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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.*

September 2010

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First Family Celebration (FFC) will kick off on Wednesday, September 8th! Danny Hunt and his fabulous kitchen crew will be back again to serve us some wonderful and tasty meals. This year's dinner service will be from 5:30-6:30 pm. **The cost of the meals is as follows: adults (12 years old and up) \$6.00; children (7-11 years old) \$3.00; children (0-6 years old) \$1.50. For take outs, please add \$1.00 per take out meal.** Maximum charge per families is \$24.00. We will not be taking standing reservations for the year. Please sign up with the reservation cards, which you can do a week in advance or call the church office by noon on Mondays. On September 8th, there will be a special program for the evening beginning at 6:15 pm. Please join us for good food, fun and fellowship! Small groups will begin during the week of September 14th, including the kids and youth studies.

The Evangelism Committee has planned for the congregation to join them for "Invite a Friend" Sunday. These will be held periodically throughout the year. **The first event will be "Invite a Hero" day on Sunday, September 12.** Members are asked to invite someone they consider to be their "Hero!" This could be a close friend, neighbor, co-worker, community helper, family member, etc. Invite them to the 11:00 am worship service and ask them to stay for a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. All are asked to bring a covered dish to share. The entire congregation is invited to the

luncheon. Take a few minutes to think of your hero and how much you would love to honor them!

Journey@First

The journey@First worship service on September 19 at 9:00 am in the Chapel will offer a time for meditation on selected Psalms and the sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered. All of the books of the Bible are God's words of instruction and comfort to mankind except for Psalms. Psalms are the words man says to God.

As noted last month, the format for "journey" has changed, and it was well received in August. Many commented on the opportunity to be still and reflect on the meditation offered and the serving of the sacrament of Holy Communion. We give thanks for the music that Judy Fowler presented last month and welcome her back for our service in September.

Non-perishable goods will be collected for Rowan Helping Ministries.

**The Church Office will
be closed Monday,
September 6th
for Labor Day!**

News You Can Use

Reminder! We will have an **Isenberg Mentors Meeting** on Wednesday, September 8th at 9:00 am in the Media Room. It is very important that you attend!

Prospective and New Members

Want to know more about First United Methodist Church? Join us for our fall Get Acquainted Luncheon and Connecting 101 class. Following the class, October 17 will be a New Member Sunday, an opportunity to commit to discipleship through our congregation.

Connecting 101. Our Connecting 101 class will be on Sundays, September 12 through October 10, 9:45-10:45 am, in the Conference Room (Room 106). The purpose of Connecting 101 is to help those who worship with us to understand what it means to belong to First United Methodist, not just to join. We look at connecting with Jesus Christ, connecting with United Methodist history and theology, and connecting with active ministry through and beyond our congregation. If you have any questions, contact Elaine Hewitt (Director of Lay and Welcome Ministries, 704-636-3121, elaine@fumcsalisbury.org). Walk-ins are welcome, but advance notice is very helpful. Nursery and Sunday school classes for all ages are available at the same hour.

The Get Acquainted Luncheon will be Sunday, October 3 in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 service. Meet the staff, one another, and find out more about the ministries of our congregation. Please contact the office to make a reservation for the luncheon no later than Wednesday, September 29, giving your names and the number attending. At that time, let us know if you need child care for pre-school aged children. Children are welcome in the luncheon.

Adults 55 and over! Summer is almost over, and it's time to re-connect with old friends and get connected with new ones. Come enjoy good food, fun and fellowship with the **Methodist Connection Group** covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, September 14, 12:00 noon, in the church Fellowship Hall. Mr. Larry Chastain will entertain us with his "special" songs and music. Make plans to come

celebrate "Apple Fest" and Get Connected with the Methodist Connection! For your convenience, a sign-up sheet is in the church office or you may call the office. You are invited to bring pencils to help fill a "Pencil Box" for the Isenberg School children.

Financial Update

Contributions

Year to Date Giving	360,371
Budget	<u>431,667</u>
Difference	-71,296

Expenses

Year to Date Expenses	416,884
Budget	<u>449,640</u>
Difference	32,786

Year to Date Deficit	<u>-38,510</u>
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FIRSTARTS | SEASON 3

FÊTE D'ORGUE!

ORGAN FIREWORKS FROM FRANCE

ADAM WARD

ORGANIST IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010
7PM

AN OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED
FOR THE MUSIC MEMORIAL FUND.

*A full calendar of events may be found
in the Tower Room and Narthex.*

Pastor's Note Pad

Barking Up the Right Tree

Julie E. O'Neal

Associate Pastor

My husband is a dog person, and during our twenty-four years of marriage I have learned to appreciate dogs, too. I have observed that people who say they love dogs vary widely in their expectations of their animals.

First there is the inside-outside question. Some people are appalled that dogs would be allowed in the house, others are shocked that a loving owner would make a dog sleep outside. Once inside (if allowed), where in the house the dog is welcomed is a variable. In the mud room? Sure. In the kitchen? Yuck. In the living room? Well, if the children are allowed in there. In the bedroom? For some, "love me, love my dog" would seem to be the rule, while for others, "lie down with dogs, get up with fleas" is the motto. Is the cut-rate bulk-buy chow good enough for your chow? Or must Fido feast on food much fancier? Do you spray off the dog with the garden hose twice a year whether she needs it or not or does the local groomer see Fifi more frequently than Floyd the barber sees you? And what kind of behavior is acceptable from our canines? Some owners apparently desire the guttural growl of a grouchy pooch to serve as a deterrent to would-be intruders. Some, though, will try to insist that their dogs greet visiting humans in a friendly manner, tails awag.

A dog owner making any of the preceding choices can claim, rightly, to love his or her dog. There is not a right or wrong answer to the inside-outside question. However, there are certain behaviors of humans which, if we observed them, would lead us to conclude that the human did not love the dog. Failure to feed or shelter a dog, or complete absence of veterinary care, or abuse of the animal indicate that the dog owner, despite what he or she might claim, fails to love the dog.

Many people, similarly, claim to love their church. There are those who exhibit their love by attending every function, or who contribute a tenth of their income to the church. Some express their love through participation in the mission field, others who quietly send cards to individuals within their congregation. Some become members of the choir, and others regulate the volume of their own less-than-pleasing voices during hymn singing to express their love for their church. One steadfastly continues attendance at the church of her mother and father while another helps begin a new church in a neighborhood unlike that her mother and father might have known. All these practices indicate the love the congregant holds for Christ's Body, the Church.

But there are certain behaviors of Christians which, if we observed them, would lead us to conclude that those Christians fail to love the church. Withholding financial support from the church represents a lack of love. Not attending worship when one is capable of grocery shopping indicates an absence of love. And believing that it is not necessary to love the people of the church, including its leaders, reflects a failure of love.

There are many ways that the members of Christ's Body can show the world that they love the church. Sadly, a proclamation of love towards the church can be disproved to the world if members fail to act in a Christ-like manner. Those poor behaviors won't get you on Animal Planet, but be aware, someone is still watching.

Youth News

Come to FUMC Youth! Live, Love & Learn through Jesus!

Regular Meeting Schedule: 5:30 pm recreation, 6:00 meal, 6:30 fellowship, 7:15-7:30 closing

This has been a busy summer, full of trips with school and vacations with family, for our youth. Alex Wimmer went to England with Oxford Prep. Cydney Arey traveled with Teens Westward Bound. Luke Miller went to North Dakota with JCL. Not to mention the summer schedule with movies, rafting, and a day at Dan Nicolas Park. We had Senior High and Middle School Mission Trips, and many of our youth attended Boy Scout camp. We are going to miss the senior class that has started college, but are happy to have all of our youth back home safely and ready to start a new year of youth.

September Birthdays

David Means-7	Christian Lewis-13
Drake Burlingham- 20	Jacob Daye-22
Braxton Whitaker-25	

Youth News

Cleesie Whittington made the Varsity Volleyball at Salisbury

Grace Fazia made the JV Volleyball at Salisbury

September\October

September 6 - No Youth/Labor Day
12 - Youth Meeting (Textember) – First Youth Meeting/Parent Meeting at 5:00 pm
19/26 - Youth Meeting – Textember Continues
October 3 – UMAR (leaving at 5:00 pm)
10- Church-Wide Hoedown
17- Youth Meeting
22-24 – Tsunami FX09

Wednesday Evening Bible Study starts back on September 15 at 6:30 pm

Parents

Complete the consent form and return to Adam, or put it in his box in the church office. Sign up to prepare a meal for youth on Sunday nights.

Cool Kids!

September Birthdays

18	Liam McGee
19	Hill Fowler
23	Caelyn Michael
29	Corbin Barber

Mark your calendars!

Fall Carnival

Wednesday, October 20th

First United Methodist Church Salisbury

5:30-6:30 pm Supper

(Reservations for supper need to be made by Monday, October 18th)

6:30 pm, games and costume parade

7:15 pm, trick or treating upstairs

On our very own Halloween Street

All are invited to come and join the fun!

First Family Kids program: First Kids will begin on **Wednesday, September 15th from 6:15-7:15 pm**. This will be an awesome time of crafts, Bible stories and play time. Please join us and bring your friends. This program will be offered every Wednesday. See you then!

Attention 1st-5th graders...P.A.W.S. (Praise and Worship Service for Kids) will begin on Sunday, September 19th. We will be dismissed after the Moments for Children at the 11:00 am worship service and go to the chapel. PAWS is a worship service with conversation, fun and learning about why we worship the way we do. Come ready to learn about God and worship Him! Tell your neighbors, and bring your friends! If you have any questions, please contact Samantha.

HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

Small Group Opportunities at First United Methodist Church of Salisbury

(All sign ups are located on the bulletin board in the hallway next to Samantha's office)

Men's Bible Study

Facilitator: Steve Haines; **Day Offered:** Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am (in Conference Room) **OR** Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm (in Pairs & Spares Room); Beginning Tuesday, September 14; Book: TBD

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

When God Winks at You: How God Speaks Directly to You Through the Power of Coincidence

Those extraordinary little events in your life that happen for a reason. A coincidence-sometimes a silly little thing-changes the course of your day... or even your life. Is it chance, or is God communicating with you? When God Winks at You is packed with true stories demonstrating that God does communicate with us, making incredible things happen in our lives every single day. As you read the riveting accounts of everyday and famous people-including Tim Conway, Rudolph Giuliani, Billy Graham, and Don Knotts-you will begin to recognize the godwinks in your own life, both past and present. Through these tangible signposts from God, we receive personalized messages that reassure us, stop us from worrying, chart our path in life, and help us keep the faith. **Facilitator:** Samantha Wesley; **Day Offered:** Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am **OR** Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm; Beginning Tuesday, September 14; **Cost of Book:** \$12.25

Useful Legal Information 101

In this four-week class, attorneys Susan Shumaker and Eddie Nicholson will give common-sense talks about several kinds of legal issues that you and your family members may face. 9/15 - Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney; 9/22 - Wills and Other Estate Planning Documents; 9/29 - Lawsuits and Other Disputes; 10/6 - TBA (based on class interests); Day Offered: Wednesday evenings 6:15 pm; Beginning September 15

Invitation to the New Testament Short Term Disciple Course

Explore the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This survey of the testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith. Participants find a deeper conversation with the writers of the NT and a renewal of our commitment to be

shaped--personally and communally--by the story of Jesus. In the weekly video segments, listen as scholars fascinate you with facts and information that opens new understanding and enlightenment for your group. In the second video, sit in on a table conversation between guest scholars and debate key issues in the text. Sessions: 1. Jesus Calls Us Into God's Redemption Story; 2. Jesus Calls Us to a Transformed Life; 3. Jesus Calls Us to Minister to a Hostile World; 4. Jesus Calls Us to Complex Communities of Faith; 5. Jesus Calls Us to Serve One Another; 6. Jesus Calls Us to a New Relationship With Tradition; 7. Jesus Calls Us to Live in Light of His Coming Again; 8. Jesus Calls Us to Experience the Gifts of His Dying and Rising; **Facilitator:** Butch Clements or another leader; **Day Offered:** Wednesday evenings 6:15 pm; Study begins September 15; **Cost of book:** \$10.00

Christian Believer

The Christian Believer course examines what we believe about God, our Christian faith, and what it means to live a Christian life. The study focuses on scripture and is amplified with readings from church "fathers" including Augustine, Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Wesley. The Christian Believer course is closely related to the Disciple Bible studies. The entire course is 30 weeks long, with lessons designed for 90 minute discussions. We intend to offer the course in four "mini semesters." The first will begin September 15 and go through November 3, when we will break for Advent. The second will go through January and February, when we break for Lent. Class participants will decide the late spring and summer schedules. **Facilitator:** Butch Clements; **Day Offered:** Wednesday evenings 6:15 pm; Study begins September 15, 2010; **Cost:** \$36.00 for the workbook and the book of reading materials (one time fee).

Knitting Queens

Is a group of women who gather on Wednesday evenings to knit prayer shawls. If you would like to learn or already know how to knit or crochet please come and join this group. Enjoy the fellowship as well as knitting together. **Time:** Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm; **Place:** Church Parlor

For Kids, ages 3 yrs old-5th grade: *First Kids* is a program every Wednesday evening from 6:15-7:15 pm. They meet to learn scriptures, Bible stories, play, and crafts. There is also child care for children 0-2 years of age.

For Youth 6th-12th Grade: Bible study every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm. Join the fun and fellowship, and bring your friends! They will meet in the youth room with Adam.

Service Opportunities and Recognition

Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship. In these trying economic times, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you again for all that you do.

Chandler Johnson

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the scholarship. I very much appreciate it. It will help with college expenses.

Thanks again. *Julia Kraft*

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! It will help pay for my college tuition and other college expenses. I really appreciate your generosity! Thanks and God bless!

Elizabeth Kraft

Dear Friends,

During our recovery, your kind expressions of love and caring are greatly appreciated. The prayers, cards, flowers and phone calls have made each day brighter. The prayer shawls, purple for Sam and gold for me, bring warmth to our lives. Thank you for remembering us. First United Methodist church has been special in our lives since 1955, the year we moved to Salisbury. We treasure your friendships.

Sincerely, *Emma Lou Moore*

A huge Rally Day thank you to all our adult Sunday School classes for pitching in and providing the paper products, drinks, desserts, condiments, buns and sides. Thank you to the Adam & Eve class for the hamburgers, hot dogs, fries and for cooking and cleaning up. A special thanks to Bob Roakes and Steve Sherriff, our grill masters. It's great when we all work together and an event is so successfully attended and enjoyed. Thank you again for all your hard work and for your dedication to the Sunday School program at First Church. Thanks again!!

Many thanks to all for your support of the recent fund raiser for the Ghana Mission trip, to all who gave so generously, and especially to Walter Maxwell who made DVDs of the program, and to Matt Brown who played the organ and the piano so beautifully. We ask for your continued prayers as we leave for Ghana on August 26. *Gordon Senter*

First United Methodist Church Participates In Food Distribution for the Society of St. Andrew

The Society of St. Andrew is a grassroots, faith-based, hunger relief nonprofit organization working with all denominations to bridge the hunger gap between 96 billion pounds of food wasted every year in this country and the nearly 40 million Americans who live in poverty. The Society relies on support from donors, volunteers, and farmers as nutritious excess produce is gleaned from farmers' fields and orchards after harvest and is delivered to people in need across the United States.

First United Methodist Church is giving support to the mission of the Society of St. Andrew by helping with the distribution of produce to those in need within our area. In the last month volunteers from our church and Milford Hills United Methodist Church have joined together to distribute a truck load each of peaches and tomatoes in our area which included delivery to Rowan Helping Ministries, the Salvation Army, and public housing areas within the city.

My thanks goes to Betty Jo Hardy and members of Milford Hills United Methodist Church and their youth along with Nancy and Steve Schoch, Adam Sproles and youth from our church for helping with the recent distribution of tomatoes. How wonderful to work side by side with the youth as we knocked on doors and chatted with the residents within public housing areas as we offered a bag of tomatoes. The thank yous given and the smiles received were a welcome praise as we were walking in almost 100 degree temperatures.

We may only receive a day or an hour's notice when produce may be picked up or gleaned from the fields for distribution. If you are willing to volunteer in this wonderful ministry, please call the church and leave your name and number or contact Brenda Loflin who is serving on the committee for St. Andrew within Rowan County for more information concerning this wonderful ministry. *Brenda Loflin*

THOSE SERVING ON SUNDAYS

September 5

Acolytes

8:30: Cleesie Whittington
11:00: Matthew Langford,
Mary Seifert, Callie Slife

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

Lisa Hinson
Children's Church (ages 3, 4, 5):
Jason and Tracy Walser

September 12

Acolytes

8:30: Andrew Newman
11:00: Josh Smith, Amelia Steinman, Will Steinman

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

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

September 19

Acolytes

8:30: Neely Whittington
11:00: Alex Warren, Parker Williams, Elle Wimmer

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

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

September 26

Acolytes

8:30: Susan Barker Fowler
11:00: Michael Anderson,
Heather Carmichael,
Jacob Daye

Nursery

Nurseries are available for 0-2 years of age:

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

ON CALL SCHEDULE

September 3-September 5

Steve Haines

September 10-September 12

Julie O'Neal

September 17-September 19

Steve Haines

September 24-September 26

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

September 5 Carmen Shepler

September 12 Larry & Pam Cordts

September 19 Bobbie Melton; Linne' Wallace

September 26 Neal & Sandy Powell

ALTAR GUILD

8:30

TBD

11:00

TBD

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN

September 5 Bobbie Melton

September 12 Jason Walser

September 19 Samantha Wesley

September 26 Linne' Wallace

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Friday Hospital Visits

September 3 Bobbie Melton

September 10 Hilda Pyatt

September 17 Bob Roakes

September 24 Betty Smyth

THE SUNDAY PULPIT

September 5 Steve Haines

September 12 Steve Haines

September 19 Steve Haines

September 26 Lacey Warner

Parker Preaching and Teaching Mission

SEPTEMBER 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, Shakira Humble

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)

September 8 Adam & Eve

September 15 Choir

September 22 Discovery

September 29 Seekers

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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

Ralph and Julie Baker of Ralph Baker Shoes have graciously said that any shoes they sell during the month of September, where the receipts are turned into First United Methodist Church, they will donate ten percent of those receipts to the church's Building Fund. So, if you have been thinking about getting a new pair of shoes, now would be the time to go to Baker's and then turn in your receipt to the church office.

UMW Members... Save This Date—September 11, 2010! The UMW General Meeting will be a brunch in the Fellowship Hall and will begin at 9:30 am. Our guest speaker will be Karen Puckett, the media specialist at Isenberg Elementary School, who will speak on Raising Sudan—A Grass Roots Effort to Build Schools. A couple of young men from the Charlotte area may be attending the meeting with Ms. Puckett. These are boys from Sudan who co-authored the book, *They Rained Fire on Us from the Sky*. It is suggested that circle members provide a \$5.00 donation for the brunch to go towards building schools in Sudan. Additionally, we are requesting that UMW members bring either a box of tissues and/or hand sanitizer for Isenberg Elementary School.

Attention all women! Mark your calendars and get ready! The 2011 Women's Retreat will be held 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 7th**. 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

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

the final payment in February. So, we are trying to get our money in earlier. It is a learning game! **The sign-up sheet will be on Samantha's door. 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.

Parker Preaching and Teaching Mission

Our annual Parker Preaching and Teaching Mission will be on Sunday, September 26 as we welcome this year's speaker, Lacey Warner, Associate Dean for Academic Formation and Programs; Associate Professor of the Practice of Evangelism and Methodist Studies; Royce and Jane Reynolds Teaching Fellow. Dr. Warner is an authority on John Wesley and is particularly interested in renewing the passion Wesley had for leading people to Jesus Christ. This will be the theme of her message to us at both the worship services on Sunday morning, as well as in the supper workshop that evening in our Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:00 pm.

Join Bishop Larry Goodpaster and the Western North Carolina Conference for 10 Days of Biblical Discovery, **Holy Land Classic 2011** (Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem, Jericho). They will depart February 1, 2011. Your journey of a lifetime includes: roundtrip airfare, deluxe motor coaches, guided sightseeing, first class hotels, buffet breakfast and dinner daily, lecture series and more. Registration packets with more information are in the church office.