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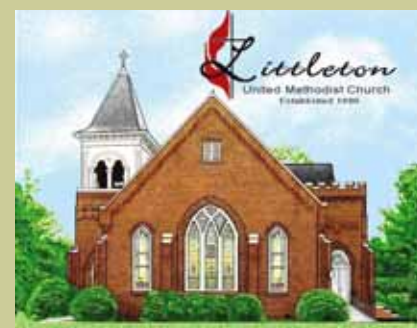
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# Big News

From

Littleton United Methodist Church



## FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor Rob Licht

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! On May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate together the Feast of Pentecost which marks the beginning of the longest season of the Church's year. The Season After Pentecost invites us to focus our attention upon numerous themes including what it means to live together as followers of Christ within the community we commonly know as "Church". In ancient Christian art, the Church is often represented as a ship or ark. In the book of Genesis, God saves and preserves Noah and his family from destruction. He bears them safely through the waters of the flood on board a leaky ark.

The early church fathers, when contemplating God's actions on behalf of a faithful Noah, came to regard the church as that place where the believer in Christ found safety and was borne along to salvation. Saint Hippolytus (d. 236) even went so far as to refer to the world "as a sea, in which the Church, like a ship, is beaten by waves but not submerged." In other words, for us and for our salvation we need the community of believers. One simply cannot live a Christian life by oneself. We need others to hold us accountable in love and speak the truth to us even when, at times, we find the truth disagreeable. Salvation is found in the crucified body of Christ and the community of believers is a manifestation, a sign for the world, of Christ's crucified body. To live together as Christ's people means that we are forever dying to our perceived needs, to our likes and our dislikes, to our desires for control and pretensions to power for the sake of Christ's mission and ministry. As a community of believers, we do not always have to agree on the

particulars but we do have to live in mutual concord and respect and with a spirit of honesty and openness. We also have to recognize that the Church embraces countless traditions and attitudes. They range from our Pentecostal brothers and sisters who raise holy hands to the more liturgical traditions where chanting is offered and incense is billowed. Our Wesleyan search for "holiness of heart and life" can be found within all of the various ways that worship is offered. After all, the worship found in heaven will transcend all of our petty misconceptions and prejudices as it will reflect in simple and raucous splendor the glory of God. Worship and the Christian life are not ultimately about us, they are about God. There are no passengers on the "ark of the Church" there is only a "crew" who are forever working hand-in-hand with their Lord as we tow the lines and set our sights on the kingdom. So that we are not tempted to think of salvation as our own effort, the ancient church depicted the ark as having a large sail, a sail forever wide to the power of the Spirit's wind, wide as the outstretched arms of Christ and, hopefully, as wide as the doors of our own hearts. If we are not open to the Spirit, how will we ever know which way to go?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rob Licht

**Pictured Right: Volunteers of all ages come out to help "Stop Hunger Now." In a production line procedure the bags were filled with soy, rice, a dried vegetable mix, and a protein fortifier. The ingredients were measured before going into the bags, then the bags were sealed and packed for shipping. More pictures on the next page.**

## Stop Hunger Now

Sherm Merchant  
Missions Committee

**WOW, who would believe work could be so much fun!**

What transpired on the morning of March 29<sup>th</sup> went far beyond the expectations of our missions committee members. It was our first in what we hope to be a series of "Stop Hunger Now" food preparation events to help conquer hunger in third world countries. We originally set a goal of raising \$2,000 and rounding up 80 volunteers to package 10,000 meals. But thanks to the generosity of our church members, other local churches, and area businesses, \$3,000 was raised and 125 enthusiastic volunteers of all ages showed up that morning. 15,009 meals were packaged in just 90 minutes with a very efficient production line procedure.

Hats off (or should I say "hairnets off"?) to all of those who filled our fellowship hall with loving energy that morning.





Above: Even those as young Alan Johnston came to help out. Here his mother, Cindy, shows him how to put the ingredient in the bag while teaching him about spreading God's love and helping those in need.

Below: Two pictures showing more children from the community helping to fill the bags.



Above: LUMC members L-R: Darla Angel, Dick Sherman, Don Beasley, Pastor Rob, Irene O'Sullivan, fill bags.

Left/Center: Ed Angel, Admin. President, is more than happy to help with the heavy lifting.



Above: Dr. Corrine Replogle sealing a bag.



Above: Matt Johnston helps count and package the completed bags.

Below: One of the many families from the community who came to help.



**Left: Look at all the people—125 enthusiastic volunteers!**



Greeters were: Kay Newsom and Barbara Reinhardt. Ushers were: Lisa Hardy, Corinne Replogle, Sherry Watson, and Elaine Parks. Lay Readers were: Susan Merchant, Pat Ziesmann, and Marie Fields.

As a Certified Lay Speaker for the Rocky Mount District, I was honored to deliver the sermon on UMW Sunday. The title of the sermon was, "The Virtuous Woman." After that the anthem "Find us Faithful" was sung. The UMW Installation Service, titled "The Purpose is our Key," was also included, as part of worship, this day. Pastor Rob installed the 2008 UMW Officers. Each woman was given a bookmark, with the "UMW Purpose" printed on it, and a key to remind them of our purpose.

Now for May; Instead of having a regular meeting, we will have our annual UMW Tea. This year we are calling it "A Celebration of Women." This is a celebration of every woman in the church, not just those that are current UMW members. So please come and fellowship with us. We are asking that each woman bring a baby picture of herself, and that no one else sees it. On that day, or before, please give it to Pat Ziesmann or myself, so we can enter it into the "Guessing Contest." We are also asking that you bring something with you that you would like to share with others. We are all from different places, and each has had a unique life. See what you can come up with that you would be willing to share with the rest of us. Remember this is for all the ladies of the church and their friends. You know who you are! Come out and have some good fellowship.

Also in May Pat Ziesmann and I will be going on a UMW Spiritual Retreat for three days, May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time and a time of renewal for body and spirit. We will report on this when we return.

## Trustee Report

Shirley Anschutz Chairperson

Have you noticed? The plantings in the church parking lot are in place. Many thanks go to those who helped with this chore. This job included the weeding and mulching of the small garden near the side door of the church.

The Trustees are checking with Progress Energy to have a light installed on one of the poles on Mosby Avenue to help light up our new parking lot.

A new church sign has been ordered for the east entrance to Littleton on US 158. The other three signs at the entrances to Littleton appear to be in good shape.

There are some small items on the "job list" which will need attention. We are planning a work day on Saturday, April 26, beginning at 9AM, to do yard work at our Parsonage. It is hard work, but the fellowship of working together is worth the effort.

The next meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:15a.m. at the Casa Mia's Restaurant.

## UMW News

Helen Burtchell, President

April and May were and are very busy months for our UMW unit. Shall we start with April 19<sup>th</sup>? We carpoled to the District Prayer Breakfast at St Paul's UMC in Rocky Mt. It was a time of good fellowship, good food, and worship. We did not have a regular meeting in April; we went to the Prayer Breakfast instead. If you did not go, you missed out on a great time.

UMW Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>. The ladies served the whole service. We were the LUMC Choir, Ushers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Certified Lay Speaker, and Soloist.

We will not have any regular UMW meetings June, July, and August. Instead we will be having one UMW Study, "Music and Mission." It will be a fun study, in addition to being a study in music as it relates to our mission work locally and globally. Tell others about it, and invite them to join us for the study and lunch. This study will be held on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>. Pat Ziesmann and I will lead the study. We have done these study each year for our ladies, so please support this effort. There is a lot of work that goes into the preparation and the presentation of each study.

### UMW Sunday Pictures

**Elaine Parks, UMW President is all smiles as she congratulates the 2008 UMW Special Recognition & Gift in Honor Recipients.**

**Top Picture, L-R: Elaine & Special Recognition Winner Susan Merchant, Helen Burtchell UMW President and the UMW Choir look on.**

**Bottom Picture, L-R: Shirley Anschutz Gift in Honor Winner, & Elaine, Pastor Rob looks on.**

**Sue & Shirley give so much of themselves to their church and their UMW unit. They are always working hard for others. That's why their UMW peers chose them as this year's winners!**



**Pictured Below: Pastor Rob installs the 2008 UMW Officers and Circle Leaders.**



## Lay Leader Notes

Tim Townsend, Lay Leader

Sir Michael Costa was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus. Halfway through the session, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, people singing, and violins strumming, the piccolo player thought to himself, "What good am I doing? Nobody can hear me." So he kept the instrument to his mouth but stopped playing. Within moments, the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" It was missed by the ear of the most important person of all.

Centuries ago in a mountain village in Europe a nobleman built a church for the community. When it was finished, the people gathered and marveled at its beauty. Then someone asked, "But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?" The nobleman pointed to some brackets on the walls. Then he gave each family a lamp which they were to bring with them when they came to worship. "Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that you will be missed when you do not come."

Not only are you missed when you are not present for worship but you miss out on the blessing of worshiping God. Your involvement is also crucial to the mission of the church. You probably received a survey recently asking about your willingness to help in Christ's work through our church. (Please get a copy at church if you did not receive one.) Please fill yours out and return it to church. Your "piccolo" and lamp are very important!

## A Note From Marj

Marj Prescott, Membership Chairperson



Photos of church members and friends continue to be taken for our new pictorial telephone directory. They will be taken by Susan Merchant in the nursery after worship. As a reminder, calls will be made to those whose photos have not been taken. Also calls will be made to set an appointment date for those who cannot come to church for photos. It is hoped that all photos will be completed by the end of April.

Marie received word that Sally King's mother-in-law has been moved back to her home area and is in a nursing home of which Jimmy's daughter is the

administrator. Mrs. King was part of our church family for quite some time and Sally agreed for us to put her new address in the newsletter and the bulletin, so that people could send her cards and she could get the newsletter as well. She is a dear lady. Her address is: Jane King, C/O Rosemary Rest Home, PO Box 928, Rose Hill NC 28458.

Earl Barnes: 1206  
Ivy Lane, Raleigh  
NC 27609-4726



## Maria Pope Writes:

Many thanks and appreciation to my church family for the beautiful poinsettia and many cards and messages of good wishes for the Holiday Season. I am also grateful for the kindness and concern conveyed at the death of my beloved daughter-in-law, Helen McPherson Pope, who died Christmas Day.

God Bless all of you,  
Maria M. Pope

## Barbara Reinhardt Writes:

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and meals, while I have been recovering from ankle surgery.

Blessings to all,  
Barb

## Outreach

Helen Burtchell, Chairperson

In the last few months we have given to individuals in need; shoes, pots & pans, and about six large bags of clothes. Recently I received a call from a woman I did not know, she had a baby stroller to donate. I met her, and while I was with her someone came up and said they needed the stroller. So it went to someone in need within a few minutes! You can't say God was not in that.

If anyone has things like this to give away, just let me know, there is always a need out there somewhere.

Our food delivery is still doing great. With the nice weather coming on, we will need people to fill in when some of the

committee is away. If you can do this during the months of June, July, and August, please let me know. It's the first two Fridays of each month from 8:45a.m.-11a.m. at the latest. We sort, bag and deliver the food. We meet some great people in the process of helping those in need. Please try to help.

## Age-Level Committee

Pastor Rob & Sherm Merchant

On Sunday, April 13, the Age-Level Ministry Group spent a couple hours reflecting on how our congregation could better live out our mission statement particularly as it relates to children. Numerous suggestions and ideas were offered as to how best to reach children in our community beyond our present involvement with the Fall Festival and the UMW's Santa Breakfast. One-on-One mentoring was suggested as well as forming potential relationships with the Methodist Home for Children and its placement programs. The ministry group highlighted the need to both form and foster relationships with children in the hope that within those relationships we may be able to speak to the more deep-seated needs whether they be educational (how is this child doing in school?) material (does the child have enough food? Does the child have a bed in which to sleep?) and the spiritual (Is this child at risk? Does this child know that somebody loves and care for them?). The general consensus of the group was to place energy into further developing our monthly movie night as an avenue by which our rapport with the community can be strengthened and the needs of our community's children identified. The Age-Level ministry area invites every and all suggestions as to how we may better increase our involvement and outreach to children.

Our monthly, free, family movies, continue to be shown at 7pm on the first Friday of each month. We plan to continue the Family Movie Nights year round, with no break for the summer months. The last two movies have been well attended. We had over 30 attendees for the March showing of "Snow Buddies" and 28 attendees at the April movie, "Enchanted." The Age Level Committee is trying to

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choose movies which will appeal to both children and adults—newly released movies, if possible. If anyone has a suggestion for an appropriate movie, please contact Sherman Merchant at 586-7866. The next Family Movie Night will be May 2nd and we will be showing the recently released movie, "Alvin & the Chipmunks." Please join us!

## What is the Nurturing Ministries Council?

Pastor Rob & Liz Solovieff

The Nurturing Ministries Council is the successor to the Committee on Nurturing Ministries. The Nurturing Ministries Council is charged with the creation and implementation of a comprehensive plan for the "making of disciples." The council is divided into three sections which focus on different aspects of the plan. The broad vision for each section is as follows:

**Shepherding Committee:** The Shepherding Committee adheres to a vision of "radical hospitality" where all are welcomed and encouraged to live out their various callings. The Shepherding Committee develops procedures and reflects on ways that we can be more hospitable to visitors and prospective members. One of the goals of the Shepherding Committee is to ensure that there are no "closed" inner doors once new members decide to enter through the outer door.

**Discipleship Committee:** The Discipleship Committee is focused on faith formation from "cradle to grave." Whether we are 19 or 91, we still have ample time to grow in God's grace and to become the disciples that God calls us to be. The Discipleship Committee will be charged with making sure that every one is afforded opportunities to engage in "acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion."

**Congregational Care Committee:** The Congregational Committee will work closely with the pastor and with the Nurturing Ministries Council in identifying special needs particularly in regards to the sick, homebound and grieving. The committee will help to ensure that no one "falls through the cracks."

Working together, these three committees which form the Nurturing Ministries Council, hope to develop and cultivate an overall vision for our parish.

### Congregational Reminders:

**Attendance Pad** - Please remember to sign the attendance pads which are located in each pew. This is also a wonderful opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our visitors and invite them to place their name in the book. So remember to sign and pass it down.

**Prayer List** - If you would like to add friends or family to our prayer list, please fill out the cards located in each pew. You can place your request in the collection plates or hand them to Pastor Rob after the service. We will send out cards acknowledging that the person or family is being prayed for. Please call the church on Monday and give our secretaries the address or leave a message. New cards will have a space requesting this information. It is not necessary to know the address at the time of your request, but please remember to call with that information.



## Notes from the Admin. Council

Ed Angel, President

- Pastor Rob has advised that the Lenten Lunch series and Holy Week services were well attended, as was our Easter Sunday service. He also reported that our Sunday attendance has remained on an increase.
- A photographer from the Duke Small Town Endowment Committee will be taking pictures of our Sanctuary.
- The Littleton Ladies Club has asked for our church to be a part of their tour of the city. The tour will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Richard Sherman chaired the Stop Hunger Now Event that was a huge success. He reports that we've generated a lot of enthusiasm throughout the community to make this a semi-annual event.

- If anyone is interested in going on the El Salvador mission trip, the cost will be approximately \$1300 and the dates are July 30<sup>th</sup> - Aug.6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Trustees have a work session at the parsonage, scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 9:00a.m..
- Our newsletter deadlines for the remainder of the year are: June 15<sup>th</sup> (Jul/Aug issue), then due on Aug 15<sup>th</sup> (Sept/Oct issue) then due on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> (Nov/Dec issue). Newsletter articles and photos should be sent to Sherry Watson. Calendar information and information for the schedule page should be sent to Sue Merchant. Newsletter helpers will contact committee chairpersons as a reminder of the above deadlines.
- Thank you for your support of all our activities in and around our church community.

We are truly a God serving church. God Bless you and all our friends of Littleton United Methodist Church.

## News from the Worship Committee



Sue Beazley, Chairperson

Please note that the prelude for our Sunday morning worship service will now begin at five minutes 'til the hour (9:55a.m.).

Our Sunday Worship services are now available on CD and the LUMC website. If you know of someone who is unable to attend church and would enjoy a (free) CD recording of one or more of our Sunday services, please contact Sherman Merchant at 586-7866. You may also listen to recent sermons by clicking on the links at [www.littleton-umc.org/sermons.htm](http://www.littleton-umc.org/sermons.htm). Please contact Susan Merchant 586-7866, if you have any website questions or problems.

## Help Needed

- If you would like to cook and would like to be on a list of volunteers to help



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June Birthdays	Date
Darla Angel	4
Adam Fields	4
Della Batts	5
Matt Johnston	8
Kevin Smith	12
Lane Alston Harris	22
Julie Johnston	30



**Birthday OOPS.....**  
 We accidentally forgot to list Lee Reinhardt's birthday last month. Lee celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 28th.

May Anniversaries	Date
Marie & Lewis Fields	19
Liz & Greg Solovieff	25
Sherry & Barney Watson	26

June Anniversaries	Date
Gail & Bob Workman	3
Jean & Jack Houston	8
Kaye & Mike Herman	10
Debbie & Glenn Keeter	13
Lois & Bill Weaver	20



**Mother's Day - May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 &  
**Father's Day - June 15<sup>th</sup>**

May Birthdays	Date
Brittany Smith	1
Cory Seigh	3
Pat Ziesmann	4
Marie Fields	5
Kaye Herman	24
Kathryn Clark	29

If you are new to our church, please give me your name and DOB (month and day only), and your anniversary date if you are married. (Sherry) Email: watsonventures@earthlink.net or call 586-7733.



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supply meals to someone homebound after being hospitalized or unable to cook, please contact Lois Weaver at 586-5662.



**The LUMC Finance Chairman and the Finance Secretary Give Updates**

News from Mike Herman, Chairman

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. During the first quarter of 2008, we have collected \$37,681. that includes bequests in the amount of \$6,482. that we have received. With the help of these bequests, we are holding steady in our contributions compared to our 2008 budget. Your LUMC Finance Committee appreciates everything that our members and friends do to support our Church, its activities, and its sharing of the gospel within our community and the world.

In the next few months you will be starting to hear about our



2009 Stewardship Campaign and how you might become part of this ministry that it will bring to our Church. Bob Workman has agreed to Chair this important activity for LUMC this year and we look forward to Bob's leadership with our campaign.

**Update from Marie Fields, Finance Secretary**

I have nothing major to report at this time, however, if you have been noticing the section of our bulletin which reports on our giving, you will see that often our weekly needs are not being met nor are our year-to-date needs being met by our week-to-week contributions. We have been very fortunate to have received a couple of bequests (which is something I hope we are ALL thinking of doing so that the needs of our church and its programs will be carried on after we are gone), so this makes our numbers appear stable toward our budget for the year. Without those bequests, I am afraid we would show a shortage in meeting our budget. We are approaching the end of the first third of our church's fiscal year, so I would ask if we are keeping up with what we have pledged proportionally?

**Both Mike and Marie included this very important reminder in their updates:**



As we start to come into the summer months many of us are away from church on trips or other activities, do we remember to mail our offering before we leave, or catch up on our giving when we return? God has richly blessed us—are we making giving a joyful part of our spiritual experience with Him?

With love to you all...Mike & Marie



Alan Johnston (middle) with his little cousins on Easter morning.

**Snapshots**



Ashley & Brittany Smith (Kevin Smith's daughters) / (Ann Smith's Granddaughters) on Easter Sunday.



At the time of printing we could not find out who these two children are, but they were at LUMC on Easter Sunday and had fun at our egg hunt. They sure are adorable! Do you know who they are? We hope they come back!



Above: Monday Home

### Extreme Makeover

Richard Sherman, Missions Chairman

Extreme Makeover may be fantasy show in America, but it is reality in El Salvador. The Monday photo shows where Irma (a widow) and her four children (ages 4 to 12) plus her pregnant 14 year old niece lived in Ahuachapan, El Salvador. It was made of stakes driven into the ground and wrapped with black plastic. She is a member of the Inglesia Metodista de la Eterno Rocha ( The Methodist Church of the Eternal Rock - see how quickly you can learn Spanish). It is one of nine Methodist Churches in El Salvador. Our friend, team coordinator and President of the Methodist Church in El Salvador, Juan de Dios Pena, chose Irma because she was the "most needy" on his list of 12 church families who need a decent place to live.

The construction team was made of two local masons, six Old North State Methodists and 8 to 10 young church people who worked when not in school. By hand we cleared brush, dug trenches, hauled sand, made up rebar structures, mixed cement, laid cement block and ate lunch together. While working in El Salvador, you stay flexible, do what you are able to do and work at your own pace. We also went to church, eat papusas and pizza, sang songs, laughed, played "football", shopped at the local market place and prayed together.

The Friday afternoon photo shows Rita's new home ready for the roof . But some of the team were scheduled to head north and we had to say our goodbyes. Irma's church family finished the home on Wednesday afternoon and moved her in

on Thursday. The building cost about \$3100., all raised by the church in El Salvador and in the US. It was a gift to Irma and her family. At a church service, Irma spoke at length about how long she had prayed for a better home to raise her family and how grateful she was to us for helping make her prayers come true.

We will go back to Ahuchapan the first week of August. The plan is to again be a partner with the Methodist Church of El Salvador and build six or seven homes for people like Irma. Come along, it is a chance to help build that Shining City on a Hill we talk about one home at a time. Call me for the details, Richard Sherman, Mission Committee Chairman 586-4832.



## Friday's House



## Pastor Fernando Update

Richard Sherman, Missons Committee Chairman

Pastor Ranjan Fernando and his United Christian Fellowship (UCF) organization have been very busy during trying times in Sri Lanka. The country is still working to recover from the Tsunami and the civil war along religious/cultural lines has started again. Recently, one of the UCF's ministers was killed in the fighting. Through it all, Pastor Fernando continues to do God's work.

- Church plantings continue at the measured pace allowed by Sri Lanka's restrictive religious conversion laws. Several groups of "believers" meet regularly under difficult circumstances. Baptisms are held quietly to avoid demonstrations. Slowly they may grow into openly meeting churches.

- The orphanage for about a dozen children who lost their families in the Tsunami is running well. The facility has a "house mother" family and all the children go to school.

- The small number of churches that meet openly are good servants in their communities. Each runs a pre-school for all children who need a start toward an education. Medical clinics are hosted in their buildings.

- Micro-economic projects continue to help individual families increase their income and improve their lives. For example, \$115 was used to buy a peddle operated sewing machine for a lady to make school book bags. She sells some at the local market but most are bought by the UCF and given away to poor children who must provide their own school supplies in Sri Lanka.

- Pastor Fernando has been invited to join one of Sri Lanka's Lions Clubs. An honor and important sign that his work for all Sri Lankans is held in high regard.

- All five of the fishing boats that were funded by our donations after the Tsunami are still hard at work.

- The New Hope Church, a combination church and training/meeting hall facility has been very busy. The UCF runs training

programs for prospective ministers, volunteer workers and those new to the Christian faith. It has also been hosting both formal and informal meetings of the various Christian Churches. Their common problems and opportunities are worked on together. Both the Ambassador of Switzerland and the Ambassador of the Vatican met there with the Christian Churches to discuss the problems of Christians in Sri Lanka.

- Millard Fuller, who founded Habitat for Humanity, has recently started the Fuller Foundation which aims to build homes for very low income families. The UCF was chosen as their partner in Sri Lanka. As of January they had built eight homes for Tsunami victims in an area which is planned to grow into a small village.

- Perhaps the most visible of the UCF's programs are their medical clinics. About twice a month a team of doctors, nurses and volunteers travel to villages which have no medical care. Exams and appropriate medicines are always distributed free. All religions and ethnic groups are treated equally, (not a common thing in remote areas of a nation in a civil war). Pastor Fernando and the UCF's reputation is such that they have been invited to hold medical clinics by; a regional police chief, Buddhist Monks in their monastery and a Muslim village. This is how civilized people work together for everyone's benefit. I have a number of Pastor Fernando's newsletters and email updates if anyone would like to read them.

## Article By District Officials in Regards to Dr. Simpson's Retirement

The time for changes in the United Methodist Church is rapidly approaching. This year, after Annual Conference, the Rocky Mount District will receive a new District Superintendent. Reverend Doctor William Carl Simpson, Jr. will be moving from the active ministry into his retirement. We want to celebrate Dr. Simpson's forty five years of active ministry especially his term as our District Superintendent. Beginning at **3 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, at Nashville United Methodist Church**, there will be a worship

service and a reception to honor Dr. Simpson's six years with us as well as his additional years in the ministry.

Dr. Simpson transferred from the Alabama-West Florida Conference in 1968. Since that time he has served the North Carolina Conference in the following positions: Rocky Mount, St. Paul; Duke Divinity School, Assistant Director of Field Education and Director of Field Education; Durham, Aldersgate; Elizabeth City, Kitty Hawk; Rockingham, Hamlet, First; Wilmington, Wesley Memorial; Raleigh, Edenton Street; Burlington, Front Street; and Rocky Mount District Superintendent.

Many of you are aware of Dr. Simpson's recent service with the Methodist Church in Cambodia and have read his journal of that mission work. His compassion and love for the Christians of Cambodia were obvious in his journaling. In honor of Dr. Simpson the Rocky Mount District is collecting a love offering to be presented in his honor to the Methodist Church of Cambodia. A few checks have already been received. We are asking you to assist us in this opportunity:

**to help** our fellow Christians in Cambodia,

**to honor** Dr. and Mrs. Simpson by publicizing this in your local church,

**to invite** your local congregation to participate financially,

**to encourage** your congregation to attend with you [the worship and the reception on May 18 at Nashville United Methodist Church](#).

Checks may be made out to the Rocky Mount District United Methodist Church. These special gifts may be brought to the worship service and presented for the offering, or they may be mailed to the District Office or to either of us. Checks should indicate an offering for Cambodian Methodism.

May God continue to bless each of us in the Rocky Mount District as we continue to be about His work.

Robert C. Frazier, Sr., Chairman, Committee on District Superintendency (PO Box 457 Bailey, NC 27807)

Fred M. Hight III, Chairman, Committee on Lay Life and Work (1201 Branch St., Wilson, NC 27893)



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Don't miss the back page!



**Come join the fun—Family Movie Night—The first Friday of each month—at 7pm—It's FREE!**

## Father - Son Bible Quiz

Answers found on page 6, at the top on the green header.

Scripture is filled with many famous – and infamous – fathers and sons. Match the name of each father on the left to the name of his son on the right.

1. Noah A. Dan
2. Jacob B. Jonathan
3. David C. Ham
4. Saul D. Solomon



### The Soul Lover

Prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley wrote the moving song "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" in 1739. According to one story, Wesley penned the lyrics after surviving a raging storm at sea. A frightened bird apparently flew into Wesley's window during the uproar, seeking safety in the folds of Wesley's coat. The first stanza is as follows:

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
 let me to thy bosom fly,  
 while the nearer waters roll,  
 while the tempest still is high,  
 Hide me, O my Savior,  
 hide, till the storm of life is past;  
 safe into the haven guide;  
 O receive my soul at last.

This brings to mind the frightened disciples in Matthew 8:23-27. Pummeled with wind and waves, they feared drowning and called to Jesus to save them. We, too, can take refuge in our Savior during life's storms, knowing we have a safe haven and a sure destination.

### Sue Merchant's Frozen Fruit Smoothies

- 1 banana
- approx 10 strawberries (frozen or fresh)
- 1/3 cup blueberries (frozen or fresh)
- 1 cup fruit juice (any flavor)
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 2 trays of ice cubes


Place all ingredients except ice into a blender & blend until creamy. Add ice & continue to blend until smooth. Makes 3 or 4 servings.

Sue's Smoothies are terrific! She told me she often makes up a big batch, and puts an amount equal to one blender full in individual freezer bags.

Then whenever they want a blender of smoothies, they take one out, let it unthaw a little, put it in the blender, and give it a whirl. Sue said if you like them a little sweeter you can add a little honey to them.


Nursery Volunteers	
* If you are unable to work on assigned day, please switch with someone on the list	
May 4	Susannah Sherman, Maj Johnston
May 11	Ed Angel, Martha Hayes
May 18	Marie & Lewis Fields
May 25	Mike Herman, Jean Houston
June 1	Loretta Woodburn, Julie Johnston
June 8	Corinne Replogle, Lisa Hardy
June 15	Mike Herman, Ed Angel
June 22	Elaine Parks, Della Batts
June 29	Jean Houston, Susannah Sherman

Lay Reader		Scripture
May 4	Gail Workman	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 (insert); Ephesians 1:15-23
May 11	Greg Solovieff	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b(insert); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
May 18	Darla Angel	Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8 (insert); 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
May 25	Matt Johnston	Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131 (insert); 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
June 1	Mike Herman	Genesis 6:11-22;7-24;8:14-19; Psalm 46 (insert); Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-31;
June 8	Elizabeth Solovieff	Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12 (insert); Romans 4:13-25
June 15	Corinne Replogle	Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 (insert); Romans 5:1-8
June 22	Lois Weaver	Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 (insert); Romans 6:1b-11
June 29	Don Beazley	Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13 (insert); Romans 6:12-23




### Children / Youth Sunday School

No Sunday School May 25 thru Aug 31



### Adult Sunday School

No Sunday School May 25 thru Aug 31



**May Ushers - Lewis Fields - Richard Sherman - George Alston**  
**June Ushers - Lee Reinhardt - Jack May - Don Beazley**  
 (See Weekly Bulletin For Additional Ushers)

Note/Don't forget:


Ushers will make a head count/attendance and give the number to Pastor Rob. After church they will stand at the narthex doors and speak to the congregation as they leave. Ushers should straighten the pews and replace hymnals. If you are unable to usher please call someone to take your place.

Altar Flowers	
May 4	Communion
May 11	Communion
May 18	Greg & Elizabeth Solovieff
May 25	Greg & Elizabeth Solovieff
June 1	Communion
June 8	Need someone
June 15	Macon White
June 22	Marj & Al Prescott
June 29	Marj & Al Prescott

	Greeters • West Narthex (Main door)	Greeters • East Narthex
May 4	Susannah Sherman	Martha Hayes
May 11	Kay Newsom	Sherry Watson
May 18	Marj Prescott	Macon White
May 25	Sue Merchant	Anna Brown
June 1	Jean Houston	Margie Drescher
June 8	Barbara Reinhardt	Maj Johnston
June 15	Gabrielle Pamer	Loretta Woodburn
June 22	Marie Fields	Della Batts
June 29	Corinne Replogle	Lisa Hardy

Note/Don't forget:

After the service greeters should stand at the narthex doors and tell everyone goodbye. If you are unable to greet, please call someone to take your place.



The following will prepare Communion for the next three months. If you cannot be here on your assigned Sunday you may trade with someone else, but please notify the Pastor.

May 4	Greg & Elizabeth Solovieff
May 11	Dick & Irene O'Sullivan
June 1	Ed & Darla Angel