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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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SAVE THESE DATES

November 29th (7pm)
Advent Lovefeast
in the Moravian Tradition

December 19th (5pm)
Third Annual Service of
Nine Lessons and Carols

December 24th (Christmas Eve)
Paper Bag Pageant—5pm

A Service of Readings with Holy Communion
7pm

A Candlelight Service of Holy Communion
11pm (Festive Voluntary begins at 10:30pm)



Old Fashioned Hanging of the Greens will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, December 1**. Come back in time with us and enjoy the fun. Help us decorate the tree with stringed popcorn, paper chain links and much more. This is truly a great time of fellowship. Supper will be from 5:30-6:30 pm (reservations needed by Monday, November 29). The festivities will begin at 6:30 pm. Bring your families, neighbors and friends for a fabulous time of food, fellowship and fun!

journey@first

“In His Steps” will be the message delivered by Julie O’Neal for *journey@first* Worship Service on November 21 at 9:00 am in the Chapel. Your commitment cards may be turned in at this service as we celebrate Commitment Sunday. Steve Sherriff will lead a guided meditation before the message is delivered.

Also, at 9:30 am the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served at the end of the *journey@first* Worship Service and anyone that would like to come and participate in this portion of the service is welcome. If you have just left the 8:30 am service or if you may be arriving for Sunday school, you are invited to the Chapel to join us for the service of Holy Communion. All are invited to His Holy Table.

journey@first continues to offer a service the third Sunday of each month that provides a time for worship in our beautiful Chapel. Please join us in November when we will be celebrating two years of offering a special type of worship for God’s people. Non-perishable goods will be accepted and blessed for distribution to Rowan Helping Ministries.

**The Church Office will be
closed Wednesday, November
24th (at noon) through
Friday, November 26th
for Thanksgiving!**

News You Can Use

Financial Update

Contributions:	
YTD Actual Giving	472,554
YTD Budget	<u>514,277</u>
Difference	41,723
Expenses:	
YTD Actual	541,987
YTD Budget	<u>586,707</u>
Difference	44,720

Net Cash Flow

Difference	2,997
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Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support of our church ministry. We now have available direct deposit for your contributions. Forms are available in the church office.

Commitment Sunday

Our stewardship campaign this year calls us to commit to walk **“In His Steps”** in 2011 in supporting His church with our prayers, presence, service, and gifts; serving within our church family, our community, and beyond. We invite you to bring your commitment card to the altar on Sunday, **November 21** as we, as a church family, ask God to accept and consecrate our commitments. If you would like to turn in your card early, those cards will be placed on the altar too. If you have not received your stewardship envelope, please contact the church office.

You will notice that there is a commitment card for each age level: adult, youth (middle school and high school), and child (5 years old – 5th grade). Additional cards are available in the church office. The adult card includes two columns, so couples can use the male and female columns, sharing one card.

We hope the Devotional Guide will help you and your family as you prayerfully consider your commitment for 2011 to support His church, to

serve in specific ministry (or ministries), and to support His church financially. In the financial part of the card, you will be able to pledge to give to the Operating Budget (ministry and support budget), to Major Repairs (maintenance fund for existing facilities, formerly called Capital Fund), and to make a new or increased pledge to the New Building Fund. Do not include existing or past pledges to the Building Fund.

In the Serve part of the card, please mark the ministry (or ministries) in which you plan to serve in 2011. Names will be provided to the appropriate ministry leaders. January will be a time of church-wide training, a time of welcoming and equipping new persons into ministry areas and reflecting on how we, through our ministries, will walk “In His Steps” in the new year. Please include the ministries you are currently involved in and plan to continue, as well as any new commitments. If you want more information about the ministries of our church, Ministry Directories are available in the main entrances to the sanctuary. You may also contact the specific ministry leader or Elaine Hewitt, Director of Lay and Welcome Ministries.

See you on November 21, Commitment Sunday.

It is time to order your white poinsettias! You will find an order form in the bulletin beginning November 14. The cost of the poinsettias is \$8.00 each, and **the deadline for placing an order is December 13.** The poinsettias will be coming from Weddington’s Green House in China Grove. We have 100 poinsettias available, so please place your order soon. **When placing your order, please be sure to include your order form with your payment.** If you will not be here for our Christmas Eve services, please pick up your poinsettias after the 11:00 worship service on December 19. If you are planning on being at the church on December 24, please wait and pick up your poinsettias after the last service you attend on that day.

Pastor's Note Pad

What did Jesus look like? Did he have blue eyes or brown? Was he tall or would he have had to stand on a hill in order for a crowd to see him? All of that breaking bread that he did with his friends-- did it show around his mid-section or did the seemingly endless walking from village to village keep those carbohydrates in check?

Nothing in the New Testament tells us about the physical attributes of Jesus during his earthly life. The early biographers of Jesus: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, described what he did and who he was, but not what he looked like.

Artists have tended to portray Jesus in a manner that mimics either the culture of the artist or the perceived culture of the church. In other words, even though Jesus was born in the Middle East region into a Jewish family, he is rarely depicted with the physical attributes of Middle Easterners. Surely the biblical biographers would have mentioned the contrast if Jesus had looked so unlike those around him.

Scholars and anthropologists have speculated on Jesus' physical appearance. From the currently popular field of forensic science has come a description: the average build of a Jewish male at the time of Jesus was 5 ft. 1 in., with an average weight of about 110 pounds. "Since Jesus worked outdoors as a carpenter until he was about 30 years old, it is reasonable to assume he was more muscular and physically fit than westernized portraits suggest. His face was probably weather-beaten, which would have made him appear older, as well," according to, of all sources, Popular Mechanics (December 2002). So what *did* Jesus look like? Or more pertinently, What *does* Jesus look like?

Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me."

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Matthew 25:34-40, Contemporary English Version.

If we wish to see what Jesus looks like, we should look at those he came to serve. The same early biographers who neglected to give us physical descriptions gave us plenty of evidence with which to form our answer. In the gospels, Jesus talked with a rich man and a tax collector, a synagogue leader and an insane hermit, an expert in the law and a criminal, a king and a poor widow, the Roman governor and a blind beggar. Jesus conversed with a group of children who loved him and an angry mob who hated him, Jewish politicians and lowly fishermen, educated religious leaders and uncultivated foreigners. And Jesus, who willingly engaged in dialogue with all of those, still talks with us today.

What does Jesus look like? Look around.

Julie

FRIDAYS@FIRST: AN ADVENT SERIES

All concerts are free with a light lunch following in the fellowship hall. Donations accepted.

December 3 (Noon):

Christopher Jacobson, organist
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, SC

December 10 (Noon):

Festive Music for String Quartet

December 17 (Noon):

Holiday Bluegrass: Matthew Weaver and Friends

FIRSTARTS PRESENTS
**MUSIC OF
HEROIC PATRIOTISM:
A SALUTE TO VETERANS**

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 11TH—7PM
(VETERAN'S DAY)**

West Forsyth High School
Wind Ensemble
Jim Kirkpatrick, Conductor

*An offering will be received for the
Music Memorial Fund.*

Cool Kids!

November Birthdays

10 Taylor Conrad
12 Rylee Hedrick
28 Rachel Seifert

**WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR
THE KIDS OF FUMC**

First Family Kids on Wednesday night is for kids ages 3 years old to 5th grade. They will have a Bible Story and time for crafts. The kids will be learning Bible verses and having a time for fun and fellowship. They meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00 pm in the 3-4 year old classroom. Please join

us and bring your friends. This is an awesome time of being with your friends and learning more about the Bible. We will pack Operation Christmas Child boxes soon.

P.A.W.S. for kids in grades 1st-5th They are dismissed from the 11:00 am worship and will meet in the chapel for their own worship service. This is not only a time of worship, but a great chance to learn why we worship the way we do. We will be dismissed from the service after the Moments for Children.

UMF Kids Mark your calendars:

Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 19th 2010

5:30-10:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 4th, 2010

9:00-11:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Ice Skating (Winston-Salem)

Sunday, January 9, 2011

After the 11:00am worship (more information coming)

PAWS HINT: How many weeks are in Advent? What are the colors on the Advent wreath? What is the center one for, and when do we light that one? (25 points) Please write down your answer on paper and turn into Samantha.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated candy, Little Debbie's and pies for the fall carnival. We had a great time-over 180 people attended! Thank you, too, to Lynn and Abner Withers for decorating Boo Street for our trick or treating. Every year it gets better!

If any elementary children are interested in summer camp, Camp Tekoa located in Hendersonville, NC has their brochure out with their schedule. You may also go to their website www.camptekoa.org for more information. If you are interested, please see Samantha, and we can talk about a scholarship.

HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

Adopt A School—Update

We currently have 29 giving their time and talents to Isenberg School. We've started a new program in the kindergarten classes this year. We offer a lunch/story time volunteer to work with these students. We are currently serving 5 students each week with Backpacks. The UMW Circles are busy filling grocery baskets to be given to needy families at Thanksgiving.

Our Tissues for Teachers was a huge success, and the teachers are very grateful. New students arriving at the school with no supplies are given a new book bag filled with school supplies.

All of these projects were completed through your very generous contributions. Our program is successful because we believe in and support the missions of FUMC.

The circles of the **United Methodist Women** will meet as follows: Monday, November 1: Mary-Martha—10:30 am, church parlor; Hannah—6:00 pm, at the home of Mary Roakes; Abigail—12:30 pm, church media room; Susanna—6:30 pm, church conference room; *Ruth—7:00 pm, church parlor; Tuesday, November 2: Eve—9:00 am, church parlor. *Our newest circle especially for young working women! Ruth Circle will have its first meeting on November 1!

A reminder - calling all UMW officers and chairs! The Salisbury District UMW leadership event will be held at Central United Methodist in Concord on Sunday, November 7 from 2:15 pm to 4:30 pm. Directions to Central United Methodist, 30 Union Street, Concord, NC 28025 from Salisbury: I-85 south to Exit 58 toward Monroe/Concord/Hwy 29/601. Go 1.4 miles (four traffic lights). Bear slightly to left to Church Street. Go 1.5 miles. Turn right on Buffalo, then left onto Union Street North. Go 0.6 miles. Church will be on left.

We will be **decorating the church for Christmas** on Sunday, November 21 at 2:00 pm. If you are willing and able, please come and join us. Childcare is available. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Roakes at sroakes@carolina.rr.com or 704-213-6250.

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

If you are interested in packing a box or two, or more, for OCC, please get a shoe box and brochure from Samantha. Once your box or boxes are completed, please turn them into Samantha with the right amount of money for shipping per box. She will take them to the drop off location during the week of November 14. We hope this provides an opportunity for you and your children or grandchildren to serve others in a special way!

Adults 55 and Over... The Methodist Connection

invites you to come get Connected with friends as they Celebrate Thanksgiving with a covered-dish luncheon in the church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 9, 12:00 noon. Come bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and join in the fun, fellowship, and good food. You may register in the church office or call the office at 704-636-3121. Also, you are invited to bring pencils for the Isenberg School children. We are pleased to have a "Special Musical Program" brought to us by "The Trinity Oaks" Singers and Ringers. Formed in 2007, the Singers are directed by Mrs. Rosemary Kinard, Associate Parish Musician of St. John's Lutheran Church. The Ringers are directed by Mr. Karl Kinard, Music Director Emeritus also of St. John's. (A 3 octave set of hand-chimes are used). Music Ministries Director at St. John's, Mr. Rob Durocher, will be at the piano. The 36 member group, residents of Trinity Oaks who are 60 years of age and older, shared their beautiful music with us at our Christmas Luncheon on December 11, 2001. Our own Catherine Hall is one of the members.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on **Saturday, December 4 from 9:00-11:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person, maximum is \$15 per family. Crafts, gingerbread houses, pictures with Santa and much, much more! **Please RSVP by November 30**, by signing up on the bulletin board in the education hallway or e-mailing Samantha (samantha@fumcsalisbury.org) with the name and number of people attending. This will help the Children's Ministry Team plan for breakfast and crafts.

Service Opportunities and Recognition

Dear Church Family,
Words are not enough to express all the caring and love we have felt from you during this difficult time. The prayers, calls, cards, and meals have been such a blessing to us. You each are so special to us. We have always felt the “family” love at FUMC. Thank you so much for your love and support. *Bill and Kathi Welborn*

Our sincere “thank you” to Samantha Wesley, Adam Sproles, Bob Harkrader, Henry Buck and Steve Haines for all the assistance with the Hoe Down.
Tom and Barbara Langford

One Church One Child Ministry Thanks You For Your Support

Barbara Langford and Laura Collins attended a coordinator’s meeting this month. We are happy to report the Program Donations from January 2007-October 2010 are astoundingly exciting. \$20,971.09 was donated monetarily, as well as 828 material goods and gift cards assisted 710 children in Rowan County foster care.

There are 3 events that we would like to inform you about, but most of all we ask for your continued prayers for this wonderful mission for children in foster care.

First and most recently, an assistance center was opened at 1312 North Main Street UMC for these foster children to come with their DSS social worker or foster parent. This is now a permanent location for donation of material goods. It is open on Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-4:30 pm, and we are in NEED of VOLUNTEERS as sorters, client assistances, donation receivers, and donation pick-ups. Please call Jon Hunter at 704-267-7996 if you can volunteer your time. Assistance is needed on the following days: November 1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 22, and 29.

Secondly, we are in need of the following material goods: all sizes of girls’ clothes from infant to size 24, especially winter coats; boys’ clothes, especially winter coats; diapers and wipes; toddler-size 16 in underwear for boys and girls; paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, brooms and mops, dishwashing soap, detergent; walkers, high chairs, Pack-N-Plays, baby formula, cribs and mattresses, crib sheets, twin and full sheets, blankets and bedspreads; twin bed frames,

mattresses, and box, toddler beds and mattresses. There will be a drop off box labeled One Child One Church outside Samantha Wesley’s office for clothes and smaller items. If you need a larger item picked up, please contact Laura Collins at 704-202-6199 or Barbara Langford at 704-639-0850.

Third, again this year we will have the Christmas Star Program. If you or your family would like to bring Christmas happiness to a foster care child, please contact Barbara Langford or Laura Collins so we can distribute the special star to you in November. Gifts or gift cards of no more than \$30 will then be picked up the week of December 13 and taken to DSS social workers, who will deliver these gifts to the children’s homes.

God Bless each of you for your continued caring and generosity, *Laura Collins and Barbara Langford*

Advent Bible Study—Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent

Leader: Julie O’Neal; **When:** Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15, and 22; **Time:** 6:30-7:30 pm; **Who:** Men and Women; **Cost of Book:** \$11.00; Description of the study: How many times have you tried to reduce the stress and hurry of Christmas by making Advent a more spiritual time? And how often do you find that your efforts to be more spiritual only intensify your stress by becoming one more complicated thing on your already long list of things to do? What if this year you found a devotional practice that offered more rest, more quiet, more room in your heart for the Christ child to be born? *Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent* is a resource that individuals and small groups can use to help them focus, rest, and renew spiritually. For the four weeks of Advent, participants will focus on a single word and a single, simple prayer practice that does not require extensive preparation or previous experience. Readings for each week offer creative reflections rooted in scripture, and engaging questions that stimulate our anticipation for a meaningful Christmas season. This year, instead of doing more, moving faster, trying harder to cram it all in, do less scurrying, and more reflecting; less worrying and more connecting, with the graceful and grace-filled wisdom of *Simply Wait*. **A sign-up sheet is on the education bulletin board.**

THOSE SERVING ON SUNDAYS

November 7

Acolytes

8:30: Kaleb Robinson
11:00: Elle Wimmer, Michael Anderson, Heather Carmichael

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

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

November 14

Acolytes

8:30: Morgan Warren
11:00: Jacob Daye, Wes Fazia
Susan Barker Fowler

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
Dennis and Kristen Barber

November 21

Acolytes

8:30: Steven Anderson
11:00: Jake Goodnight,
Matthew Langford,
Chloe McGee

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
Sue Bivens; Lisa Hinson

November 28

Acolytes

8:30: Marissa Brinkley
11:00: Mary Seifert, Callie Slife, Josh Smith

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

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

ON CALL SCHEDULE

November 5-November 7

Steve Haines

November 12-November 14

Steve Haines

November 19-November 21

Julie O'Neal

November 26-November 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

November 7 Nancy Wyrick

November 14 Karla Swanson

November 21 Hilda Pyatt

November 28 Doug & Pam Leonard

ALTAR GUILD

8:30

Beverly Poole

11:00

Camille Reische

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN

November 7 No Moments for Children

November 14 Jason Walser

November 21 No Moments for Children

November 28 Linne' Wallace

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Friday Hospital Visits

November 5 Phyllis Hanna

November 12 Jay Hughes

November 19 Barbara Langford

November 26 Brenda Loflin

THE SUNDAY PULPIT

November 7 Julie O'Neal

November 14 Steve Haines

November 21 Steve Haines

November 28 Steve Haines

NOVEMBER USHERS

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

11:00 Worship Bill Noell, Capt.; Dave McCoy, Julie Gainer, Barry Gainer, Steve Hatley, Nancy Sherriff, Steve Sherriff, George Shuler, Bill Osborne, Linne' Wallace

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)

November 3 Golden Rule

November 10 Choir

November 17 Christian Forum

November 24 No Meal

**The Church Office
will be closed Thursday,
November 11th for
Veteran's Day!**

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On-line calendar on the News and Events page

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After-School Care: 704-433-6679

Preschool: 704-636-3121

www.firstmethodistpreschool.org



Attention all women! Mark your calendars and get ready!

The 2010 Women's Beach Retreat will be held from March 17-20, 2011, at Ocean Isle Beach, NC. The cost for the retreat is \$150. A **\$75 non-refundable**

deposit is due when you sign up. Sign-ups will begin **November 7**. No, this is not a typo. This is different from years past. Policies have changed with our rental company, and we need to pay for part of the rental of the house in January and then the final payment in February. The sign-up sheet will be on Samantha's door, and your deposit is due when you sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha or Mary Jane Thompson. We look forward to another great time at the beach for good food, fun and spiritual enlightenment.

The United Methodist Women of FUMC have presented Lynn Withers with the UMW Person of the Year Award on Sunday, October 24th. Lynn's work in the church, community, and within the United Methodist Women as co-president has provided our congregation with an example of Christian servanthood. The Person of the Year receives a Special Mission Recognitions small gold oval cross and flame pin and certificate, with the funds used to purchase the pin going towards mission work through the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church.

FUMC Ministry Team

Senior Pastor:	Steve Haines*
Associate Pastor:	Julie O'Neal*
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:	Kimberly Johnson*
Director of Lay Ministry:	Elaine Hewitt*
Administrative Assistant:	April Elrod*
Building Superintendent:	Murl Leazer
CDC Director:	Vickie Wood
Preschool Director:	Lindsay Wineka
ASC Director:	Salem Dietz

If you are a Facebook user, please click "like" on the ***First United Methodist Church Salisbury*** Facebook page. Clicking "like" on this page is an easy way to let others know of your interest and involvement in your church. Thanks!

One Sweet Deal

A Building Fundraiser for First United Methodist Church

These sweet potatoes are grown in Stokes County, North Carolina. Beauregard is an orange fleshed sweet potato. Stokes Purple is a little drier (less sweet) taste with a bright purple color. It can be used as any other sweet potato. A recipe sheet will be provided with each order. Price is \$10 for 10 pounds or \$6 for 5 pounds. Please turn in orders by Sunday, November 7. Potatoes will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, November 10 and Sunday, November 14. Order forms are in the church office.



A huge thank you to the Langford's for their hospitality and kindness in hosting the Fall Hoe Down this year. We had a great time and enjoyed all the festivities. Thanks again.