



In the Loop



The Newsletter of Glencoe United Methodist Church
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Pastor's Ed-itorial

The most visible way God knits people into community to fulfill the mission of Christ is through congregations, and these five practices give congregations a common language. As a result of working through a common language, faith communities become clear about their mission and confident about their future. Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations are those that naturally practice these qualities and constantly seek ways to develop them further. -- Bishop Robert Schnase

By the time you read this, we will be in our second week of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. The above quote from Bishop Schnase addresses the question of, "Why? Why do we need to be so intentional about something so basic as being hospitable, worshiping, studying, serving, and generous?" The reason is that most churches have been on "auto-pilot" for the last forty years. That is, a handful of people, including the pastor, coordinate some sort of weekly religious experience for the masses, which the masses attend, and then they return home. The assumption is the church leadership provides religious services for the people. The leadership gives, the people receive. "You open the doors, the people will come in." However, in order to communicate effectively in today's world, the church needs to change its standard mode of operations. Instead of "going to church," we must "be the church."

To be relevant to today's world, let us think of the church as something "we are" rather than a place "we go." Let us think how we can offer Jesus wherever we are to whoever we are. *The Five Practices* gives us the tools and the language to talk about church in creative and exciting ways. Remember the woman who broke the alabaster box of fine ointment and poured it over Jesus' head (Mark 14)? What an extravagant gift! The aroma must have filled the whole room and one could never get it back in the box. The gift of Christ is so precious, yet so extravagant, it can never be contained in a box, an individual, or a church. We are the aroma of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:15) as persons sent from God to spread his love, his fragrance, throughout the world.

Churches all around have awakened from their routine and have asked, "Where did all the people go?" And they have discovered that the world has changed. New media like texting, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are the ways people communicate. New worship songs with guitar, drums, and simple choruses flood Christian radio stations. Today's young people seek not only to hear a good sermon, but also have a worship experience that allows them to encounter the holy. They are not only interested in a set of doctrines to believe, but also an opportunity to serve humanity in Jesus' name.

As we deliberate how to be a more fruitful congregation, let us think on how we can communicate the gospel effectively so it can be heard, received, and shared. On Saturday, February 25th, from 9am to 1pm, at Camp Guilrock, the Administrative Council will prayerfully consider our way forward to "be the church" to this community.

See you Sunday!

February Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

- 4 – BJ Brame
- 6 – Marty Simpson
- 7 – Donnell Walker
- 8 – Jade Murphy, Olivia Peterson
- 10 – Denese Boerner, Joyce Eubanks, and
Joyce Jones
- 11 – Will Murphy (2 yrs old!), Jonathan Werz
- 13 – Scott Dixon, Heather Green
- 17 – Rachel Werz
- 22 – Jason O’Bryant
- 23 – Rusty Wiggs
- 28 – Marie Dixon, Kasey Shelton

Happy Anniversary to:

- 14 – Barbara & Jerry Linville

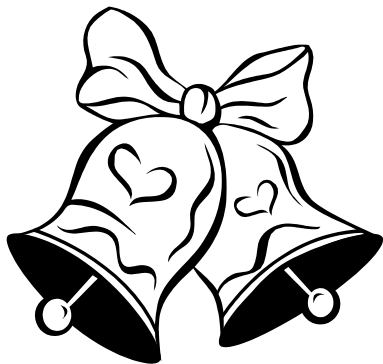
Wedding bells are ringing!

Please join us as we celebrate:

A shower for Kellye Eubanks & Kenny Taylor will be held in their honor on Saturday,

February 4 from 1-3pm in the fellowship hall.

The couple is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Wal-Mart and Home Depot gift cards are also welcomed.



A shower for Diane Knight & Brandon Cannon will be held in their honor on Sunday, February 12 from 2-4pm in the fellowship hall. The couple is registered at Belk and Target. Gift cards from Lowe’s are also greatly appreciated.

SOUP KITCHEN

Our opportunity to serve at the Reidsville Soup Kitchen is on **Friday, Feb. 17 from 10am—Noon**. The Confirmation class will be serving this meal and others are welcome to help. Please contact Laurie Edeen.

Winter Wednesday Fellowship Meals

Please join your church family and leave the cooking and cleaning up for another day! Donations for the meal will be accepted.

Wednesday, February 1 from 5:30-6:30pm

Barbara Walker's Sunday School Class will be serving chicken pie

Wednesday, February 8 from 5:30-6:30pm

Ken & Rena Walker's Sunday School Class will be serving hot dogs, chips, and baked beans

Wednesday, February 15 from 5:30-6:30pm

Randall Cox's Sunday School Class will be serving spaghetti, salad, bread

Tuesday, February 21 from 5:30-6:30pm

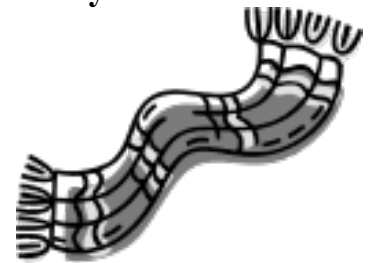
Fat Tuesday (aka Mardi Gras) pancake supper

Wednesday, February 29 from 5:30-6:30pm

The United Methodist Women will be serving a specialty

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our January meeting went very well. We are excited to be able to help Pat Ballew in making these or giving with our money (or



Michael’s gift cards) and our prayers. It has been a blessing to hear how these prayer shawls have meant so much to many people in our community—a great way to give to others who are hurting. We hope to have someone come to our church to teach us how to knit. We will let you know the date soon. We will meet once a month on a Tuesday night to knit/crochet together and encourage and help each other! Our next meeting is February 21 at 6:30pm. See you there!

A prayer shawl prayer...

Dear God, with You all things are possible.

Bless these hands as they attempt to create this shawl. May they do Your bidding, and when complete, may this shawl give warmth and comfort to whoever receives it. Let it be filled with Your love. Amen



United Methodist Women

Next meeting: Monday, February 13th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

The UMW is selling “That’s My Pan” personalized pans and bake

ware until February 13. Go to

www.thatsmypan.com to see samples or grab an order form off the table in the narthex. For any questions or to order see a UMW member, Rena Walker or Donnell Walker.

United Methodist Men

Thank you to all who ordered the Boston Butts! We were able to cook enough extras for the Wednesday night fellowship meal on January 11 *and* serve 57 people at the Reidsville soup kitchen in January. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Lands of the Bible Cruise Planned

Bishop Larry Goodpaster will lead a 13-day faith-based Education Opportunities cruise with departure November 9, 2012. Join pastors and laity from Western NC for this exciting adventure. After a flight to Rome, the group will board the Norwegian Jade, fully equipped cruise ship to places like Greece, Turkey, The Holy Land, and Egypt. The all-inclusive price begins at \$3596 from Charlotte (Greensboro departure slightly higher). Brochures with complete details are available from Pastor Ed, the district office, or Dr. Thomas R. Sigmon, project coordinator (704-362-2398 or tsigmon@carolina.rr.com). This is a wonderful way to renew and strengthen your faith journey.

Global UMC “Most Popular”

Headlines

For more visit www.umns.umc.org

- * Supreme Court shield church from bias laws
- * Briefing previews General Conference issues
- * Preview to church restructuring debate
- * Young adults lead social justice startups
- * Exploring differences, deepening faith
- * MFSA proposes alternative restructure
- * Conference trains church planters



- * Breadfruit flour effort aims to enrich Haiti
- * Cyclists pump up hearts, environment
- * Oklahoma church sends Bibles to Congo

District Leadership Conference at Christ United Methodist Church

410 N. Holden Road, Greensboro: Sunday, February 12 2:30-5:00pm



Join other United Methodists as we learn to be better disciples. The workshops offered are:

1. Last thoughts for S/PPR before District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Duke Ison retires.
2. Reaching Closure: practical tips for running a meeting
3. Trustee topics
4. What is a vital congregation? And what does that have to do with me?
5. Understanding local church finances
6. Managing change and transition (clergy geared)
7. Laity-clergy partnerships
8. The emotionally healthy ‘Methodist’ church
9. Centering prayer
10. Community Faith through symbolism
11. Servant leadership: a path and a practice
12. Digital connectionalism: social media and the church
13. Missional households: creating a legacy of faith in youth and families
14. United Methodist Women 101: the truth and the myths
15. Building a future, fueling a passion: being the hands and feet of Christ through building teams
16. District missions and Project AGAPE

Christian Education News

February Children's Church Volunteers

- 5 – Kathy Werz
- 12 – Debbie & Kristi Moore
- 19 – Karlee Porter & Callie Simpson
- 26 – Shanna Locklear & Kacy Porter

Nursery – 9:00am

- 5 – Marie Dixon
 - 12 – Judy Rice
 - 19 – Marie Dixon
 - 26 – Judy Rice
- 10:00am (Sunday School)
- 5 – Otelia Glosson
 - 12 – Kathy Werz
 - 19 – Judy Rice
 - 26 – Kim Cox

If anyone would like to be in these rotations please let Kathy Werz or Pastor Ed know. There may not be many kids some days, but we want to have a regular schedule to show radical hospitality when there is an opportunity!



Senior Moments from Barbara Walker's Sunday School Class

This month we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Oh—the sweet thoughts of candy and flowers for some of us and for others just sweet memories. What is it about this one day that we loose our inhibitions and declare our love for each other and on other days love is the farthest thing from our minds? Could it be that we don't know the real definition of love?

We refer you to 1 Corinthians 13 where all your questions are answered by the Apostle Paul. He tells us what love is and what it isn't. We could all do with a refresher course in love as Jesus taught us to love. And Jesus didn't limit love to one day per year.

What a wonderful life-lesson this Scripture is for young and old. We suggest parents read this passage with their children and explain the merits of Christian love. You will note that Paul does not mention ownership or control of the object of your affection. Just saying!

Happy Valentine's Day!
We love you every day!



YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

FOR YOUTH...Sunday, February 5 5:30-9:00pm (or 10pm?) Super Bowl XLVI party at the McKinneys! Get your game on!

FOR FAMILIES...Sunday, February 19 4:00-6:30pm Real bowling!

Credo Confirmation

This journey through classes, retreats, worship, service opportunities and mentor sessions will help confirmands think about what it means to say, "I believe in Jesus" (*Credo* is Latin for "I believe"). We will also grow deeper in our understanding of United Methodism and church membership at Glencoe. These sessions will start February 5 and continue through April 29. Please be in prayer for our awesome class!

- ✦ James Ingram
- ✦ Taylor Lancaster
- ✦ Erica Locklear
- ✦ Jessica Locklear
- ✦ Shanna Locklear
- ✦ Zeb Murray
- ✦ Karlee Porter
- ✦ Callie Simpson
- ✦ Trey Simpson

February Class Schedule- during Sunday School unless otherwise noted

- 5 – Session 1- *Creation*
- 12 – Session 2- *Sin & Redemption*
- Fri. 17 – Serve at Soup Kitchen & Session 3- *Holy Spirit & Church* (teacher workday)
- 19 – Session 4- *New Creation*
- 26 – Session 5- *Way of Discipleship*

Hurricane Irene Work Continues

Robin Hood is returning to the Oriental-Vandermere region February 21-23 to do disaster recovery. Contact him at skihoods@triad.rr.com or 336-312-3407 if you would like to help. First trip participants will report on their experience during worship on Sunday, February 12.





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9am & 11am Worship 10am Sunday School			1 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Choir	2	3	4 1-3pm Wedding shower for Kellye Eubanks
5 12:15pm Ad. Council Mtg. 5:30pm Youth Super Bowl party at parsonage	6	7	8 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Choir	9 6:30pm- Trustee's Meeting	10	11
12 2-4pm Wedding shower for Diane Knight 2:30-5:00pm DLC*	13 7:00pm UMW Meeting "That's My Pan" order deadline	14	15 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Choir	16	17 10am-Noon Reidsville Soup Kitchen with Confirmation Class	18
19 4-6:30pm Bowling trip	20	21 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Mtg	22 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	23 6:30pm Choir	24	25 9am-1pm Admin Council at Guilrock
26 Confirmation meets each Sunday at 10am	27	28	29 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Choir			* District Leadership Conference (Feb. 12)



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Coming to Greensboro, Two Bible Teachers You Don't Want to Miss...

Thurs., Feb. 2 at 7:30pm, Bishop William H. Willimon will deliver the inaugural Reynolds Lecture, "Jesus Goes to College," in Hannah Brown Finch Memorial Chapel at Greensboro College (815 W. Market Street, Greensboro). The event is free. A reception will follow in Lea Center in Main Building, adjacent to the chapel. Willimon is bishop of the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church, and is former dean of the chapel at Duke University. In 1996, along with evangelist Billy Graham, he was named by Baylor University as among the 12 best preachers in the English-speaking world. He has written more than 50 books and maintains a blog, "A Peculiar Prophet." Contact Robert Brewer at rbrewer@greensboro.edu for more information.

Feb. 28 – Mar. 27 (Tuesdays), 7-8:30pm
Dr. James "Mickey" Efirm, retired professor of Biblical Studies at Duke Divinity School, will be teaching on 1 and 2 Corinthians at Christ United Methodist Church (410 North Holden Road in Greensboro). This event is co-sponsored by the Center for Continuing Education at Duke Divinity School. When the church today looks at the letters to the Corinthians, it is as if it is looking into a mirror. Registration (either in advance or at the door) is required to participate in the studies. Cost is \$25 per person; \$35 per couple. Childcare is provided upon request at registration. Contact John Bletsch at jblesch@christgreensboro.org for more information.