

The Messenger

A bi-weekly publication of St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church

Our Mission Statement

The congregation of St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church is dedicated to fulfilling the following mission:

Leading people to an encounter with God in and through Jesus Christ,

Inviting all people into fellowship with God and the community of faith,

Nurturing and making them disciples of Jesus Christ, and

Equipping and sending them forth to share the love of God through witness and ministry.

Are you in **LINE**?

February 5

The Pastor's Message: Looking for Help

Some people are so superficial when it comes to their understanding of prayer. "Hey, Father," said a man talking to a priest. "You got it all wrong about this God stuff. He doesn't exist. I oughta know."

"Why's that, my son?" asked the priest.

"Well," the man said, "when I was ice-fishing in the Arctic, far from the nearest village, a blizzard blew up with wind and blinding snow. I was a goner. So I got down on my knees and prayed real hard, begging God for help."

"And did He help you?" asked the priest.

"Heck no," said the man. "God didn't lift a finger. Some Eskimo appeared out of nowhere and showed me the way."

Prayer is a potent force in the life of the believer. It is so potent that some followers of Christ have devoted their lives to nothing else.

Yet, there are those today that seem to think prayer has little power. We wish and dream yet refuse to pray, or if we do pray, we pray with little expectation.

I have had prayers answered. Sometimes it was by a little Eskimo and other times it was a great action of the Church.

Start praying, St. Paul's Waccamaw. Prayer is a powerful gift.

See you in Church, Nels



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

You are invited to join us for an exciting opportunity!

"Camp and Retreat Ministries" Tuesday, February 7, 6:00 pm - Berly Hall

A light supper will be served by the hostesses.

Featured Speaker:

Mr. Arthur Spriggs, director of SC Camps and Retreat Ministries for the United Methodist Church. He will present information about camp and retreat experiences available at **Asbury Hills and Sewee Coastal Retreat Center.**

Special emphasis will be opportunities for our young people at Summer Camp at Asbury Hills.

Elementary: 2nd - 5th grades, Jr. High: 6th-8th grades and Sr. High: 9th-12th grades.

The UMW plans to offer scholarships as appropriate to some campers.

Please come and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

Betty Moss McGuirt and Barb Ottinger

NEW CIRCLE STARTING-You're Invited

A new circle is forming for "youngish" women who are not currently involved in UMW. Join us for our first meeting on Thursday evening, February 9, at 7:00 pm in the Youth Building. This is your opportunity to become a charter member, meet new friends, get involved, grow spiritually, help name the circle, and have some fun at the end of the day. Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month. If you have questions, call Ann Moore at 344-2113, or Cindy Jolly at 651-1067. We hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL NEWS

Offering Envelopes: Some of you asked for offering envelopes. There are still some who have not picked theirs up. They are in the Education Building on a table across from the office. You can come by during the week or stop in on Sunday.

Counters are Needed: Help is needed to count the offering after each service, especially after the 11:00 service. If you have an hour to spare, please call Janet Parsons, 237-9433 or email janetpar@sc.rr.com.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir welcomes back, Diane Moyer, soprano, who will be singing with our Choir through April 2012. Anne Gormer, who came from Cumberland, Maryland last November to be with the Choir, but missed singing in the Christmas program due to illness, is back and enjoying the rehearsals and the Sunday performances. Robert Baxter, Director of Music Ministries

LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL

A Great Opportunity

St. Paul's Waccamaw will host a Lay Speaking School on Sundays, March 18 and March 25. Classes run 2:30 to 8:00 pm. A meal will be provided. Cost is \$20.00

Pre-registration is required. Deadline for registering is February 22, 2012 and class definition forms can be picked up at church office. **Class Selection:**

Basic (required for beginner.)

Go Preach

From Your Hearts to Theirs

Growing Spiritually

Stewardship

I encourage members of church committees to start on this spiritual journey.

Garvin Gilley, Lay Leader



PEACH FESTIVAL NEED

Carolyn McGill has a need for an entrepreneur to partner with her in growing the Silent Auction, with particular emphasis on soliciting golf packages, accommodation, entertainment, and restaurants. The Silent Auction raised, for local missions, \$3202 in 2011. You would be an asset in aiding Carolyn raise significantly much more. Think about it and call her, 485-4267.

DEADLINES-MESSENGERS AND E LETTERS

February Deadlines for the Messenger

February 9 for the February 16 Messenger

February 23 for the March 1 Messenger

February Deadlines for E Letter

February 6 deadline for February 9

February 20 deadline for February 23

"We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by.."

OUR PRAYERS: Our Church Family

Week 1: Hughes Gilley, Vena Klingensmith, Dean Estes, Edythe Meyers

Week 2: Christina Gilley, Sandy Natale, Jim Panos, Woody Cox, Jeff Elmore,
Lloyd Wainscott

Week 3: Shirley Johnston, Ken Meredith

Week 4: Dwight Causey, Carolyn Jordan,
John Meditz, Sr., Shirley Mayhew, Anita Schuhmacher, Frank Owens

Extended Family

Week 1: Sue Powers, Dolores Richert

Week 2: Nicole Kingston, Terry Hyman, Leslie Hodson, Henry Gunnufsen

Week 3: Dorina Page, Luther Darden, Faye & Murphy McClellan,
Mary Anne Drake

Week 4: Zachery Jennings, Roger Gole

Military: Joshua Brown (Coast Guard)

Mike Panos (Navy)

Kristy Aucker (Navy)

OUR PRESENCE: Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:45: 203, 11:00: 95, Nursery: 2, The Lakes: 26, NHC: 18

OUR GIFTS: Sunday, January 29, 2012: \$12,700

OUR SERVICE: February 5, 2012

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Bob & Eva Baxter in honor of the Chancel Choir members.

Scriptures: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: *Why Jesus Sales*, Rev. C. Nels Ledwell

8:45 am:

Greeters: Dot Lindamood, Blanche Perotti

Acolyte: Kyle Player

Communion Servers: John & Pat Armstrong

Reader: Joe Mayhew

Sound: Joe Goldy

Ushers: Larry & Susan Wadley, Ed Dennis, Fran Heaton

11:00 am:

Greeters: Barbara Schoch, Anita Schuhmacher

Communion Servers: Ron & Cindy Jolly

Reader: Ray Wells

Sound: Chris Staats

Ushers: Bruce Martin, Ron Jolly, Steve Morrison, Joe Santillo

OUR SERVICE: February 12, 2012

Boy Scout Sunday

Guest Speaker is Bennett Meares

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Jim & Peggy Thomas in honor of St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC.

8:45 am:

Greeters: Dot Lindamood, Blanche Perotti

Acolyte: Kyle Player

Reader: Barbara Schoch

Sound: Dan Feno

Ushers: Al & Carrie Smith, Chuck Bingemer, Duane Keck

11:00 am:

Greeters: Barbara Schoch, Anita Schuhmacher

Reader: Tom Wooten

Sound: Doug Bray

Ushers: Jim Panos, Carolyn McGill, Roy Bowers, Ray Wells

OUR CELEBRATIONS: 2/3/12 to 2/18/12

Birthdays

3 Ken Crompton, Martha Hoyns, Shirley Hutcheson

4 Betty Jobe, Mary Seipel

5 Dorothy Chappell, Susan Oliver

6 Abigail Moore, Jane Pearce

7 Sharon Bray

8 Emaleigh Phillips, Alan Walters

9 Lonnie Brewington

10 Caroline Cusick, Carolyn Gee

11 Chad Cusick, Bob Davis

12 Amy Whittington

16 Clem Leyendecker

18 Rachel Aucker

Anniversaries

1 Jim & Joyce Edwards

14 Wayne & Barbara Wieder

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you do not want to take your flowers (after the 11:00 service), please call the church office so that other arrangements can be made.

Activities: February 6, to February 18, 2012

Monday, February 6 - Deadline for Thursday, 2/9 E Letter

6:00 pm: Cub Scouts, Youth Center

Tuesday, February 7

6:00 pm: Cub Scouts, Youth Center

6:00 pm: UMW, Berly Hall

Thursday, February 9 - Deadline for 2/19 Messenger

7:00 pm: New Circle Meeting, Youth Center

Tuesday February 14

9:30 UMW Board Meeting, Discovery Room

7:00 pm: Trustees, Discovery Room

Thursday, February 16

6:00 pm: Pack 323 Meeting, Berly Hall

6:00 pm: UMM Meeting, Friendship Room

Saturday, February 18

1:00 pm: Eagle Scout Ceremony, Berly Hall

Weekly Activities

Sunday 8:45 am: Traditional Service
9:45 am: Coffee/Friendship Time
10:00 am: Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am: Celebration Service

Monday 10:00 am: *The Treasure Principle* Study, Discovery Room
6:00 pm: Women's Bible Study, Home of Cindy Jolly

Tuesday 6:00 pm: Handbell rehearsal, Berly Hall
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts, Youth Center
7:00 pm: AA, JOY Room

Wednesday 9:30 am: Staff Meeting, Library
12:00 pm: The Well, Sanctuary
3:30 pm: Children's Choir rehearsal
6:00 pm: Praise Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study, Discovery

Friday & Saturday: 7:00 pm: AA, JOY Room

ST. PAUL'S WACCAMAW STAFF

C. Nels Ledwell, Pastor

Jane A. Pearce, Associate Pastor

Dr. Robert Baxter, Director of Music Ministries

Chuck Gee, Director of Praise, Handbell & Children's Choir Milton McGuirt,

Assoc. Minister of Congregational Care

Olivia Huggins, Organist

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2:00 pm- 5:00 pm