

Volume 33, Issue 3



Camp Discovery

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. The Camp Discovery Planning Team is hard at work and is in the **need of MENTORS!** High school youth can be mentors, as well as adults. We need mentors, day trippers, people to come up and help the kids fish, etc. **The cost for each camper is \$225; for each mentor \$125.** We would love to have you join our team and spend five days with us; to be a guiding light to a 4th or 5th grader from one of our Rowan County Elementary Schools, to be their friend, to laugh with them, and for them to have the opportunity to talk with you. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Lynn Withers at 704-636-1980 or Samantha Wesley (samantha@fumcsalisbury.org) at 704-636-3121. 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!

UMW General Meeting Rescheduled! The UMW's general meeting set for March 1, 2010 has been rescheduled to March 8, at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Michael Collins, WNCCUMC Coordinator for Mission/Outreach will be speaking on UMCOR: Hunger/Poverty, Disaster, and Refugee with emphasis on Haiti Relief. The UMW invites everyone interested in hearing Mr. Collins speak to be our guests at this special meeting. Coffee and dessert will be served.

The Bricks and Mortar Committee is still taking applications for items in the auction March 12th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We have lots of interesting items to auction, including a car, vacation homes, dinners, jewelry, food items, etc. Please check the lists to date in the Narthex and Tower Room for donation forms, which you can turn in to the church office or one of the committee members. Items can then be dropped off Wednesday or Thursday, March 10th and 11th, at the church office. Do invite your friends and neighbors. Hors d'oeuvres will be available. Free child care will be provided. Also, the TV will be on for the ball games. If anyone has questions, contact Barbara Senter, Pam Cordts, Joyce Goodwin, Marlene Spencer, Krista Watts, Lori Burke, Sara Banish, Mary and Bob Roakes. After the auction, you will receive a letter from the church confirming the sale of your donated item.

The Easter Morning Breakfast, prepared each year by the men of the church, will be Sunday, April 4th, at 9:30 am. Eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits, baked apples, juice, coffee and milk will be served. Cost is by donation. The entire church is invited.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14th! Don't forget to set your clocks!

News You Can Use

Evening Services for Lent Continue

The schedule is as follows: March 3rd—Rev. Dr. Larry Bost, served as pastor of Amity Lutheran Church, Cleveland, NC; 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.

It is time to order your Easter lilies! You will find an order form in the bulletin beginning March 7th. The cost of the lilies is \$10.50 each, and the deadline for placing an order is March 26th. Please note that we have a limited number of lilies available. When placing an order, please be sure to include your order form with your payment. You may pick up the lilies after the worship service on Easter Day.

SENIORS... Get Connected... Friends Connecting with Friends... The Methodist Connection invites you to join them on Tuesday, March 9, 12:00 noon, in the church Fellowship Hall to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a covered-dish luncheon. Irish food and the color green will be featured. A special music program will be presented by special guest Mr. Larry Chaslian. So... come join us, bring your favorite Irish dish... and Get Connected! Please register in the church office or call the office at 704-636-3121.

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.

journey@first

On March 21st at 9:00 am, the journey@first worship service held in the chapel will welcome a speaker with the Society of St. Andrew. The

message entitled "Feed the Hungry" will be based on scripture found in Leviticus 19:9-10. Also, in connection with "Feed the Hungry," our youth will participate in the service by sharing their experiences from the 30 Hour Famine. They will also help in the serving of Holy Communion during the service.

If you attended the Missions Fair, you may be familiar with The Society of St. Andrew that operates a statewide, volunteer-driven Gleaning Network in North Carolina that coordinates with local farmers, thousands of volunteers, and food providing agencies. More than 98 million pounds of fresh produce have been distributed to people in need within North Carolina since the Society opened a regional office in North Carolina in 1992. The Gleaning Network, Potato and Produce, and Seed Potato Project have enabled the delivery of over 294 million servings of food to the hungry within our state. Volunteers from across the state actually enter fields after farmers have finished harvesting and simply pick up tons of good produce left behind.

Join us on March 21st, invite a friend and learn how you may be able to help in feeding the hungry. Non-perishable goods will be collected for Rowan Helping Ministries.

Adopt a School

Thank you for all the food donations to be used for the backpacks. Our 8 students are very appreciative of all we do for them.

Soon it will be time to start collecting NEW BOOKS for Isenberg. Once again, Books-A-Million, at the Salisbury Mall, is willing to give us a 20% discount on books purchased for Isenberg. Just mention you are a member of FUMC Salisbury, and the books are purchased for the school. A book bin will be available once again in the hall opposite Samantha's office. Thank you for all your support.

Jan Dyrholm

EASTER MUSICIANS

Anyone wishing to sponsor instrumentalists for Easter this year is asked to speak with Matthew Brown.

Pastor's Note Pad

Psalm 92:5-15 (NLT)

O Lord, what great miracles you do!
And how deep are your thoughts.
Only an ignorant person would not know this!
Only a fool would not understand it.
But the godly will flourish like palm trees
and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.
For they are transplanted into the Lord's own house.
They flourish in the courts of our God. (NLT)

These are the words that come to mind whenever I think of Wayne Hager's recent heart transplant surgery. The transplant is nothing short of a miracle as far as I'm concerned. As I sat with Wayne's wife, Robin, and his mother, Helen, and watched everything unfold to make the transplant possible, I couldn't help but marvel at the efficiency and compassion of the staff at Baptist Hospital. From the top surgeon to the people who cleaned the rooms, you had the feeling that everyone knew exactly what it took to make an operation of this magnitude successful, and they would do whatever it took to make it so. At six o'clock in the evening, the medical team was preparing Wayne for surgery in Winston-Salem as a jet, carrying the transplant team, left the airport there to travel to an unknown location to harvest the heart from a donor in another state. By one o'clock in the morning, Wayne had a new heart and was beginning the long recovery process. The timing, the skill, the technology, and the dedication all working together to make this possible were nothing short of a miracle. It was as if you could feel God's hand at work in all of this, guiding, directing, giving courage and hope to everyone involved. I give thanks every day for the miracles that are performed every day by the members of our medical community who use the gifts and wisdom God has given them to bring healing and hope to those who are struggling with physical afflictions. In the days ahead, please keep Wayne and his family in your prayers that he will recover quickly. Also, please keep the family members of his unknown donor in your prayers. It was their act of love, in a time of tragedy, that made this miracle possible.

May God Bless You,

Steve

Youth News
www.1styouth.org

March Birthdays

Thomas Allen 5 Alex Warren 10
 Kate Zimmerman 13
 Max Parker 21 Robert Egloff 22
 Jake Goodnight 22

Youth Activities & Honors

Luke Miller was accepted to UNC.
 Quinn Scarvey and Luke Miller are interviewing for Teaching Fellows.

**Exciting Opportunities to
 Grow with Jesus in January**

March 6–Methodists Youth Night with the Bobcats.

Join young people across North Carolina to raise awareness, save lives, wipe out malaria with mosquito nets and rock the Time Warner Arena with a night of hoops and fun on March 6. Tickets are \$20. A portion of each ticket goes toward Nothing But Nets.

7–Regular Youth Meeting

14–Regular Youth Meeting/Possible ACC Tournament Party

21–journey@first- Youth are needed for the service to share their experience from the 30 Hour Famine.

21–Jan Jam- REGIONAL youth event at First Baptist. The doors will open as early as 3:30 pm for people to shoot hoops, play the inflatable games and video games, including Guitar Hero or Rock Band on a big screen. At 5:00 pm, we will be having the “Battle for the Dog Guitar” hot dog eating contest. There will be tables set up for each school and plenty of hot dogs available. Whichever “school” eats the most dogs will receive (probably for their YCI) a “special” decorated guitar, the dog guitar, to keep until next year’s Jan-Jam. The concerts will start at 5:30 pm, another drama type group, and John Crucitti (he is an awesome Christian student-athlete) from West Rowan will share his testimony. We WILL BE DONE by 7:30 pm.

28– Palm Sunday/ Regular Youth Meeting

April 4- No Youth Easter

9-11- Kaleidoscope Middle School Retreat

Cool Kids!

March Birthdays

2 Joseph Clark
 2 David Austin
 3 Faith Hager
 5 Jacob Hinson
 6 Casey Gouge
 12 Caylee Snow
 21 Katie Bosch
 25 Lacey Mastro
 27 Brooke Busby

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 signup sheet is available on the bulletin board outside Samantha’s office, or you can email Samantha at samantha@fumcsalisbury.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—7:15 pm in the 3-4 year old classrooms. Please come and join us, and bring your friends.

P.A.W.S. for kids in grades 1st-5th meets in the chapel after the Moments for Children for their own worship service. This is not only a time of worship, but a great chance to learn why we worship. If you haven’t tried this out, come and join this interactive time of learning.

Mark Your Calendars!

Fishing at the Webb’s Farm will be on Sunday, April 18th between 2:00-5:00 pm. Families will need to bring their own tackle and, for safety reasons, a life jacket for the little ones. Snacks will be provided. Directions will be available. Sign ups are on the bulletin board outside Samantha’s office or email her at samantha@fumcsalisbury.org.

May Activity: NASCAR Speedpark **Date:** TBA

VBS June 21-25 “Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!”

PAWS Clue: The Easter season is not just one day, Easter Sunday. How many days does it last? **20 points**

HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

Get Acquainted Luncheon (rescheduled to March 7). Guests and New Members are invited to our **Get Acquainted Luncheon on Sunday, March 7, 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** This is a chance to talk with staff one-on-one, meet other guests, and tour the church campus, if desired. Children are welcome. Child care for pre-school age children will be arranged, if requested. **Please RSVP to the church office no later than Monday, March 1** with the number attending and if child care is requested (704-636-3121).

Where has God equipped you to lead or serve?

Join us Sunday, March 14, 9:45-10:45 am in the Chapel for foundations@first. *Note this is a change of date.* If you haven't explored what your spiritual gifts and ministry passions are...or how they fit with your experience and abilities to form a pattern, this is the session for you. We believe that God has gifted each of us and empowers us to serve. We believe that God wants us to live in joy, which is how we live when what we are doing matches our interests and our God-given capabilities. If you have questions, contact Elaine Hewitt, Director of Lay and Welcome Ministries.

Ladies—Mark Your Calendars! The UMW “Rooms of Your Life” Retreat was rescheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, 2010, because of inclement weather in early February. Jean Padgett will return in April to present five in-depth sessions of her program and will bring her dollhouse with her. Along with the rescheduling, a bonus: on Saturday, there will be opportunities for shopping! Tickets, priced at \$25, cover Jean's presentation, a program workbook, and three meals and are available in the church office or with circle leaders.

New Member Sunday

“Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? Will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?” We accept new members into our church family throughout the year. One of those opportunities will be March 14th. New member forms are available through April Elrod, the church's Administrative Assistant. We encourage prospective members to participate in Connecting 101 classes to better understand what membership in our congregation means. If you are interested in joining our church on March 14th and have not yet spoken with Steve Haines, please do so as soon as possible.

firstARTS PRESENTS
**BACH'S
 BIRTHDAY
 BASH!**

Sunday, March 21, 2010
 7:30pm—Sanctuary

An offering will be received
 for the Music Memorial Fund.

A Multi-Media Presentation of
 The Tennessee Player's Production of

*Words of Albert Schweitzer
 and the Music of Bach*
 by Thurston Moore
 Featuring regional organists
 and actors from Davidson College.

**BIRTHDAY CAKE
 RECEPTION FOLLOWS!**

Service Opportunities and Recognition

First United Methodist Church,
Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I am enjoying them very much. They sure lift my spirits each day I look at them. Sincerely,
Dortha Chuber

Thank you for blessing me, my brother, and my sister. Thanks for the clothing, toys, and Star Wars pajamas. It made me happy. *Amandie, Amarion, and Keira Smyre* (Isenberg Students)

Dear Church family,
I would like to thank you for thinking of my family during the holidays. It was truly a blessing to be able to cook a nice Christmas dinner for my family. I enjoyed watching my children open their gifts. I would like to thank God for each and every one of you. God always sends his angels when there's a need. Thank you, your sister in Christ, *Olympia Smyre* (Isenberg Parent)

Laity Service Award

The Laity Service Award is promoted by the Western North Carolina Conference Council on Laity as a means of recognizing each year in the local church a deserving lay person(s) whose work in the local church and community exemplifies a life of Christian stewardship.

The purpose of the award is to recognize worthy individuals, especially those whose work in the life of the church may not otherwise be recognized. This might be the anonymous servant of Christ who works behind the scenes, often unnoticed and often unappreciated, who cooks a meal, who opens the church doors and turns on the lights, who teaches children Sunday School, who works in the local school or volunteers with a local caring agency, or who types the church bulletin each week. In lifting up one lay person, all persons are honored.

First United Methodist Church would like to recognize a deserving lay person(s) within our

church this year. We ask that as members of the laity of this church you help with the selection. Laity Service Award Selection Forms may be found in the church office and in Sunday School classrooms. Please return the form no later than March 15, 2010 in a sealed envelope and leave in April Elrod's box in the church office. The Laity Committee will then review the forms and select a lay person(s) of the year with the Laity Service Award to be presented in April. Thank you,
Brenda Loflin, Lay Leader

UMCOR—Be There. Be Hope. In Haiti.

As of February 28, 2010, \$12 million has been received for UMCOR Haiti Relief. Hundreds of thousands of kits have been received at UMCOR Sager Brown and are being verified for shipment to Haiti.

Since the earthquake in January, UMCOR has assessed Haiti's damages and needs, and developed a five-year work plan, which includes three recovery phases: emergency, recovery and rehabilitation. During the emergency phase, from the time of the earthquake through April and including the start of the rainy season in March, UMCOR is addressing the most immediate needs of access to food, clean water and sanitation, temporary shelter and emotional and spiritual support.

According to recent reports, 75% of Port-au-Prince will need to be rebuilt, and volunteers will be needed to travel to Haiti. You may fill out a registration form on the UMCOR website. Gifts to support UMCOR's relief efforts in Haiti can be made online by visiting www.umcorhaiti.org. For gifts by mail, please make checks payable to UMCOR and mail to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Please indicate Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325 on the memo line of your check. One hundred percent of gifts made to this advance will help the people of Haiti. For the latest news about UMCOR's work in Haiti, please visit www.umrespond.org.

THOSE SERVING ON SUNDAYS

March 7

Acolytes

8:30: Jake Goodnight
11:00: Heather Carmichael,
Jacob Daye, Robert
Egloff

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
Doug and Pam Leonard

March 14

Acolytes

8:30: Amelia Steinman
11:00: Connor Johnson,
Matthew Langford,
Hurst Fowler

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

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

March 21

Acolytes

8:30: Will Steinman
11:00: Kaleb Robinson, Mary
Seifert, Callie Slife

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
Billy and Scotti Webb

March 28

Acolytes

8:30: Spencer Storey
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):
TBD

ON CALL SCHEDULE

March 5-March 7

Steve Haines

March 12-March 14

Martha Ballard

March 19-March 21

Steve Haines

March 26-March 8

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

March 7 Ken and Faye
Hollar

March 14 Bobbie Melton;
Linne' Wallace

March 21 Steve and
Nancy Schoch

March 28 Jeff and Gloria
Matthews

ALTAR GUILD

8:30

Nancy Sherriff

11:00

Mary Roakes

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN

March 7 Jason Walser

March 14 Judy Fowler

March 21 Bobbie Melton

March 28 Linne' Wallace

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Friday Hospital Visits

March 5 Bob Roakes

March 12 Betty Smyth

March 19 Mary Jane

Thompson

March 26 Ken Hollar

THE SUNDAY PULPIT

March 7 Steve Haines

March 14 Martha Ballard

March 21 Steve Haines

March 28 Steve Haines

MARCH USHERS

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

11:00 Worship Neal Powell,
Capt.; Bob Roakes, Co-Capt.;
Susan Pharr, Bob Pharr, Janice
Applewhite, Gary Applewhite,
Andy Storey, Cindy Martin, Larry
Schall

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.)

March 3 Golden Rule

March 10 Christian

Forum

March 17 Men's Prayer

Breakfast

Group

March 24 UMW

March 31 Holy Week

No Meal



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SALISBURY
• 217 SOUTH CHURCH STREET • SALISBURY, NC 28144 •
WWW.FUMCSALISBURY.ORG

Phone: 704-636-3121

Fax: 704-637-2933

Email: staff member first name@fumcsalisbury.org
(Adam Sproles is adams@fumcsalisbury.org)

*Staff with an asterisk have e-mail

Web Page: www.fumcsalisbury.org

On-line calendar on the News and Events page

Child Development Center: 704-633-7209

www.salisburychildcare.com

Email: cdc@fumcsalisbury.org

After-School Care: 704-433-6679

Preschool: 704-636-3121

www.firstmethodistpreschool.org

Habitat for Humanity will hold a Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 11:00 am until 7:00 pm at the Salisbury Civic Center. The cost is \$8.00 (1/2 chicken, slaw, potato salad, roll and dessert). Tickets are available in adult Sunday School classes, in the church office, or by calling Karla Swanson, 704-797-0195.

Are your calendars up to date?

Check out the upcoming events at FUMC:

Friday, March 12th (6:30-8:30 pm)

Bricks and Mortar Live and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 27th (9:00 am)

Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 1st (7:00 pm)

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 2nd (7:00 pm)

Good Friday Worship Service

Easter Sunday, April 4th

6:36 am—Sunrise Worship Service

8:30 am—Worship Service

9:30 am—Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

11:00 am—Worship Service

April 23rd and 24th

“Rooms of Your Life Women’s Retreat”

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

May 2nd (4:00 pm)

firstARTS Benefit for Hospice

June 6th (5:00 pm)

A Service of Choral Evensong

June 21st—25th

Vacation Bible School

June 27—July 2nd

Camp Discovery

