

# *The Messenger*

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

September 5, 2010

### **The Pastor's Message**

James W. Moore, writing in *Some Things Are Too Good Not To Be True*, tells a great story about how we are a part of the Church. I ask you to read and ponder this message.

#### **How Will the Church Be Lighted?**

Several centuries ago in a mountain village in Europe, a wealthy nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. He made a good decision. He decided to build them a church. No one was permitted to see the plans or the inside of the church until it was finished. At its grand opening, the people gathered and marveled at its beauty. Everything had been thought of and included. It was a masterpiece.

But then someone said, "Wait a minute! Where are the lamps? It is really quite dark in here. How will the church be lighted?" The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls, and then he gave each family a lamp, which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

"Each time you are here," the nobleman said, "the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, that place will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

That's a poignant story, isn't it? And it makes a very significant point about the importance of our commitment and loyalty to the church. The poet Edward Everett Hale put it like this:

I am only one,  
but still I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But still I can do something;

And because I cannot do everything  
I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

What if every member of your church supported the church just as you do?  
What kind of church would you have? What if every single member served the church, attended the church, loved the church, shared the church, and gave to the church exactly as you do? What kind of church would you be?

So what kind of Church would St. Paul's Waccamaw be if all members were like you?

See you in Church,

Nels

### ***News You Can Use***

#### **Stewardship Moment—*Teaching***

St. Francis said "Preach (teach) the gospel always, and if necessary use words." I was asked to write about teaching because I teach biology and physics at Waccamaw High School. My diploma says I have a master's degree in teaching and my taxes list my vocation as "teacher." However, with no degree at all, each one of us is a teacher and each one of us learns from others.

I came into the school system excited about teaching science but I was taught by a very wise Vice Principal, Mr. Hughes, that I was to teach children and they came first, not science. I have learned grace in the face of adversity from Oliver and Effie Bray, Bob Lawrence, and Jim Reitano, and faithful support with dignity from their wives Anne and Nancy. My grandmother taught me that *things* mean nothing, *character* does. She never owned a house, car, silver or china. She owned a diamond ring briefly. When I accidentally left the diamond Doug had given me in her kitchen, she kept it safe for me and upon its return, told me she had sold hers to buy food for her children during the Great Depression. There was no regret in her voice. She gave everything for her family.

Children have taught me many things. Seeing young people give so graciously in heat and filthy conditions to people they don't even know, teaches me hope for the future. Jesus was a carpenter, healer, philosopher and teacher. He taught by example when he walked among us. Like St. Francis, Jesus' lessons are taught through each of us when we allow, and they are usually taught best

through our actions.

**What and whom are you teaching?**

By Sharon Bray

## Tea Anyone?

Anyone interested in a September Tea? Call Shirley Mayhew at 235-9303.



### Many, Many Thanks!

To all who participated in St. Paul's Second Annual Peach Festival...To those who worked so hard behind the scenes preparing to make this a smashing success. To those who donated time, effort and tangible items. To those who worked during the event. To everyone who came, ate, shopped and had fun.

#### Results:

- Enthusiasm generated by church members working together.
- Net: \$6,951.44.
- Estimated attendance: 800 to 1,000 people.
- All monies will go to local missions. The amount generated from this effort allows St. Paul's Waccamaw to give to local outreaches nearly equal to that of 2008.

Committee

Your Mission

## United Methodist Men

Thursday, September 16 at 6:00 pm, the UMM will hold their monthly meeting in Berly Hall. All church members are invited to attend. We will learn about what it takes to start an Upper Room Prayer Line here at St. Paul's Waccamaw. Call John Hatchell for details, 843-699-5366.

## Chancel Choir-Music News

The Chancel Choir begins their Fall season with a Wednesday, September 8, 2010, rehearsal at 7 pm in the music room of the Christian Life Center. There are openings in all voice parts, particularly the tenor section. The Christmas special music, December 5<sup>th</sup>, is Vivaldi's *Gloria*, a truly magnificent cantata with

chamber ensemble, soloists, and Chancel Choir. If you enjoyed singing with a choir in the past, now is the time to join this very special choral organization. Robert Baxter, Director, [rbrtbaxter@yahoo.com](mailto:rbrtbaxter@yahoo.com). Home Phone 843-650-4315, Cell 843-997-6762 or the Church at 843-237-2294.

## Fall Bible Study Opportunities St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC

### 10 Week Disciple Bible Study on Genesis

Wednesday Mornings from 10:00-11:30

Come join the new Disciple Bible Study starting September 8, 10:00 to 11:30 am. We will be starting at the "beginning" -- Genesis! Learn the "who, what, why, when, and where" of the Bible Scriptures and have a good time doing it! There will be videos, class discussion and, yes, of course, homework! See you at the "beginning!" Rev. Wayne Wieder is the leader, a new member of St. Paul's Waccamaw, and a retired local pastor of the United Methodist Church. The cost is \$11.00 for your book. Contact him to sign up at [wwbw@sccoast.net](mailto:wwbw@sccoast.net) or Jane Pearce at [revpearce@sc.rr.com](mailto:revpearce@sc.rr.com) or 237-2294.

### Thursday Morning McDowell Bible Study

We will resume on September 9 at 9:30 am in the Discovery Room. Our study will be on the Christian concept of the Trinity. Our next study will be a lecture series on the canonization of the New Testament. All are welcome! Contact Mickey McDowell at 237-8843.

### Women's Bible Study Opportunities

#### Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

A new study will begin at the end of September/beginning of October. This study meets in the home of Cindy Jolly. Contact her for more information ([jollycindy@gmail.com](mailto:jollycindy@gmail.com) or 651-1067).

### Just Us Girls

Diving Deep: A Study on Prayer

This is a 10-week Women's Bible study focused on prayer. Come and take the plunge in "diving deep" into prayer with Jesus! Bring a friend with you! It will be on Friday mornings from 10:00-11:45, beginning Friday, September 17. Cost is \$5.00 for materials. Taught by Rev. Jane Pearce. Sign up by contacting her at 237-2294, [orrevpearce@sc.rr.com](mailto:orrevpearce@sc.rr.com).

### You Are Invited!!!!

The WinGS (Women in God's Service) Sunday School class is beginning a new biblical based study entitled *Me and My Big Mouth* written by Joyce Meyers. Come and be a part of our group as we discuss the Bible and how it relates to our everyday lives. We'll laugh, share, and pray together as we study God's word. Join us at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings in the WinGS classroom. We'll be looking for you.

### College Students

Fall is in the air and our college students have begun another year. The college ministries' team is busy planning how to keep in touch with our youth throughout the coming year. Parents, please contact Kay Kay Wells, 237-3522 with current addresses and emails. We'd like to compile our list as soon as possible. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please keep our students in your prayers. The college ministries' team greatly appreciates the support of the congregation and those groups who make our ministry possible. Please contact us if you would like to be a part of the team. Thanks! Mary Siegrist, 237-8126; Kay Kay Wells, 237-3522; & Carolyn McGill, 485-4267.

### Senior High Youth Planning Session

Sunday, September 19 following the 11:00 service. Youth, grades 9-12, and parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting! Lunch will be provided. Contact Jane Pearce with any questions at 237-2294 or [revpearce@sc.rr.com](mailto:revpearce@sc.rr.com)



sunday, September 19 at 4:30 pm in the Youth Building

Come one, come all...infants, children, adults and seniors for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and a film! Serving pizza for dinner and watch the movie, *The Incredibles*, on a big screen TV! Cost is \$3.00 per person for the food! Contact Jane Pearce, 237-2294 or [revpearce@sc.rr.com](mailto:revpearce@sc.rr.com)

### 11:00 am Service Roundtable Brainstorming!

On Wednesday, September 15 at 5:00 pm in the Christian Life Center we invite everyone to discuss the 11:00 Order of Service. We want your input on how we might better reach families with children and youth in our community. Also, how might we help our young ones learn to worship, at least during part of the service. This is your opportunity to bring your wonderful ideas regarding types of service, music, perhaps drama or puppets, etc. It's a think tank so bring all of your traditional or completely out of the box ideas! Childcare will be available. A light supper will also be provided. Please contact Jane at 237-2294 or [revpearce@sc.rr.com](mailto:revpearce@sc.rr.com) to register your children for childcare, or to let us know you plan to attend this fun session. A head count is necessary for food quantity. Blessings, Rev. Nels, Rev. Jane and Chuck Gee, Praise Choir Director

### Take Note of the Following Important Dates

**Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Sanctuary**

*The Well...* A Service of Prayer, Healing and Wholeness in the Sanctuary.

### **The Great Pumpkin Event**

Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm on the church grounds. We need your trunk and candy!

*“We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by..”*

OUR PRAYERS: Church Family

Week 1: Bill Holmes, Bill Galloway, Wilbur & Rosa Hall, Laretta Bertram, Bob Lawrence, Marie Little, Charlene Haupt

Week 2: Charlie Wunderlich, Paul & Pat Dohrman, Shirley Johnston, Forrest Meiere, Dina Santillo

Week 3: Mona Beery, Jean & Jeff Elmore, Edythe Myers, Carolyn Jordan

Week 4: Judilynn Lee, Eva Baxter, Ruth Huband  
Extended Family

Week 1: Larry Grist, Phyllis Slough, Linda Dennis, Jennie Cox

Week 2: Laurie Whitsome, Faye McClellan, Eleanor Berry, Gail Roper,  
Jim Watson, Mary Hilderbrand, Dorina Page, Margaret Alley,  
Mary Anne Drake, Clara Davis, Thelma Carr

Week 3: Scott Holden, Roger Gole, Faith Henry

Week 4: Janet Roberts, Jane Simplair, Tommy McGuirt

Military: Robert Archambeau (Soon Heading for Iraq)

Jay Sirmon (Serving in Iraq)

Joshua Brown (Coast Guard Stationed in Kodiak, AK)

LT jg Mike Panos (USN pilot on the USS Abraham Lincoln sailing to  
the Middle East)

**OUR GIFTS:** Received August 29, 2010: \$8,551

**OUR PRESENCE:** Sunday, August 29, 2010

8:45: 193, 11:00: 83, Nursery: 4, The Lakes of Litchfield: 25, 7 & 8 graders: 3,

Youth: 10, Friendship: 33, McGuirt: 10, Discovery: 17, WinGS: 4

Prayer & Praise, Tuesday, August 31: 14

**OUR SERVICE: September 5, 2010**

Scriptures: Psalm 139: 17-18, Luke 14: 25-33

Sermon: *Foundations and Towers*, Rev. Nels Ledwell

**The altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Duane & Roslyn Keck in celebration of 50 years of marriage and June Hard in memory of Ed Hard.

8:45 am:

Greeters: John & Pat Armstrong

Acolyte: Kyle Player

Reader: Garvin Gilley

Sound: Herb Herrman

Ushers: Joe & Shirley Mayhew, Bob Ottinger, Marjorie Ralls, Ron Hammond

Communion Servers: Ron & Cindy Jolly, Al & Katy Hoyns

11:00 am:

Acolyte: Jason Walters

Crucifer: Bobby Walters

Reader: Jim Panos

Sound: Deb Hahn

Ushers: Dave Edwards, Phillip Cusick, Jay Clarke, Jim Thomason

Communion Servers: Louise Meredith & Edith Ackerman, Jerry & Peggy Rolfsmeyer

### **OUR SERVICE: September 12, 2010**

Scriptures: Psalm 14: 1-7, Luke 15: 1-10

Sermon: *Hermit or Herd?* Rev. Nels Ledwell

**The altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Hans & Imogene Friedrich in memory of Kacté.

8:45 am: Greeters: John & Pat Armstrong

Acolyte: Kyle Player

Reader: Barbara Schoch

Sound: Dan Fenno

Ushers: Al & Carrie Smith, Myrna Salerno, Ed Dennis

11:00 am:

Reader: Carolyn McGill

Sound: Chris Staats

Ushers: Dave Edwards, Joe & Dina Santillo, Ray Wells

### **Birthdays September 5—18, 2010**

5 Sarah Altman. Pat Shine

6 Al Arentsen, Connie Galloway

7 Al Hoyns

8 Eldon Hall, Fran Heaton

9 Sherri Hughes

- 10 Amber Street, Marty Wright
- 12 Wayne Wieder
- 13 Maryethel Bowers, Carolyn Jordan  
Joyce Edwards
- 15 Ed Dennis, Evelyn Hackeny
- 16 Billy McGill
- 17 Tom Adams, Peggy Cusick
- 18 Linda Beale

### **Anniversaries**

- 5 Matt & Judy Drohan
- 7 Bob & Donna Davis
- 9 Sam & Linda Averette
- 10 Keith & Nan Black, Bill & Connie  
Galloway
- 14 John & Pat Armstrong
- 16 Fred & Shirley Hutcheson, Larry & Janelle Sabourin
- 18 Bill & Cathy Filiatreau

**Activities: September 5 to September 18, 2010**

**Monday, September 6–Deadline for 9/9 E Letter  
Office closed for Labor Day**

### **Tuesday, September 7**

Our pastors will be away September 7–9 attending the Bishop's School of Ministry

9:00 am: UMM Executive Board, WinGS Room

6:30 pm: UMW Covered Dish, Berly Hall

### **Thursday, September 9–Deadline for the 9/16 *Messenger***

#### **Monday, September 13**

7:00 pm: Worship Committee, Discovery Room

#### **Tuesday, September 14**

9:30 am: UMW Executive Board, WinGS Room

9:30 am: Lowcountry Herb Society, Berly Hall  
7:00 pm: Stewardship Committee, Friendship Rm.  
7:00 pm: Trustees, Discovery Room

### **Thursday, September 16**

6:00 pm: UMM Meeting, Berly Hall

### **Weekly Activities**

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

**Monday**      6:00 pm: Women's Bible Study, Home of Cindy Jolly  
                    7:00 pm: Boy Scouts, Youth Center

**Tuesday**     6:00 pm: Prayer & Praise Service, YC  
                    7:00 pm: AA, JOY Room

**Wednesday** 9:30 am: Staff Meeting, Library  
                    6:00 pm: Praise Choir, Sanctuary  
                    7:00 pm: Chancel Choir, Music Rm. (no rehearsal in July &  
                    August)

**Thursday**    9:30 am: Adult Bible Study, Discovery

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

### ***Our Mission Statement***

**Leading** people to an encounter with God in and through Jesus Christ;  
**Inviting** 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**?

**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 Choir

Milton McGuirt, Assoc. Minister of Congregational Care

Olivia Huggins, Organist

Emma Hall-Chidley, Administrative Assistant

Jack Todd & Cathy Jones, Custodians

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