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The people of The United Methodist Church

# Hertford United Methodist Church

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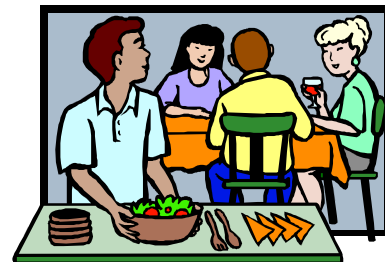
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## Dinners for 8

Meet people, make friends, and be merry! The idea of the Dinners for 8 Weekend is to allow our church family to grow closer with one another through fellowship, and with us Methodists what better way is there than involving fellowship with food.



### Here is how Dinners for 8 works.

Sign up to become a host. You are responsible for a place to eat for 8 (or more, if you can accommodate them), a theme or menu for the dinner, and beverages. About a week before the dinner, you will get a list of guests with contact information. Call your guests, tell them what to bring (entrée, side dish or dessert); day and time of the dinner; and directions.

Or sign up to be a guest. You will get a phone call from your host about a week before the dinner with directions. Show up, eat and make some fellowship.

We are scheduling these Dinners during the weekend of Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>; if you can't participate on Friday, try the Saturday evening night. If this event is successful, we might try and have weekends like this more often.

### Host \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to host a Dinner for 8 on **February 17th** \_\_\_\_\_  
I am willing to host a Dinner for 8 on **February 18th** \_\_\_\_\_

### Guest \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be a guest at a Dinner for 8 on **February 17th** \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to be a guest at a Dinner for 8 on **February 18th** \_\_\_\_\_



Let Angela Banks know if you will be a host or guest for this special event.

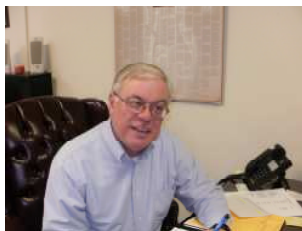
## XYZ Meets February 9

Come to the XYZ Luncheon on February 9th; bring a covered dish of your favorite food; ask a friend, family member, or neighbor to come; and be prepared to be entertained. Charlie & Thelma Skinner along with Ed & Ann Madre have lined up our own Blessing Boys (Ed Nixon, Al Gesler and Johnny Corprew with Caroline Wright) to entertain at the Luncheon. All are welcome to be part of this special time for fellowship and food and entertainment.

**See you February 9th.**

## Pastor Larry Writes

"Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?"



This, the second of our baptismal vows we take upon entering the church, says much about who we are as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. We are a resistance movement. We are called to resist evil, injustice and oppression. In our culture, it is not hard to find ways these demonic forces present themselves, in various forms, and under various disguises (many of them quite attractive).

During Lent, our resistance movement is one of the interior. During Lent, which starts on February 22 (Ash Wednesday), we encounter the evil, injustice, and oppression of our own selves, and claim the power God gives

us to resist their influence upon our hearts.

We do this by knowing that we have fallen short of God's glory, of confessing not only our brokenness, but also our faith in a God who heals, forgives and makes new. Lent is a time for starting over, and experiencing God's grace.

I invite you to the resistance! Take time to pray, reflect, speak, read scripture, serve others. You will find God's power flowing through you to put down the forces that seek to cripple and destroy your relationship to God and one another. Resistance, in this case, is not futile (a nod to the Star Trek fans among us). It is in keeping with God's will, and leads us to the paths of righteousness.

Keep a holy Lent. If you need help with your spiritual path, call me.

Peace, Pastor Larry



## Ash Wednesday Services

**February 22, 2012**

**12 noon and 7 p.m.**

This brief service will incorporate a short homily, hymns, scripture readings and the imposition of ashes.

Begin your Lenten observance at Ash Wednesday services.

## Fan the Flame

Igniting Spirits of the Elizabeth City (Beacon) District

March 24th 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. - Edenton United Methodist Church

225 Virginia Rd. Edenton, NC 27932

with Rev. Dr. Tim Reaves

Pastors, Lay Leaders, Worship Leaders, Youth and Small Group Leaders, Vision Teams, are all encouraged to attend! Lunch will be included

Let Pastor Larry know if you can attend.

*Serve the Lord with Gladness!*

8:30 a.m. Greeters

- 5 Annis Murphy & Edye Heitsmith
- 12 Bobbie & Jerry Jacobs
- 19 Janice & Reg Criffield
- 26 Marjorie & Walker Rayburn

11 a.m. Greeters

- 5 Ed & Ann Madre
- 12 Jack & Maxine Dickerson
- 19 Bonnie McKee & Janet Benton
- 26 Chris & Jeanne Garrett

Children's Church

- 5 Mary Elizabeth Duncan & Bobby Darden
- 12 Allison Winslow & Donna Baker
- 19 Mary Elizabeth Duncan & Sara Dail
- 26 Betsy Darden & Stephanie Fuller

Nursery Helper

- 5 Teresa Dail
- 12 Sara Dail
- 19 Samantha Chappell
- 26 Jovan Ward

Acolytes

- 5 Brooke Suermann  
Madison Chappell
- 12 Hayes Darden  
Logan Brown
- 19 Brooke Suermann  
Steven Foberg
- 26 Wesley Ward  
Luke Fuller

Bible Bearer

- Lainey Chappell
- Colby Brown
- Landon Brown
- Hailee Williamson

- Altar Guild:** Ardie Eaton
- Head Usher:** Bobby Darden
- Sound System:** Todd Tilley
- Communion Steward:** Marta Colson
- Fellowship Time:** Feb. 26 - UMM

Flowers in February

- 5 Lyl & Natalie Brown
- 12 Joel & Ardie Eaton
- 19 Sharon & Lee Tunnell
- 26 Carroll & Pat Harrell



*We are made to reach out beyond our grasp.*

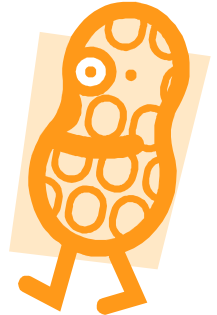
Oswald Chambers

**Peanuts Update**

***The UMM "goes nuts" again!!!***

Wednesday, January 25th, a group of UMM converged at the peanut factory and began soaking and frying peanuts for you.

Their goal was to produce about 150 jars of salted peanuts for you to purchase. As the peanuts were jared, the workers began buying them. These are hot "talmals (peanuts)" so you need to make sure you get yours on Sunday.



The UMM thanks you for your support of this project so far and look forward to taking your \$5 per jar for peanuts.

**United Methodist Men To Meet**

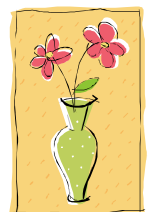
Buck Bunch, 2011 president of the UMM, will be calling the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 5th. Breakfast will be served and a devotion given. All men of the Church are invited to come and see what the UMM have planned for 2012.

*Dates Open for Flowers in Church*

The following dates are open for flowers in Church. We need someone to sign up for one of these. Thanks for your help in getting our flower calendar filled!



- March 4
- June 3
- June 10
- July 15
- July 22
- September 2
- September 9
- December 9



**Memory of Atha Tunnell**

Caroline Wright  
M&M Harry Winslow  
M&M Grover Hollowell  
M&M Todd Tilley  
M&M Charles Skinner  
M&M Pat Harrell  
Blanche Dillon  
M&M Kent White  
M&M Larry Swindell  
Aleene Davis

**Memory of Nancy Tunnell Buck**

M&M Harry Winslow  
M&M Michael Byrum  
Miriam P. Haskett  
M&M William T. Winslow  
M&M Dewitt Gaddy  
M&M Grover Hollowell  
M&M Kent White  
M&M Larry Swindell  
M&M Pat Harrell  
N.D. Ambrose  
M&M Kermit Bennitt  
Aleene Davis  
M&M Donald Hurdle

**Memory of Richard Stoltenhoff**

M&M Raymond Meiggs  
M&M Tom Brennan  
M&M Don Hurst  
M&M Patrick Moretti  
M&M Wes Hostetler  
M&M Stephen Hard  
M&M John Larson  
M&M Joel Eaton  
M&M Jim Clifford  
M&M Thomas Stone  
M&M Karl Jennings  
M&M Robert Bray  
M&M Jerry Jacobs  
Bonnie McKee

**Memory of Bonnie Nixon**

Caroline Wright  
M&M Raymond Meiggs  
M&M Lloyd Lane  
Chancel Choir  
M&M Pat Harrell  
M&M Todd Tilley  
M&M Ronald Pippen  
M&M Cecil Winslow  
Blanche Dillon  
Mary Inez Harrell  
M&M Harry Winslow  
Betty Beers  
Bertha Lane Circle  
M&M Kent White  
M&M Larry Swindell

**Memory of Carson Spivey**

M&M Todd Tilley  
M&M Cecil Winslow

**Memory of Betty Swindell**

M&M Cecil Winslow  
Miriam P. Haskett  
M&M Wayne Ashley  
M&M Harry Winslow  
Chancel Choir  
Caroline Wright  
M&M Walker Rayburn  
M&M Bob Clinkscapes  
M&M Lester Simpson  
M&M Raymond Meiggs  
M&M William T. Winslow  
Rufus M. Riddick IV  
Preston Nixon Family  
Henry Stokes  
Susanne Niver  
M&M Jerry Jacobs  
Florence Christensen  
M&M Michael Byrum  
M&M Durward Reed  
Luann Riddick  
M&M Jerry Whedbee  
Charlene Cartwright  
Laclaire Anderson  
M&M Kermit Bennett  
M&M Lawrence Winslow  
Bill Black Chevrolet  
M&M William T. Winslow  
M&M Al Gesler  
Hazel V. Harris  
M&M Eddie Barber  
M&M Todd Tilley  
Blanche Dillon  
M&M Lloyd Lane  
M&M Charles Skinner  
M&M Ronald Pippen  
Blanche Decker  
M&M Jim Clifford  
M&M Raymond Skinner  
Eldon Winslow  
Mary Inez Harrell  
M&M Mercer Saunders  
M&M John Balis  
M&M Edgar White  
M&M Roy Reed  
M&M Pat Harrell  
Betty Beers  
M&M Tom Brennan  
M&M Billy L. Winslow  
M&M Wes Hostetler  
M&M Donald Hurdle  
N.D. Ambrose  
M&M Jack D. Briggs  
Clinton, Catherine & Lyn Winslow  
M&M Gene Denison  
M&M David Twiford

**Memory of Mary Thad Chappell Batts**

Blanche Dillon

**Memory of Pauline Wright**

Caroline Wright

**Memory of Beulah Williams**

M&M Harry Winslow

**Memory of Walter Harrison**

M&M Harry Winslow

**Memory of Hazel White**

M&M Kent White

**Memory of M&M Marion Riddick**

Rufus M. Riddick IV

**Memory of Steve Perry**

M&M Gene Denison  
Caroline Wright  
M&M Todd Tilley  
M&M Ronald Pippen

**Memory of Talmage Rose**

Henry Stokes  
Susanne Niver

**Memory of Anne Nowell**

Henry Stokes  
Susanne Niver  
M&M William T. Winslow  
Miriam J. Haskett  
M&M Donald Hurdle

**Memory of Adam Smith**

M&M Donald Hurdle

*To live in hearts we leave behind is never to have died.*

*What lies behind us  
and what lies before us  
are tiny matters  
compared to what  
lies within us.*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Honor of Durward & Edythe Reed**

E. Lindsay Reed III

**Honor of Pat & Carroll Harrell**

M&M Charles Lemons

**Honor of Blanche Dillon**

Wayne & Jean Ashley

**Honor of the Thursday Bible Study**

M&M Roy Reed

**Honor of Jet & Sharon Powers**

Ruth E. Blemis

- 2/3 Joe Hewitt
- 2/4 Billy Nixon
- 2/6 Lee Tunnell
- 2/6 Donald M. Goldsmith
- 2/7 Christine Berryman
- 2/7 Byrum Talmadge
- 2/7 Kent White
- 2/8 Colby Brown
- 2/10 Bonnie McKee
- 2/12 Lois Stone
- 2//13 Tiffany Eure
- 2/13 Dianne Stallings
- 2/16 Stephanie Fuller
- 2/16 Bailey Joyner
- 2/18 Mary H. Atkinson
- 2/18 Douglas Naugle
- 2/18 Elaine Crawford
- 2/19 Ann Goodwin
- 2/19 John Atkinson
- 2/20 Alva Bunch
- 2/20 Eugene Denison
- 2/21 Roy Reed
- 2/21 Bobbie Jacobs
- 2/22 Kathleen Roschetz
- 2/22 Corkie Anderson
- 2/24 Jonathan Nixon
- 2/26 Carl Skinner
- 2/26 Robert Morgan
- 2/27 Cecil Winslow
- 2/28 Marta Colson



- 2/12 Mercer & Ida Saunders
- 2/17 Douglas & Dianne Stallings
- 2/17 Kermit & Sandra Bennett
- 2/18 Joe & Barbara Graves
- 2/21 B.T. & Teresa Dail
- 2/26 Kelly & Mary Elizabeth Duncan
- 2/26 Carl & Celtic Skinner
- 2/28 Derrick & Melanie James
- 2/28 Eugene & Margaret Ann Denison

***Happy New Year to All***

A very deep heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Miriam, Karen, and Kelsea for their hard work, time, and funds to make the "Three Kings" dinner the success it was. At this time, I would like to ask all members, not just the Missions Committee, but all members of the Church to take a deep look within yourselves so that you can find your skills, talents, and likes, that you are willing to share. Please let a member of the committee know what you can share. By doing this you will know the beauty of giving of yourself to help spread God's message of love.

I look forward to our first Missions Committee meeting to be held on February 7th at 7 p.m. at the Church. Please mark your calendars. It is my pleasure to work with each of you.

Carol Kuhn, Chair  
Missions Committee

**Financial Report January 2012 Income & Expenses**

Unbudgeted income and expense included below:

			<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Monthly Budget</b>	Conference	\$ 4,341	\$ 4,441
Member Pledges	\$ 30,488	\$ 29,932	District Workfund	889	889
Non-Pledgers	4,133	333	Operating	7,847	4,670
Loose Plate	316	208	Pastor	7,130	7,248
Sunday School	315	208	Staff	8,568	8,639
Building Use	300	625	Parsonage	1,014	636
EUMC Reimburse		417	Worship	801	292
White/Morgan	178	500	Finance	0.00	200
UMFoundation			Programs	133	1,656
			Cap Imp		1,750
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 35,730</b>	<b>\$32,223</b>	<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>\$ 30,723</b>	<b>\$ 30,424</b>

## *Lay Speaker Training*

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Speaker for Hertford UMC? Are you currently a Lay Speaker and need to renew your certificate? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then the Elizabeth City District Lay Speaker Training Event is for you.

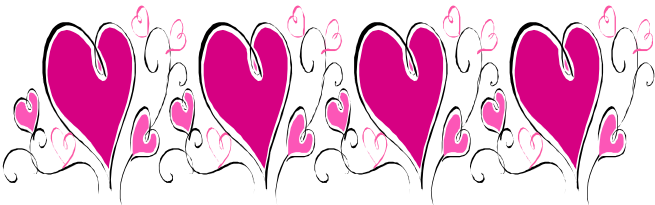
### **Advanced and Basic Courses**

Mount Olivet UMC, Manteo, NC  
Saturday, March 10, 2012  
from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost is only \$25, which includes lunch and training materials.

Registration is required and must be made by February 24th. See the church office for registration forms.

Give serious thought to becoming a Lay Speaker for HUMC and register for this course today!



## *Prayer Shawl Groups To Meet*

Do you knit or crochet? If so, you need to join one of the Prayer Shawl Groups.

At **10 a.m. on February 13th** the day time group will meet at the Church in the Parlor. Then at **7 p.m.** the evening group will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Be sure to check out the group that matches your schedule and become part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry of HUMC.



## *In the Church's Mailbox*

Please join the Boone family at an Open House reception as they celebrate Jack's retirement after 38 years of dentistry. Cookies and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 4th, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Boone Family

*Dear Friends,*

*How does one express the gratitude, warmth, and comfort that our family has received since Dick's passing? Your prayers during his long term illness helped him fight his battle and win, allowing him to have a quality of life that many with his illness (GBM brain tumor) are not able to sustain. When the fight became unbearable, God lifted him into heaven and he will no longer suffer.*

*We appreciate so very much the love, compassion, and support we have received from all of you.*

Charlene Stoltenhoff and family

Barbara and I send our thanks and prayers to everyone in HUMC who said prayers for her successful surgery and a complete, quick, and painless recovery. An additional word of thanks goes to all of you in Barbara Circle, Sunday School class, Bible Study group, our neighbors and others who prepared and delivered those fantastic dinners. We were blessed that your prayers were answered! We, including Julia, really enjoyed those wonderful meals and the heartfelt care and consideration they represent. We thank God for you and for HUMC. We know we are blessed to have the prayers, friendship, and love you have and continue to share with us.

Charlie Borg

*The 2011 year was filled with difficult times for our family the death of my father, my knee surgery and most recently the death of Ed's mother. We want our church family to know that your support, prayers, cards and so many kindnesses have pulled us through. Most of all the true character of a real church family was witnessed by all our family. No church will ever be perfect all the time but ours has proved that Hertford UMC is a special family to belong to. God bless you all in the new year and thank you for caring.*

Ed and Barbara Nixon



## *Stephen Minsters Continue Training and Caring*

HUMC's Stephen Ministry team members are currently putting in more hours than ever toward enhancing their care giving skills to benefit their care receivers. The continuing education topic for January and part of February is *Ministry to the Dying and Their Family and Friends*. This topic is a difficult but necessary part of skill-building as well as life. Although no one looks forward to walking through the normal crisis of life, it is wonderful to know that people in our church are being training to accompany us when those times do come.

In the Stephen Ministry Library, there is an interesting book which has been added called **Talking About Death Won't Kill You** by Virginia Morris. She sees many people in our culture refusing to talk about death because "*it might make it happen*" or bring on panic, loss of control, and eventually end with "*heroic procedures and dehumanizing machines cutting us off both from our loved ones and from the spiritual rite of death itself.*"

Virginia Morris suggests "*it doesn't have to be their way . . . If we start talking about death instead of denying that it will happen.*" The author provides personal stores, practical advice, scientific fact, and emotional sensitivity to help the reader think about ways to prepare for "a good death" (which occurs where the patient is most comfortable and has the most control). The aim is for us to envision a more gentle and meaningful way to die.

But sometimes death comes without warning. If we are open to those who share with us "the art of dying", that in turn, might just teach us about the "art of living".

This book is available for anyone to use. You are invited to sign it out and return it to the library corner when finished. It could change your death . . . and, your life!

### *Methodist Home For Children Sunday, February 19*



Every day, Methodist Home for Children transforms the lives of children in need—moving them from darkness to light, from fear to love, from abuse to safety, from despair to hope. Our Church will take up a special offering on **February 19th on Methodist Home for Children Sunday.**

Please join us in supporting this important United Methodist ministry for North Carolina's children, young people, and families.



### **Phone Lines are a'changin'**

**February 6th** - that is the date the Mediacom lines will be laid for service to the church and parsonage. We realized,

after some research, that the Church could save about \$600 a year if we changed our phone and internet to Mediacom. So, new lines with Mediacom will be put in place on February 6th.

You know what they say (whoever they are), "a penny saved is a penny earned". So we are working to earn dollars (forget the pennies).

We have been told it will be a smooth transition from one to the other. We'll see!!!

## UMW News

Thank you for your support of our UMW Sunday. We are very proud of our group, the largest in the District. Thank you to all participants.

On February 18, HUMC is the host for the UMW South Region Meeting. We will have a brunch and then dismiss around 12, after the meeting.

Our first bazaar meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 7 p.m. The goal of the meeting is to talk about last year's bazaar and determine if there are any changes we want to make. Rooms will be assigned, details worked out and then, the work begins! Our next bazaar meeting will not be until September.

February 5th is Super Bowl Sunday. The UMW will have representatives at the doors after both services to collect your donations for the Open Door. Thank you for your continued support of the UMW and its mission projects.  
Brenda White and Susan Winslow, Co-Presidents, UMW

## UMW Upcoming dates:

February 6—9:45 a.m.—Mary Martha Circle will meet at Church in the Fellowship Hall

February 6—10 a.m.—Alleluia Circle will meet in Crusaders Classroom

February 6—6:30 p.m.—Bertha Lane Circle

February 7—9:45 a.m.—Minnie Wilson Circle meets at Church in Fellowship Hall

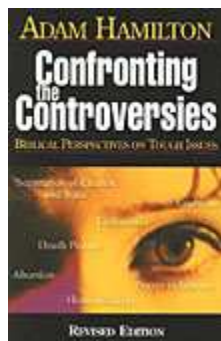
February 7—6 p.m.—Wesley Circle will meet at Nothin' Fancy in Edenton

February 11—6 p.m.—JOY Circle Sweetheart Dinner for spouses at Church

### Book Talk Planned for February 29th

The Book Talk of the UMW is going to leap into the year with their first meeting on February 29th. Please join us for our talk at 4 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

The book we will be discussing is "Confronting Our Controversies" by Adam Hamilton. We do have one copy in our UMW books. Amazon has the book on sale for \$9.35 while Cokesbury has the book for \$7.66 online price. It is believed the discussion on this book will be quite interesting. Bring a mug for tea and come join us. If you have questions, call Karin Heughan at 426.3076.



### Super Bowl Collection

The Social Action Committee is getting in the Super Bowl spirit and will be having a special collection for Open Door of Perquimans County on Sunday, February 5th, Super Bowl Sunday, after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Ladies will be at the exit doors with baskets ready to take your offering to help Open Door. Open Door graciously appreciates the food given to them; however, they can purchase more with a \$1 than you can. So come and be ready to give during the Super Bowl Sunday collection.



### Thanks for the Coats for Kids

The Bertha Lane Circle would like to thank our church family and friends for helping make the Coats for Kids collection a success. Our goal was to provide Perquimans County Schools with 100 coats and at last count we exceeded that goal, delivering 150 new and gently used coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Coats of all sizes were donated and will be given to students and their families as the school administration and teachers see the need.

We would also like to recognize and thank the Perquimans County Schools Foundation for allowing us to help our children.

This was definitely a Church and Community effort to help our friends and neighbors. To be able to help has been such a blessing, and we look forward to next year's collection.



## FUNDRAISING

### **Feb. 4th:** Sweetheart Dinner at Mt. Hermon

*Has been cancelled, we will not be earning tips as Servers. We will have an opportunity to work with them soon!*

### **March 23rd:** Steak Dinner

Be ready to buy tickets from the UMYF for a tasty dinner. We are going to be selling tickets this month, so be on the lookout.

### **April 21st:** Car Wash

You asked and you have received. The UMYF will be hosting another Car Wash in April once the sun shines and the cold weather clears up! Put this date on your calendar!

## MEETINGS

### **Saturday Feb. 4th** PR1ME & THE EDGE

A few members of the UMYF will be going to Chapel Hill to attend PR1ME and The Edge Conferences. We will be learning lots of information and bring back our knowledge to the rest of the group.

### **Sunday Feb. 5th** Superbowl Sunday

Super Bowl party at Pastor Larry's house starting at 5:30 p.m. for all youth - Jr. and Sr. Bring your favorite chips and dip to share. Devotion before the game.

### **February 10th No UMYF!**

### **Sunday Feb. 19th** Regular UMYF Meeting

Jr. High at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm, Sr. High at 6:30pm. We will be meeting in the Attic! Come join us!

### **Sunday Feb. 26th** District Lay Rally

*Not a Regular Meeting.* We will meet at the church at 2:15pm to head to Elizabeth City for the District Lay Rally. Afterwards **ihop for Dinner!** If you are interested in Driving please let Candy Tilley know!

\*Volunteers are always needed contact Barbara Borg or Candy

## Updates

Barbara Borg Meal Coordinator    Jeannie Garrett Treasurer    Angela Banks Youth Pastor  
Candy Tilley Volunteer Coordinator    Stephanie Fuller Youth Coordinator

These are just a FEW of the people that help make the UMYF work. We have several helpful volunteers who don't hold "titles" but are always there. If you see a Youth Volunteer this month, be sure to tell them Thank you for what they are doing for our Youth!

The Youth Page on the Church website has lots of resources and is updated weekly. If you need a calendar of events, or a registration form for Conference Events, please check out the UMYF Page.

## Conference Opportunities

### **GLOBAL VISION**

Congrats to Mariah Fuller & Zach Winslow!  
These Youth from our Sr. High will be attending Global Vision!

### **KALEIDOSCOPE** is the next Conference Event on the Calendar!

It's a Jr. High Event held at Camp Don Lee. The weekend allows youth the opportunity to experience community through worship fellowship, service, recreation, and Holy Communion. Focus includes the four Holy Habits: Prayer, Bible Study, Worship, and Service. The theme this year is "YOU ARE MORE" We all make mistakes but our mistakes don't define us, through God's grace we are given a second chance. We are more, we belong to God.

April 13th-15th  
Registration Postmark Deadline: March 16th  
Registration Deposit: \$25  
Cost: 95.00

If you are interested in attending this Conference Event or any other Conference Event contact Angela Banks for more information.

## Small Group Opportunities



### FRIENDS IN FAITH

The Confirmation Class is in need of Spiritual Partners. If you think God is calling you to be a Mentor and would like to know more about this ministry opportunity, please contact Angela Banks.

If you are interested in participating in the Love Dare Course, please sign up for one of the following classes. The Retreats are weekends, the entire course is taught in one weekend and then you and your spouse complete the Love Dare book on your own.

#### **FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE - SIGN UP TODAY!**

##### The Love Dare Retreat

February 24th—25th

March 2nd—3rd

\*Times for retreats are TBD\*

##### Love Dare Class Offerings

March 1st - May 10th (*skip Easter week!*)

##### **Thursday Evenings**

6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

##### **Sunday Evenings**

5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

\*Some class sessions will go over hour time limit\*

### Financial Peace University



#### **Monday's**

5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

April 16th—June 11th

*"If you will live like no one else, later you can LIVE like no one else!"*

**Loan amount—\$220,000**

#### Donations and Expense Report for 211 Market Street

<b>Jan. 1, 2012 Beg. Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 190,304.83</b>
<b>Donations paid on balance</b>	<b>11,220.00</b>
<b>Balance on 1/31/12</b>	<b>\$ 179,084.83</b>
<b>Expenses paid by HUMC this year:</b>	
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 376.32</b>
<b>Interest on loan</b>	<b>\$ 982.58</b>

**Balance 1/31/12- \$ 179,084.83**

**Keep watch as the color slowly decreases with each month's donations**



**Goal—Balance—\$0**



# 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Worship Schedule—Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. Early Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Morning Worship 6 p.m. Children's Choir Practice 6 p.m. - Bible Study  <b>Monday</b> 7 a.m. Prayer/Study at Twysted Turtle <b>Wednesday:</b> 6:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice			<b>1</b>  1:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders Meeting in the Crusaders Room  7 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  6 p.m. Scouts	<b>4</b>  Reception for Dr. Boone - 2 to 4
<b>5</b> 7:15 a.m. UMM  <b>Scout Sunday</b> Super Bowl Collection for Open Door  5 p.m. Jr. High MYF 6 p.m. Children's Choir Practice 6 p.m. Sr. High MYF 6 p.m. Bible Study	<b>6</b> 9:45 a.m.-Mary Martha Circle  10 a.m. Alleluia Circle, Crusaders Room  6:30 p.m. Bertha Lane Circle	<b>7</b> 9:45 a.m. Minnie Wilson Circle in the Fellowship Hall  6 p.m. Wesley Circle at Nothin' Fancy Café  7 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting	<b>8</b>  7 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	<b>9</b>  <b>12 noon XYZ</b>  Mobile Food Pantry 5 p.m. Need volunteers	<b>10</b>  6 p.m. Scouts	<b>11</b>  2 p.m. until JOY Circle in Fellowship Hall - Sweetheart Dinner
<b>12</b>  12:45 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting  6 p.m. Children's Choir Practice  6 p.m. Bible Study	<b>13</b> 10 am. Prayer Shawl in the :Library  7 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group  7 p.m. Prayer Shawl iin the Fellowship Hall 7 p.m. UMW Bazaar Committee Meeting	<b>14</b>   7 p.m. Trustees	<b>15</b>  7 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Tables of 8</b>	<b>18</b> Sign up today  Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall all day UMW Subdistrict Meeting—211 House and Sanctuary
<b>19</b> <b>Special collection for MHC</b>  5 p.m. Jr. High MYF 6 p.m. Children's Choir Practice 6 p.m. Sr. High MYF 6 p.m. Bible Study	<b>20</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>21</b>  7 p.m. Finance Committee	<b>22</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>12 noon Service</b>  <b>7 p.m. Service</b>  7:30 Chancel Choir Practice	<b>23</b>  7 p.m. Spiritual Formation Committee Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>Love Dare Retreat</b>  2 p.m. until - Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner in Fellowship Hall	<b>25</b>  10 a.m. Stations of the Cross Walk
<b>26</b> <b>Fellowship—UMM</b> 12:45 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting <b>District Lay Rally—3 p.m. 1st Church, Elizabeth City</b> 6 p.m. Children's Choir Practice	<b>27</b>  7 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting	<b>28</b>  7 p.m. Church Council	<b>29</b> 4 p.m. Book Talk   7 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	<b>Weekly Regular Meetings:</b> Sunday— Jr. High UMYF (5:00) Sunday—Children's Choir (6 p.m.) Sunday—Sr. High UMC (6:30) Sunday—Bible Study (6 p.m.) Tuesdays—Weight Watchers (5:45 p.m.) Wednesday—Prayer Group (6:30 a.m.) Thursday—AA (8 p.m.) Friday—Scouts (6 p.m.)		

# February Lectionary Readings

## **February 5 - 5th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

## **February 12 - 6th Sunday after the Epiphany** **Boy Scouts Sunday**

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

## **February 19 - Last Sunday after the Epiphany** **Transfiguration of the Lord**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

## **February 22 - Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

## **February 26 - 1st Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### **District Lay Rally & Laity EXPO**

Mark you calendar for Sunday, February 26 at First UMC in Elizabeth City. Laity EXPO begins at 3 p.m. with District Lay Rally to follow. Bishop Hope Ward Morgan (from Gatesville) will be preaching at the Rally. The EXPO is designed to offer ideas of projects and activities other churches are involved in. The Church's MYF will be involved in the Lay Rally. All officers and committee chairs should plan on attending. A great experience for all.



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