



In the Loop



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

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

That is the first thing you see when you visit www.glencoeumc.org. Keith Perri posted it after hearing a sermon last fall declaring that churches need to remember the “so that,” or the reason why we do what we do. The purpose should be more than, “because we have always done it,” but rather a meaningful “so that,” like “so we can give glory to our Father in heaven.”

This passage is also a great key verse for the season of Epiphany which we enter on January 1. Epiphany, means “revealed,” and we celebrate how Jesus is revealed to the world through the visit of the Wise Men, Jesus’ baptism, the call of the disciples, his miraculous works, and his teachings. During this season of Epiphany, we are going to ask for God’s guidance in how Christ can be revealed in our community and world. We will pray, “How can we let our light shine so that we can give glory to you?”

This all starts with a Covenant Renewal Service. Dating back to 1755, Methodists have made a commitment to serve God at the beginning of each New Year. This is an intentional time of personal devotion that will challenge you to be a servant of the Lord. On January 8, we will remember Jesus’ baptism and our own, celebrating God’s love for us. Finally, from January 22 through February 25, we will have a 5-week intentional time of prayer and discovery entitled, *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*.

Through sermons, weekly fellowship meals, on-line discussions, and Administrative Council meetings, we will discuss how we can “let our light shine” in the months and years ahead. Each Sunday, we will hear a sermon on each of the 5 practices (Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission & Service, and Extravagant Generosity). Then during the weekly fellowship meal and on-line, we will have informal discussions on topics like “What does ‘radical hospitality’ look like at Glencoe?” “What does it mean to ‘take risks’ to serve God?” All of our responses will be compiled and prayed over. Then on Saturday, February 25 at Camp Guilrock, the Administrative Council will develop an intentional plan to carry out what God has revealed to us. At future council meetings, we will look back at our plan and evaluate our progress.

The first week of January, everyone wants to start the New Year right. That is why the parking lots and treadmills are full at your local YMCA. However, usually by January 15, people have abandoned their resolutions and order has been restored. To keep our resolve to “let our light shine,” Glencoe will be forming an intentional plan for success and accountability. I invite you to be a part of this journey, make your commitment to serve God, attend worship regularly, share in the fellowship & discussion, and prayerfully consider your part in God’s epiphany at Glencoe.

See you Sunday!

January Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

4 – Donna Dixon
5 – Barbara Walker
6 – Katie Wiggs
10 – Eric Boerner, Kasey Walker
12 – Kristin Eubanks
16 – Pat Ballew, Tom Perri
18 – Lori Perri, Robert James
20 – Lisa Brame Miller, Mark Moore
27 – Faye Cox
31 – Leslie Murray-Mullins



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, January 11 from 5:30-6:30pm

United Methodist Men will be serving Bar-B-Que and all the fixings

Wednesday, January 18 from 5:30-6:30pm

Steve Dixon and Kenny Jones will be serving their famous chili

Wednesday, January 25 from 5:30-6:30pm

Ed McKinney's Sunday School Class will be serving a meal to be determined.

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

Congratulations

- To Kathy O'Bryant for making the President's List at RCC with a 4.0 average while working at Annie Penn Hospital and G'boro Imaging.
- Brandon Cannon & Diane Knight on their engagement.

Thursdays with the McKinneys

Ed and Sarah would like to invite each of you to a time of "getting to know you" at the parsonage. Beginning Thursday, January 5th, we would like for you to come to our home so we can learn more about you. Also, this will be an ideal time to share what you dream for Glencoe. We hope to meet with all of you, so we have schedule times in the morning, afternoon, and evening. We will begin making appointments at our Epiphany party, on January 4th. We hope to meet with all of you by Thursday, February 23.

Lands of the Bible Cruise Planned

Bishop Larry Goodpaster will lead a 13-day faith-based Education Opportunities cruise with departure November 9, 2012. You are invited to join pastors and laity from sister churches throughout 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 by contacting Pastor Ed, your district office, Dr. Thomas R. Sigmon, project coordinator (704-362-2398 or trsigmon@carolina.rr.com). This is a wonderful way to renew and strengthen your faith journey.

FAITH SUMMIT BRUNCH ON HOMELESSNESS

Saturday, January 21 at 10am, First Baptist Church in Reidsville. Our goal is to form partnership teams to help homeless families in our community. Roberta McCauley, Director of Support Circles Program of Raleigh, will present ways churches can work together to end homelessness, one family at a time. Pastor Ed has experience with programs like this and believes we can really make a difference. Contact Pastor Ed or Judy Rice to RSVP.

SOUP KITCHEN

Our opportunity to serve at the Reidsville Soup Kitchen is on **Friday, January 20 from 10am—Noon**. Contact Laurie Edeen for more info.



United Methodist Women

Next meeting: Monday, January 9th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to begin the New Year by joining the UMW.

Upcoming Mission Trip! Jan. 12-16

On Thursday evening, January 12, we will depart for Oriental, NC (east of New Bern) to do hurricane recovery work. On December 27th, Robin Hood met with the Disaster Response Coordinator and helped set up bunk beds. Robin says we have a very nice setup at a church with 4 to 5 bunkrooms, kitchen, living area, and a shower trailer on-site. We will fix lunch and take it with us each day. All muck work is done and we are the first rebuilding team. We will plan on using a generator at the building sites. We will return on Monday, January 16th in the evening. If you would like to go, we need to know by Thursday, January 5th! We will meet to make our final plans on that day at 6:30.

CONNECTIONAL NEWS

WNCC Martin Luther King, Jr.

Celebration

All in the conference are invited to celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. King. Bishop Goodpaster is the featured speaker. The celebration will be held in the chapel at Bennett College.



Global UMC “Most Popular”

Headlines

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- * Second pastor injured by police at Occupy Seattle
- * 2011 Church restructure plan headed to vote
- * United Methodists score high in survey
- * Peace depends on ‘courageous remnant’
- * Faith guides church in Penn State Crisis
- * Sierra Leone appoints 2 women to D.S. posts



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

January Children's Church Volunteers

1 – Kacy Porter & Shanna Locklear
8 – Kim Cox
15 – Erica Locklear & Taylor Lancaster
22 – Jade Murphy
29 – Diane Knight & David Knight



Nursery – 9:00am

1 – Marie Dixon
8 – Judy Rice
15 – Marie Dixon
22 – Judy Rice
29 – Marie Dixon
10:00am (Sunday School) please stay until
10:15am in case anyone comes in later
1 – Otelia Glosson
8 – Kathy Werz
15 – Kim Cox
22 – Judy Rice
28 – Kathy Werz

Senior Moments from Barbara Walker's Sunday School Class

What a fitting way to start the New Year--in church! God has brought us through a harrowing year filled with uncertainties on many fronts. As the song goes “ nobody promised us a rose garden”. But Someone has promised to see us through the hard times.

How can we honor the One who unconditionally loves us, strengthens us and provides for our needs and will never, ever leave us? We suggest thanking Him every day, worshiping every week, doing His work here on earth and studying His word on a scheduled basis. We invite you to join us as we study our beginnings in the book of Genesis this quarter. Although we have read this account many times we always learn something new!

We hope you will join us in a pledge to be more mindful of our responsibility in faithful obedience to our God! This practice comes with assurance that far surpasses black-eye peas and greens for a great New Year! See you in Sunday school!

YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

Sunday, January 8 from 3:00-6:30pm Ice skating (outdoor) at Festival Park in downtown Greensboro (across from Center City Park). Cost is \$8 (includes skate rental). We'll stop someplace for dinner on the way home (bring money for that too). Please let Sarah or Ed McKinney know if you can come by Wednesday, January 4. We'll work on carpooling

Sunday, January 22 3:00-6:30pm Swimming (indoor!) at the new Greensboro Aquatic Center. Cost is \$2-3 (depending on how many people we have go). We'll stop someplace for dinner on the way home again! Please let Sarah or Ed McKinney know if you can come by Wednesday, January 18. We'll carpool again.

FOR YOUTH ONLY...

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

Confirmation Orientation Meeting

On Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00pm following dinner, all people in 5th grade or higher and their families are invited to come to an information session regarding Confirmation and New Membership sessions. This will be a series of learning opportunities for us to think about what it means to be a Christian, a United Methodist, and a member of Glencoe church. These sessions will continue through April with small group study and field trips to special events. Explore what you believe and how best to respond to that belief!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30pm. We are looking for a few good knitters, crochet-ers, learners, givers, and pray-ers. Bob and Pat Ballew have started a great prayer shawl ministry and we honor their dedication. We invite all interested persons to attend a meeting that will kick-off a church-wide ministry for prayer. Men and women who are interested to support this ministry as a knitter, financial supporter, or prayer warrior, please contact Kathy Werz.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9am & 11am Worship 10am Sunday School	2	3	4 4-7pm Epiphany Open House at the parsonage	5	6	7
8 3-6:30pm Youth & Family Trip Ice Skating	9 7:00pm UMW Meeting	10	11 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Choir	12 Disaster Response Team Departs	13	14
15	16 Disaster Response Team Returns	17 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting	18 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Confirmation Meeting 6:30pm Choir	19	20 10am-Noon Reidsville Soup Kitchen	21
22 3-6:30pm Youth & Family Trip Swimming	23	25	25 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Choir	26	27	28
29	30	31				<i>Youth Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb. 5 at 5:30pm in the parsonage</i>





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*Thanks
Keith Perri!!!*
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"Glencoe UMC"

Scenes from December...



Above: Choir sharing "The Gift Goes On"
Cantata at Wellspring Retirement Community
Right top: Children and youth attending cantata
at Wellspring
Right bottom: Youth sharing a sacred dance to
the "Rose of Bethlehem"

