

The Wesley Times

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Ushers September 27

8:30 Mary & Billy Palmer,
Mike Eamma, Mike Frazier

8:50 Steve & Debb Chiap-
pisi, Jim Floyd, Charles
Jarrell

11:00 Don & Peggy Foose,
Ben & Betty Murph

Ushers October 4

8:30 Phil Payonk, Ashley
Murchison, Jennifer Casey

8:50 Steve Galloway, Al
O'Briant, Mike Foster, Kevin
Cowan

11:00 Sherred Weidner,
Nancy Graham, Marty Gil-
bert, Richard Andrews

Greeters September 27

8:30 Ashley & Sara Murchi-
son

8:50 Steve & Kaye Galloway

11:00 Ben & Betty Murphy
& Elizabeth Hickmon

Greeters October 4

8:30 Ron & Beau Simcoe

8:50 Hugh & Linda Caldwell

11:00 Darla Nettles & Pat
Keen

Pewpad September 27

8:30 Phil & Isabelle Payonk

11:00 Darius & Geraldine
Kepley

Pewpad October 4

8:30 Mary Ann Lewis

11:00 Johnny & Shelley Bul-
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Body Builders

September 27 Ruth Leeds
& Dona Martin

October 4 Linda & Larry
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Holly Tree

October 4 Sharon Under-
wood

WHY WE NEED COMMUNITY

It's been said that even the Lone Ranger needed Tonto. So why do so many of us think that we can live the Christian life in isolation. On any given Sunday at Wesley nearly half of those attending worship will not have a meaningful encounter with other Christians outside of the Sunday service for the rest of the week.

Studies by the Barna Group and others have found that Christians who attend a small group such as a Sunday school class, Bible study, or other Christian fellowship on a regular basis report that their walk with God is enhanced, strengthened, and they see significant growth in their spiritual life.

Last week we started our fall Wonderful Wednesday meal and Bible studies. Over 100 people are attending studies and the fellowship meal each week. People are inviting friends to the meal and studies and God is at work in their relationships.

Each Sunday over 350 people gather together for Bible study and fellowship in one of our Sunday school classes. People tell me that the relationships they make during Sunday school reconnect them with the body of Christ. The study, prayer, and fellowship they receive have made all the difference in their walk with God.

Last spring Judy and I started a small group in our home. Four other young adult couples join together for study, fellowship, and prayer. This has become the highlight of our week. Our marriages have been strengthened and our spiritual life has grown.

So many times the intentional relationships we form do not help us grow spiritually. We develop them at work, school, the gym, on a sports team, or in our neighborhood. Even relationships with other Christians, if not focused on our walk with God, can lead us down the wrong path.

One of the major components of a small community group is accountability. In our small group we talk about life issues and changes we need to make in our spiritual life and our marriages and I know that each week I will face people who will hold me accountable.

Wesley offers many doors to a small group experience. They include UMW circles, Emmaus reunion groups, Sunday school, Bible studies, and in home small groups. We also offer places of service in all of our ministries where you work with a team of people (small group) toward a common goal. These ministries are: prayer, missions, children, youth, Senior Adults, music, and many more.

Praise God because He is at work in the life of our church and in our small community groups. If He is nudging you toward a small group let us know so you can enjoy the blessing of community.

- Together we can, Steve

Visit our website at <http://www.welcometowesley.com!>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

8:30, 8:50 & 11:00 SERMON: "A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!"

SCRIPTURE: James 5:13-20

PREACHER: Rev. David Wade

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

8:30 & 11:00 - SERMON: "MORE THAN A MAN - SAVIOR!"

SCRIPTURE:

PREACHER: Rev. David Wade

8:50 SERMON: "PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY"

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:22-31

PREACHER: Rev. Margaret Hockett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR those dealing with hardships and difficult illnesses.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are now available at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services on Sunday mornings. Ask an usher if you would like to have a bulletin with larger print.

PARKING LOT MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS - Parking Lot Volunteers are needed! Enjoy some morning sunshine and greet our members and visitors! Contact Matt Rhodes at 538-2465.

UMW MEMBERSHIP DINNER VIDEO - If you are interested in viewing the video of Chief Silverheel's speech at the UMW Membership dinner you can find it at <http://www.welcometowesley.com>. Click on the "UM Women" button and it will take you to the link.

BLANKETS FOR DISASTER RELIEF! - On Sunday, September 27th, UMW in collaboration with Church World Service (CWS) will be collecting donations for Blanket Sunday. Each wool-blend blanket costs \$5. Donate, please, as you can to support those who are recovering from disaster or for the life of a person who is unable to escape the cold. Please answer this call to help. Make checks payable to UMW and place them in the collection basket. We need your help and so do those who are cold and suffering. Thank you for your support of this mission.

JOIN US! For the 8th annual Camp Meeting, September 27th - 30th at Butler's Horse Farm in Bladen County, Highway 53, 5 miles west of Elizabethtown at 7:00 pm nightly. Rev. John Ed Mathison will be the guest evangelist. Praise God through prayer, friends, fellowship, inspirational preaching and gospel music while worshiping in the outdoors! For more info Call the District Office at 762-0400.

CHURCH LANDSCAPING - If you would like to get involved in a little Wesley neighborhood civic pride project, on Saturday, October 3rd at noon, the house next to the church will be having a landscaping party. If you have some ideas, or flowers that you'd like to bring that day to donate to the cause, please call Stephen Chiappisi at 395 0057.

HEALING SERVICE - There will be a Healing Service October 4th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please join us for a casual service of meditation, communion, and healing prayers with anointing of oil. All who seek health and wholeness in body, mind, spirit, and relationships are encouraged to attend.

WESLEY'S GOT TALENT! -Mark your calendars for our church-wide talent show "Wesley's Got Talent" on October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy all the talented individuals we have in our congregation along with several of our children and adult Sunday School classes! Tickets may still be purchased for the spaghetti fund-raiser supper immediately prior to the show in the Gathering Hall after the 8:30 service and prior to the 11:00 service. There will also be tickets sold in the lobby of the gym immediately after the 8:50 contemporary service and at the Wonderful Wednesday suppers. Cost for the supper is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 12 and under. Tickets may also be purchased during the week at the church office during normal business hours. Proceeds from the supper will help send our Chancel Choir to the United Methodist Church Southeastern Jurisdiction "Choir Member Retreat" at Lake Junaluska.

CEC MEETING - The CEC will meet on Monday October 5th at 6:30 pm in room 211 (SALT Sunday School class).

CROP WALK IS COMING! - Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 11th to join your friends and neighbors in a walk around Greenfield Lake. All donations are given to organizations locally and globally who are working to overcome poverty. Registration starts at 1:30 pm across from the amphitheater. The walk takes about 2 hours and we'll have music to start us off and pizza and cold drinks at the finish. Come on out with your friends, family, Sunday school class - any group and join Wilmington as a Community Responding to Overcome Poverty. Contact Lynn Weaver at 799-9772 for more information.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD- The Administrative Board will meet Monday, October 12th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd!



MUSIC NEWS



On September 27th our special music at the 8:30 service, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" will be sung by soprano Carol Floyd. For the 11:00 service the Chancel Choir will be accompanied by Karen Squib at the organ and Bettsy Curtis at the piano on the choral anthem "In Thee Do I Put My Trust". Karen and Bettsy will also play special service music together throughout the service.

On October 4th our 8:30 service will incorporate a hymn medley of Spanish songs sung by Gerri Onoff to celebrate World Communion Sunday. The Chancel Choir will sing a South African anthem accompanied by Bettsy Curtis on the African djembe drum.

CHILDREN'S NEWS



3rd Grade BIBLE BASH was great! We had a wonderful group of 3rd graders, as we played games, had lots of food, and learned about God's word and the importance He has in our lives. A special thanks to Julie Williams and Kimberly Cockrell for being our chaperones for the Bible bash. On Sunday, we presented Bibles to our 3rd graders at our 11:00 worship. If you are a 3rd grader and were unable to receive your Bible, please contact Leslie Key at 791-4092.

Children's Sunday is coming, October 11th at both 8:30 & 11:00 worship services. All children's choirs will be participating and we'd love to have lots of children in our congregation. We also need children to help with parts of our worship, so if interested call Leslie at 791-4092 or email her at ltkey@bellsouth.net.



Upward Basketball League Registration brochures are out and registrations have begun! Our deadline is October 16, but it is on a first come, first serve basis. We have teams for boys and girls grades K-6th and this league is open to anyone in our community. Share this great league with your friends and neighbors. We also are looking for church members to coach/assistant coach, as we role model for our children good Christian character. For more information, call Leslie Key at 791-4092.

THANK YOU! - The family of Russell Lemaster would like to thank their church family for the many acts of kindness shown them after the death of Russell's mom, Earline. The visits, cards, food, and prayers were very much appreciated.



CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES NEEDED- Interdenominational teams, including people from Wesley, will be taking the Good News through Kairos Prison Ministry to residents of the Pender Correctional Institute. You can help with the success of this program by praying for the team and residents, October 1- 4th, baking cookies, or contributing to the expense of the weekend (\$5000). A gift of homemade cookies to all of the residents is an act of love that changes hearts. As you bake the cookies, please pray for the inmate who will receive them. **SPECIFICATIONS** - Bake **ONLY** sturdy, chocolate chip cookies without the addition of nuts, raisins, etc. Cookies should be 2 1/2 - 3" in diameter. A heaping teaspoonful makes the right size. Bag **COLD** cookies in 1 quart zip-lock bags (no zipper pull bags, no blue bags) with 12 cookies per bag - 4 stacks of three. Pack in boxes labeled Kairos with number of bags of cookies written on box. Cookies are needed by 11:00am Wednesday, September 30th. If you have questions please contact Darius or Geraldine Kepley (253-6584).

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of Donnie Burris by Mike & Jill Newsome, Emily Coxe, Anne & Fred Rooks, Sharon & A. Q. Smith, Robert & Debbie Orrell, and Bill and Susan Parker.

In memory of Stoney Forrest by Paul, Jane, Kyle & Cole Phillips, Tommy & Jackie Casey, Vera Forrest, Mike, Tom & John Forrest, Jo Lynn Johnson, Jerrine & Bill Taylor, Joan & Carter Mebane, Fred & Anne Rooks, Robert & Debbie Orrell, Opal Allen, Buddy & Gwen Rogers, Billie Williams, A. Q. and Sharon Smith, the Cheers Sunday School Class, Pat Keen, Sara McDowell, Phil and Beth Farmer and Vivian Dempsey.

In memory of Jack Doyle by Pat Keen.

In memory of Alan Tew by James and Tammy Hunt.

In memory of Barbara Williams, Susan Barnes mother, by Betty Forrest.

In memory of Erlene Sykes, Debbie Orrell's mother, by Fred & Anne Rooks, and Betty Forrest.

In memory of Kate Smith, Nancy Stoner's aunt, by the SALT Sunday School class.

In memory of Elizabeth Nimmons, Dona Burrell's mother, by the SALT Sunday School class.

In honor of Laura, Tim, Josh, Hunter & Jake Beasley, by Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Bynum.

In honor of Pastor David Wade and family by Ruth and Robert Patterson.

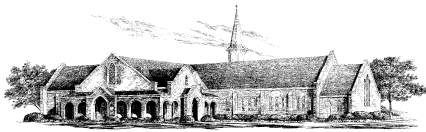
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This comes with a prayer to



*Win them to Christ, Disciple them in Christ,
Send them for Christ to serve and to witness*



"He does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number. He gives rain on the earth and sends waters on the fields" Job 5:9-10.

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday night UMYF is from 6:30-8:00 after Circuit Riders rehearsals. All youth, 6th grade -12th grade, join us for snacks, games, music, and devotion.

We are so blessed to have a large group of youth with us each Sunday night, and along with them come healthy appetites! Donations of 2 liter drinks and snacks would be greatly appreciated. Drop-off in the church office or youth lounge. Thank you in advance!

Wednesday night "RUSH", (Radically United Serving Him), has begun! Our youth RUSH hour is from 7:00-8:00 in the gym, for all 6th-12th grade students. Come join us and bring a friend! We are inviting other churches in our community to join us each week, and rotate with us with youth bands and youth sharing the message. RUSH is Youth Worship, for youth, by youth.

The Gathering Place will be open Friday, September 25th from 7:00-9:00. This is a casual gathering for those with and without disabilities high school age and up, to enjoy the game room, gym, music, food, fellowship, and even some drumming! Come join an evening of unforgettable rewards; your help is what makes it possible, and this ministry is truly meeting a need in our community. Youth and adults are needed to help set up, make new friends, and clean up. Contact Bill Parker or Kristin Bednarczyk, 791-4092, at the church to sign up.

Pumpkins are coming September 26th at 9:00am! Please come help to unload on Saturday mornings and look for the Bartlett's who are once again taking care of shift scheduling throughout the week. They will be set up in the Gathering Hall and Activity Building before and after worship services and at UMYF. Thank you in advance for supporting our youth in this blessed fundraiser.

All youth are invited to go to the District Youth Gathering in Bladen County on Saturday, September 26th. We will leave at 4:30 pm, and should return about 9:00 pm. Please bring \$2 for the meal; "Common Ground" from Methodist University will lead us in worship, and Rev. Adam Seat, a very youth passionate preacher in the NC Conference will be the guest speaker. This will be an evening of food, games, fellowship, and worship with other United Methodist youth in the Wilmington District.

Thursday October 1st from 4:00-5:00 pm, we will visit the residents in Paraclay Way at The Commons. Come to the church by 3:50 to ride the van, or meet at the nursing home beside Hoggard High School at 4:00 pm.

New 2009/2010 Youth T-Shirts are available for \$10. Make sure to get yours before supplies run out!