

*The***VOICE**

Newsletter of Muir's Chapel United Methodist Church

There are some things I am good at, or at least that is what I have been told by those who know me and like me. I have been blessed with gifts and abilities and talents. I thank God for these things every day. There is one thing, though, that I am terrible at and that is waiting.

Just this past Monday I had an appointment to see a doctor. I hurried up to arrive on time and then I waited, just shy of an hour before I was seen! As I walked out of the doctor's office to my car, I felt as if I had been robbed of something. In a sense, I **was** robbed because once time is gone, it is gone forever. I was not a very happy person as I got into my car and sped off to try and catch back up with my life that day. I felt tired, irritable, and impatient and generally out of sorts.

There are so many opportunities for waiting in our lives. We wait for stoplights to change. We wait in line at Walmart and the grocery store. We wait in line at the DMV. We wait for our health to improve when we are sick. Sometimes, we wait on other people to change their minds or their behavior. We wait on babies to be born. We wait for the economy to turn around. We wait in traffic jams. We wait to fall asleep. We wait and wait and wait! People who study these things, say we spend an average of around one hour every day just waiting. If we live to be 70 years old, we will have spent around 3 years waiting. Isn't that amazing?

A friend of mine once told me that it is all about "how" you wait. He pointed out to me that there is one thing you can always do while you wait to redeem that time you always seem to lose. You can pray! You can pray for other people who are sick as you wait in a doctor's office. You can pray for those who are hungry as you wait in line at the grocery store. You can pray for the cashier who is having a hard time as you wait in line at Walmart. You can thank God for the blessings He has given you, including the privilege of driving, as you wait at the DMV. You can even pray for the flag people and other workers in a construction zone as you wait in a traffic jam. I wonder what might happen if we tried this for a week. What if we prayed for others each time we found ourselves waiting on something?

I definitely need to learn how to wait. I am going to try praying as I wait. I look forward to becoming better at waiting. I wonder how long I will have to wait on that?

Grace and Peace,
Vance



Sunday, September 5th

8:45 a.m.

Traditional Service

John 1:1-14

"Let's See Some ID"

Rev. Lisa Tanico, Assistant Pastor

9:00 a.m.

Praise & Worship

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11:00 a.m.

Sunday Celebration

Luke 5:1-11

"Fishing with Jesus"

Rev. Vance Lowe, Senior Pastor



Sunday, September 12th

10:30 a.m.

**Homecoming
Celebration**

Genesis 28:10-18

"Sacred Spaces"

Rev. Vance Lowe, Senior Pastor



Every Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

**Midweek Vespers Service
Prayer Chapel**

New Pictorial Directory

There is still time to sign up to have your picture made for our new church directory. Pictures will be made on September 8th through the 11th.

If you are unable to get your picture taken we will be accepting photo submittals, but they must be in by September 10th. NO EXCEPTIONS! If you wish to submit a photo, please contact the church office ASAP for special instructions.

2010 Muir's Chapel Ladies' Retreat

All women are invited to the annual Muir's Chapel Ladies' Retreat on October 30th & 31st. The retreat theme is "Revive Us Again!" and will be held at Haw River State Park. The cost is \$89 per person and the deadline to register is October 3rd. You can find registration forms in the office NOW and on our church homepage beginning next week. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

September Birthdays

1	Kimberly Money	14	Olivia Miller
Andrea Byrns	7	Rick Bason	Logan Poynter
Riley Honeycutt	Karen Cook	Cameron Edwards, Jr.	Maegan Simpson
Aaron Wilson	Dale Hopkins	15	24
Nina Yeager	Virginia Jordan	Jackie Sullivan	Jellikatu Egharba
2	Tabbie Nance	Hallie Williams	Erin Hight
Pat Guion	Robin Self	16	Jay Moore
Rudy Hinshaw	8	Gordon Huellmantel	Kathryn Pope
Jeanette Lewis	Kenneth Barefoot	Nick Wood	25
Sarah Linville	Kenneth James	Will Wood	Nancy Campbell
Donna Miller	Brad Kiser	17	Heather Cauley
3	Nicholas Weaver	Brett Harris	Earl Ridout
Lynn Alexander	9	Tony Lewis	Patrick Sullivan
Marty Elkins	Henry Bergman	Chris Peascoe	27
Erin Harper	Lyndia Crabtree	Jimmy Ridge	Susan Bowden
Justing Jennings	Laurie Haulenbeek	Terrie Sutherland	Matt Pilkenton
4	Dale Pegg	18	Ida Smith
Virginia Edwards	10	Susan Bray	28
Judy Farlow	Theresa O'Rork	20	Nancy Briggs
Jim Goard	11	Mamie Brackin	Donnie Coble
Julie Loflin	Kaitlin Southern	Brett Hicks	Kim Cox
Sally Smith	12	Jane Newton	Danny Cutchin
5	Michelle Holder	22	Connie Jobe
Sarah Forsythe	Kevin Kinley	John Forbis	29
Sandi Knisley	Nick Snyder	Dorothy Fore	Kathryn Kale
Engle Paschal	13	Marguerite Stogner	Tony Moore
Howard Sullivan	Michael Hall	23	Jason Price
6	Tim Jobe	Virginia Cudworth	Jarrad Williams
Ed Knisley	Jordan McNeill	Kadi Egharba	30

Homecoming September 12th

This year, we will celebrate Homecoming outside with **One Service at 10:30 a.m.**



This will be followed by "dinner on the grounds." The church will supply BBQ Chicken, paper products and drinks. Bring your favorite covered side dishes and desserts. (Lots of desserts!) There will also be activities for children and youth during and after the meal. If it is raining or blazing hot, we will move things inside as needed. We hope you will come and be blessed by Homecoming 2010.

Prayer Chain

If you wish to participate, please phone Elise Nichols @ 299-8316 or email at enichols2@triad.rr.com. It's a wonderful way to stay connected to God and your Muir's Chapel family.

UMW General Meeting

All women in the church are invited to a UMW General Meeting on September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided by the UMW. Our speaker will be Carol Shot with Arrow of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Carol will be talking to us about the Oglala people and the Oglala Hope Project.

Disciple Bible Studies

Sign up now for one of the following two studies to be held on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. beginning September 19th.

- **Disciple I (Becoming Disciples through Bible Study)** During the course of thirty-four weeks, groups will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem.
- **Disciple IV (Under the Tree of Life)** This is a thirty-two week study prepared for graduates of Disciple I. It concentrates on the writings in the Old Testament.

The date is TBA for the following Bible study. Check the Sunday bulletin and future newsletters for more information.

- **Jesus in the Gospels Disciple (Second Generations Study)** This 30-week study is designed for graduates of all 4 Disciple Bible Studies. It focuses on the portraits of Jesus found in the four Gospels-- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Body & Soul Fitness

Body & Soul Fitness will begin its fall session, beginning September 8th at a new time! Cardio/Strength classes will be held at Westside Chapel on Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. All fitness levels are welcome, with new students receiving a 50% discount! We know you will be blessed by this session's message of freedom, faith, and forgiveness. For more information, please call instructor, Anne Cutchin (855-9368), or log onto ww.bodyandsoul.org.

World Vision Golf Event

Everyone is invited to play in the World Vision Golf Tournament to be held at Oak Hollow on Friday, September 17th. The cost is \$85 per player. Monies raised will support our mission team going to Uganda in March of next year. If you do not play golf and would like to be involved in supporting this mission trip, you can sponsor a hole for \$75. Contact the church office to sign up or for a brochure.

Sunday Night Programming Begins

Several church programs will begin Sunday, September 19th. Children's programming including choirs, youth choir, and Adult Disciple I & IV Bible studies will begin.

Food Drive

Greensboro Urban Ministry Alert Our fall grocery store food drive will be Saturday, September 25. Needed: volunteers for two hours each at our Food Lion at Cardinal Crossing. The hours are 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6. Be the first to sign up for this "joyful" blessing. Call now. Marie Slaughter 299-1686

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 5	10:00 a.m.	Respite Program/Abernethy House	6:30 p.m.	AA/Rm 110
8:45 a.m.	Traditional Service/Sanctuary	Friday, September 10	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Boren Bldg.
9:00 a.m.	Praise & Worship/Gym	6:30 p.m.	AA/Rm 102	Wednesday, September 15
9:30-9:50 p.m.	Sonrise Choir/Choir Room	10:00 p.m.	5th Quarter/KCC & FH	The Voice will be mailed today.
9:50 a.m.	Sunday School	Saturday, September 11	6:30 p.m.	AA/Rm 102
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Celebration/Sanctuary	Sunday, September 12	10:30 a.m.	Homecoming Celebration/Outside
Monday, September 6	Office Closed	10:30 a.m.	Dinner on the Grounds	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 7	10:00 a.m.	Worship Planning/Vance's Office	Monday, September 13	10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting/Library	10:00 a.m.	Respite Program/Abernethy House	2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	Saints Alive Choir	2:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl/Rm 101	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	AA/Rm 110	6:00 p.m.	UMW Board Meeting/Library	6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Boren Bldg.	6:30 p.m.	UMW General Meeting/FH	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8	10:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study/Library	Tuesday, September 14	10:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.	Youth Worship Arts	10:00 a.m.	Worship Planning/Vance's Office	11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.	Midweek Vespers/Prayer Room	2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting/Library	2:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team Practice/Gym	5:30 p.m.	Saints Alive Choir	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 9		6:30 p.m.	Pilot Club/FH	6:30 p.m.
			Staff Parish/Library	
				6:30 p.m.
				World Vision Golf Tournament
				AA/Rm 102
				Saturday, September 18
				Habitat Workday
				8:00 a.m.
				District UMM Breakfast/FH
				6:30 p.m.
				AA/Rm 102

District UMM Annual Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to attend the Annual Prayer Breakfast on September 18th at Muir's Chapel in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl

Our prayer shawl ministry will begin meeting again on Monday, September 13th at 2:00 p.m. in Room 101. This groups regularly meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. No experience or supplies are needed!

College News

I am all set to start sending things to thirty-one college students! There are eight others who have not confirmed their mailing addresses. This is our largest number in one school year so far! Please keep an eye out for opportunities to help create surprises to send and participate as prayer pals for these hard-working young adults. I can always be reached at 627susan@gmail.com or 668-9848.

Email Updates Needed

Please email us at aludemann@muirschapelumc.com with any email changes you have made this year so that we might have the most updated email address for you. Send the updates to aludemann@muirschapelumc.com.

Also, if you do not currently receive the newsletter by email and would like to, please email us and let us know so that we might add you to our email list.

Bean Bag Sunday

Don't forget to bring your bag of beans on the first Sunday (September 5th) of each month for Greensboro Urban Ministry. Drop off boxes are located in the church narthex, in the Adult Sunday School hall and in the KCC.

Psalm 40 News

Our 9:00 a.m. praise and worship band will be playing at the Fairgrove UMC Communitywide Missions Festival on Saturday, September 11th. The event will be held at the church in Reidsville from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and everyone is invited. They'll have food, antique cars, a fire truck, games and much more!

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Thank You

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the care and concern shown me during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. It meant so much to have the calls and visits from the ministers. The calls, cards, visits and food from church members were also all appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cooke



Dear Muir's Chapel Friends,

Thank you to all of you who have prayed for us, called us, and sent us notes and cards during this time since Bill's father passed away. It was unexpected and has been especially painful. Your prayers are felt and we are grateful for your support. Please do continue to pray for comfort and peace for our family.

In Christ,

Bill, Beth and Lexie Whitfield

Gifts to the Church

In memory of Maxine Hall

For the budget

By Larry and Frances Hall

In honor of Ruth Lowder

For Congregational Care

By Lee's Bible Class

In the Hospital

Beacon Place: Juanita Fisher

Quote from 8:45 Service

"Sometimes I think of life as a big wagon wheel with many spokes. In the middle is the hub. Often in ministry, it looks like we are running around the rim trying to reach everybody. But God says, "Start in the hub; live in the hub. Then you will be connected with all the spokes, and you won't have to run so fast."

-- Henri Nouwen

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit your information to the church office in writing or by e-mail (aludemann@muirschapelumc.com) by 5:00 p.m. on Mondays.

August 22, 2010

Offering

Budget\$10,486.55

Designated\$4,521.26

Attendance

6:00 p.m. Vespers Service 8

8:45 a.m. Traditional Service 53

9:00 a.m. Praise & Worship 114

11:00 a.m. Sunday Celebration 208

Total 385

Sunday School 209

August 29, 2010

Offering

Budget\$16,005.85

Designated\$5,865.00

Attendance

6:00 p.m. Vespers Service 0

8:45 a.m. Traditional Service 73

9:00 a.m. Praise & Worship 126

11:00 a.m. Sunday Celebration 258

Total 457

Sunday School 238

2010 Contributions Report

As of 8/29/2010

Actual Contributions Year to Date \$532,505.48

Where We Should Be Year to Date \$607,802.65

Difference **-75,297.17**