

# THE MESSENGER

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## FROM THE PASTORS DESK....

As we prepare for the New Year our thoughts go back to the things we experienced, enjoyed or just plain endured during the past year. It is time to think about time. What do we plan to do with the 12 months, 365 days, 8760 hours and 525,600 minutes we have ahead of us. What time will be set aside for our Lord and His church?

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The following is a helpful reminder:

People professing their faith for the first time in a United Methodist congregation take two vows dealing with time. As you witness youth and adults committing to life as disciples of Jesus Christ, among the statements you will hear them asked to agree to are:

- To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries (The Book of Discipline 2008, 217.5)
- To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts their service and their witness. (217.6)

As we agree to these vows, we commit our lives to Christ and agree to give a significant portion of our time to the ministry that United Methodists teach we are called to through our baptism.

As we open our new calendars, we see mostly empty squares before us. At year's end, will the activities, events and practices filling those spaces show us to be good stewards of the time with which God gifts us?

A calendar can help you use time wisely. You will decide what activities will fill the now-blank squares. There is information to help you plan and live out your membership vows.

Questions face us:

- Will time set for speaking and listening to God be an unbreakable appointment?
- Will worship and learning as part of the faith community be a priority?
- What will we do (or not do) to make our money and talents available for ministry?
- What will we do outside the church building that will show we are disciples of Jesus Christ?

Time is a treasure. Use it wisely.

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**TRINITY APOSTLES**

The Trinity Apostles will meet on Sunday, January 3, 2010 in the FLC immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service.

If you have ever wondered what The Emmaus Walk or the Chrysalis Flight is all about, this is the meeting to come to, to get those questions answered. During lunch there will be a question and answer time for all those questions, and to give dates for the upcoming walks and flights.

**2010 PLANNING SESSION**

The 2010 Planning session will be the week-end of January 8th and 9th. This is for all officers of the church and their committees. The following are committee chairpersons for 2010, these chairpersons should contact their committee about the planning session. If you do not have a list of the 2010 committee members, please call or stop by the church office to get a copy of these members.

Trustees—Avis Summers/Lewis  
 Cemetery—Butch Hough  
 Finance—David Stroupe  
 Bus—Doug Darnell  
 PPR—Lynne Bruce  
 Age Level—Sandra Duggins  
 Nurture—Shelly Black  
 Outreach—Mike Taormina  
 Evangelism—Wayne Privette & Mike Raynor  
 Hot Dog—Helen Kidd  
 Prayer—Sherri Barth  
 Mission Disaster—Doug Darnell  
 Playschool—Avis Summers-Lewis

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

How are those Prayer Shawls coming along? If you were not able to come to the instruction classes in December, it is not too late to begin your Prayer Shawl. The next class/instructional meeting is Saturday, January 16th at 10:00am in the FLC. Bring your yarn and needle and come join the group. The plan is to take these finished shawls to the Levine-Dickson Hospice House in February after they have been blessed during one of the Worship Services.

**ROOM IN THE INN**

The January Room In The Inn week-end is January 15th and 16th. Room In the Inn is an extension of the homeless shelter during the winter months. It is a faith based program through Urban Ministries. The Trinity Sandwich Shop makes all those sandwiches each month for these same people.

A collection basket is in the FLC to collect donated hats, gloves, scarf's, socks and underwear for men, women and children. If you would like to help during one of the week-ends give Lisa Roberts a call at 704-622-9015 or e-mail her at robertslr2003@yahoo.com

**MISSION TRIP**

January 17—22, 2010 Trinity will be sending a mission team to Georgia to help with the cleaning and rebuilding of homes that were damaged during the floods. If you would like to be a part of this group see Doug Darnell for all of the details.

**HOT DOG PROGRAM IS ON VACATION**

The Hot Dog program will be closed on Wednesday, December 23rd and December 30th. They are taking a well deserved break and will return on Wednesday, January 6th. Thank you workers for all the wonderful hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts and fellowship that you provide each Wednesday!!!

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The UMW Exec. Board will meet on Monday, January 18th at 6:00pm in the Conference Room. Those members are: Shirley Hafey, Ronna Privette, Phyllis Alexander, Cheryl Howard, Sherri Barth, Von Haverlah, Avis Summers-Lewis, Ginny Martin, Tommie Plummer, Donna Stroupe and Lisa Roberts.



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the Summers Family on the death of Mrs. Jeanne Summers this past week. Jeanne was the daughter-in-law of Mr. Harry Summers and Sister-In-Law to Mrs. Avis Summers Lewis.

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS** (12-13-09)

Budget—\$7,143.00

Montana Missions—\$25.00

Playschool Scholarship—\$80.00

A contribution has been made to the **Playschool Scholarship Fund** in memory of *Mrs. Margaret Hughes* by Eddie & Jan Watson.

A contribution has been made to the **Church Budget** in memory of *Mrs. Mary Crump* by Ron Graham.

## **FAITH FORMATION @HOME**

The Lake Norman District Spiritual Growth Team invites parents, grandparents, teachers, clergy and anyone who loves children to attend a seminar on Sunday, January 10th from 2:00—5:00pm at Davidson UMC. You will be able to choose 2 sessions to attend. They are Dads Who Disciple, Beyond Bedtime Prayers, Simply Sabbath, and Creating Space...We'd make room for God, but our calendars are full!! This is a FREE event. You can register by E-mailing [mmercuri@davidsonumc.org](mailto:mmercuri@davidsonumc.org) or call Menita Mercuri @704-892-8277. Please include the name of each participant, preferred sessions, and the ages of children for childcare.

## **I Am Your Church Envelope**

I would like to talk with you, for  
I am a part of your church life.  
I may be a complete stranger to you, but  
I can help you be a better Christian.  
I like to go to Worship on Sunday, for  
I help you to be Christ's partner.  
I am very small, but  
I am the keystone of your church program.  
I am a weekly reminder of your daily blessings.  
I dare you to be as good to God as He has been to you.  
I am only paper, but  
I carry the full gift of a generous heart.  
I am the only pocketbook you need on Sunday, and  
I promise not to be a burden.  
I am your chance to preach, for  
I am a silent sermon of your devotion.

*Anonymous*

(Just a little note to the above story...do you know who keeps the envelopes in the pews for you each Sunday? That would be Curtis Buchanan...he is very devoted to helping us be better Christians. Thank you Curtis!!!)

## **LAY SPEAKING MINSITRY**

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Speaker or in renewing your certificate the Lake Norman District will hold a Lay Speaking training course during the month of February. This will be at Assurance UMC on Monday, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22nd from 6:30pm—8:30pm each evening. The cost is \$25.00 for course materials, if you would like to get a light meal there beginning at 6:00pm there is an additional \$15.00 fee. For more information call the church office or stop by to get a registration form. These must be turned in by January 20th.



**THANK YOU** to all who once again supported Circle #1 and their annual Cookie Tray sale. The weather had us changing a few plans but it all worked out. We appreciate each of you!!!



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**JANUARY WORSHIP  
RESPONSIBILITIES**

**INFANT NURSERY**

Jan. 3—Darlene Sarcement  
Carolyn McLemore  
Jan. 10—Brent & Stacy Bradford  
Jan. 17—Carolyn & Laura Miller  
Jan. 24—Cheryl & Peter Putukian  
Jan. 31—Christie & Gus Pistolis

**TODDLER NURSERY**

Jan. 3—Ronna Privette &  
Sandra Duggins  
Jan. 10—Tami McLemore &  
Michael Thuemmel  
Jan. 17—Susan & Lee Owings  
Jan. 24—Sherri & Danny Barth  
Jan. 31—Shelly & Daniel Black

**USHERS**

Malcolm Miller (*Head*), Carolyn  
Miller, Rusty Roberts, Lisa Rob-  
erts, John McLemore

**FINANCE STEWARDS**

Finance Committee & Malcolm  
Miller

**RETIREMENT RESI-  
DENTS**

Regency Retirement Village —  
Lawrence Duke  
Shad's Landing - Lee Almond  
Olde Knox Commons at the  
Village— Patsy Ward  
Churchill Assisted Living-  
O'Neal Harpe  
Mapleleaf Healthcare Center—  
Hilda Morris

**HOMEBOUND**

Betty Johnston  
Bill Todd  
Melvin Kerns

**HOPSITAL NEWS**

Presbyterian (*Main*) -  
Buddy Kidd  
Home—Bobbie Almond  
Rilza Heglar

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**PLEASE REMEMBER  
IN PRAYERS:**

Bobbie Almond, Peggy  
Byers, Ed Butler, Leah  
Callender, Sara Forrest,  
Marshall Frazier, Rilza Heglar,  
Melvin Kerns. Buddy Kidd, Roy  
Knight, Peggy Lewis, Harry  
Summers, Megan White, Bill  
Todd.

