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The Mission of Fletcher United Methodist Church

is to proclaim the Good News and make Disciples of Jesus Christ,
and to glorify God by actively growing and serving God's family through
Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Outreach.



LEADING YOUTH AND ADULTS ON THEIR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST
THROUGH THE BACKPACKING EXPERIENCE.

Youth 412 Heads to Wilderness Trail!

July 6-13th

We will be taking four youth and two adults for a week-long adventure on the Appalachian Trail in Southwest Virginia! Wilderness Trail is a backpacking ministry focused on discipleship, servant leadership, and God's unconditional love.

We will head to the Wilderness Property on July 6th, where we will spend a few days with other youth from across the Southeast in worship, fellowship, and preparation for the trail. Then we will divide into our hiking groups and head out for four nights in the wilderness. After hiking 45 miles together, I know we will come back with many stories to tell!

Please pray for our 4 youth, Kelsey Byrd, Amanda Jordan, Cody Kling, and Callie Boatright, as we prepare for our journey. James Byrd and Rachel Brock will be our fearless adult chaperones on the trail. Joy and Mark Moss will be staying at the Wilderness Trail property helping the support staff clean, cook, and meet the hiking groups throughout the week!

For more info on the Wilderness Trail ministry, check out www.wtrail.com.

Thank you, Rachel Brock (Summer Intern)

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Children and Youth!



Youth 412 News:

There will be no regular Sunday night programs during the summer months.

Instead, we will have weekly Junior and Senior High Bible studies, in addition to our mission trips and special gatherings.

Jr. High Bible Study – Each Tuesday at 11 am, we’re diving into the story of Jonah. We will not meet on July 7th because we’ll be on the Wilderness Trail. Just show up at the church!

Sr. High Bible Study – On Thursday nights at 6:30 pm, we’ll be taking a weekly walk together through the words of God using the Transformation Journal. You can pick up a copy when you come. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, July 4th – We’ll be celebrating the 4th together with a cookout at the home of Pete and Melissa Martin at 5:00 pm. Bring a side dish to share.

Senior High Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky – July 27th through August 1st



Please be in prayer for the upcoming mission trip of our Senior Highs as they travel to Frakes, Kentucky, to do work at Henderson Settlement. As you may recall, the group held a spaghetti fundraiser during one of our W.O.W. dinner nights to cover the cost of materials for their work. With your support, they raised the \$600 they need to purchase these materials. They will repair the floor in a home that includes a mother, father, several children, and grandchildren. Each day will include lots of work on the floor, devotion time, and worship. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they have this opportunity to experience God’s love by serving others. Those on the trip include Cody Forrest, Josh Barba, Cody Kling, Kelsey Byrd, Amanda Jordan and Katie Repass. Chaperones are Greg Forrest, Mike Fox, and Joy Moss. Thanks to Greg and Mike for giving a week of their time to help us learn how to repair a floor! If you’d like to learn more about the Henderson Settlement, visit the website at www.hendersonsettlement.com.



P B & J Club & F. R. O. G. S.

These children’s programs will resume in mid-August with a back-to-school kick-off.

The resumption date will be announced.



The Fletcher UMC BHAG

Bishop Larry Goodpaster (yes, that is his real name) addressed our WNC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska a couple weeks ago by holding up three fingers. In his opening sermon, he said the number, three, has always held significance in the scriptures. Certainly there is the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus said the “Son of man” would be in the grave for three days and three nights (Matt. 12: 40). Prayer was urged three times daily (Ps. 55: 17). The Temple (I Kings 6: 2 – 22) and later, church sanctuaries, had three sections: the vestibule (or entrance), the main area for worship, and the inner sanctuary (or the altar).

Bishop Goodpaster cited the number, three, and connected it to a term that I mentioned in last month’s newsletter – *The BHAG* – or “Big Hairy Audacious Goal.” This is a term from Jeff Collins’ book, Good to Great. This is *The BHAG* from our Bishop: 1. an increase in membership from 293,000 to 300,000 in the WNC Conference. 2. 30,000 more people in worship. 3. 3,000 mission trips in the U.S. and abroad. 4. 300 re-missioned churches 5. 30 new faith communities. And all of this to be accomplished in three years – by December 31, 2012!

This is the proposed *BHAG* for Fletcher United Methodist Church, as it was mentioned at our last MVP (Mission-Vision-Planning Team) meeting on Monday, June 15th: This is *The BHAG* out of your pastor’s heart. 1. an all-out effort to connect every member to some kind of ministry (within or outside of the church). 2. an increase of 100 people in worship. 3. an increase of 100 people in Sunday School and small group participation. 4. for Fletcher UMC, all individuals and groups, to agree upon and support a plan for a capital campaign and building expansion in order to support our church’s mission. And all of this to be accomplished by July 1, 2010! That is just *one year* from now. So instead of holding up three fingers, you will see me holding up ONE finger.

As I walk around Fletcher, as I spend time with people in this beautiful community, as I continue to “grow up” as a follower of Jesus, I am more and more convinced that all people need Jesus. A lot of people live in fear. They have few, if any friends. Many go to work, they eat, they watch TV, and they hope they will have enough money for retirement. They have no knowledge of our hope in Jesus Christ. Their lives have little or no meaning. This is not the life that Jesus wants for his people.

So we are not talking about generic numbers here. We are talking about people. God’s people. People that we all need to get to know.

This is The BHAG – the *Number One Big Hairy Audacious Goal*. With your help and God’s, we will reach The Goal. I will be holding up one finger!

Pastor Steve

Adult Meetings and Events:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MEETING/EVENT NAME</u>
Thursday, July 2nd	5:00 pm	Sales Classroom	Missions Team
Sunday, July 5th	12:15 pm	Carpool leaves the church parking lot	Lunch Bunch
Monday, July 6th			Church Office Closed for July 4th Holiday Weekend
Tuesday, July 7th	11:30 am	To be decided	Senior Adults' Luncheon,
Thursday, July 9th	7:00 pm	Sales Classroom	SPRC
No Meeting in July			Myrtle Sales Circle
Tuesday, July 14th	5:30 pm	Sales Classroom	Finance
Tuesday, July 14th	7:00 pm	Sales Classroom	Worship Team
Sunday, July 19th	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hall	Church Picnic
Sunday, July 19th	7:00 pm	Sales Classroom	Church Council
Monday July 20th	7:00 pm	Sales Classroom	MVP Team
Tuesday, July 21st	11:00 am	Sales Classroom	Martha Schoch Circle
Friday, July 24th	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall	Movie Night
Sunday, July 26th	9:45 am	The Sanctuary	Session on "What it means to be a United Methodist"
Sunday, July 26th	12:15 pm	Carl Sandburg Home	FUMC Hiking Group

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life Team event to benefit the American Cancer Society will take place on July 17th and 18th at Fletcher Community Park. For more information, please contact Brenda Chappellear at 684.3145 or Jessica Kiers at 506.0221.

What does it mean to be a United Methodist?

A special adult Sunday School Study on the last Sunday of the summer months.

On the last Sunday of the months of July, and August, Joy Moss will be teaching a 45-minute lesson of what it means to call ourselves United Methodists. She will give a brief overview of our history, our organizational structure, and our beliefs. *Each is a stand-alone lesson, so if you are interested, choose the one date that is most convenient for you.*



A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO . . .

- ♥ *Everyone who worked on the FUMC Bake Sale and to those who provided all the wonderful baked goods. Through your efforts we made \$886.00 for Relay for Life.*
- ♥ *All who prepared food, brought food, and shared lodging for the members of the Norcross UMC Youth Choir from Norcross, GA. What a wonderful experience this was. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated!*
- ♥ *Everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School—the crew leaders, those who donated items, loaned items, helped decorate, et al. Without your help we never could have done it!*
- ♥ *The Trustees have just overseen several repairs of the church parking lot. Repairs include three, “Welcome Visitors,” parking spaces right in front of the entrance to the Sanctuary. There are also three, “Handicap,” parking spaces in front of The Fellowship Hall.*
- ♥ *The Yard Crew came out in full force on Tuesday night, June 16th, with support from our Cub and Boy Scouts. Rich Sizemore directed the efforts in weeding and planting new Summer flowers.*

*If you would like to extend a special “thank-you” to someone in our church, please email the church office at maribeth@fletcherumc.org.



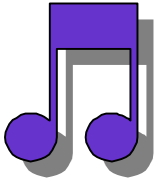
IMPORTANT NOTICE: A piece of church property is missing!

The Roland 512 Memory Card for the church organ (pictured at left & worth approximately \$100) cannot be located. If you know where it is, please return it to the church office. No questions will be asked.

Do you know our Naber? Cathy Naber, that is! Cathy, who is a member of FUMC, and a tireless nursery-care volunteer on Sundays, recently agreed to be our church’s Treasurer and Bookkeeper. Cathy’s educational background and work experience serve to make her especially well qualified for these positions. If you see Cathy, please be sure to let her know how much we appreciate her hard work and dedication to Fletcher UMC.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: 1-Neil McGuinn; 2-Ron Ingerick, Greg Forrest; 4-Larry Blunt, Mary Jacobson; 5-Corey Brown, Hunter White; 6-Lydia Gossett; 7-Steve Berner; 8-Katie Moore; 9-William Moore; 10-Michael Stilwell; 11-Janet Cookson, Mike Fox, Harold Moore; 12-Somer Rogers; 13-Diane Eggers, Ava Perry, Jennifer Walker; 14-Barbara Hartnett, James Naber, Frank Ritchie, Jane Stephan, Winston Traylor; 16-Ann Arney; 17-Doug Land, Paula Taggart; 18-Elizabeth Chappellear; 20-Mary Rebecca Youngblood, Taylor Bradley; 22-Callie Boatwright, Lula Ward; 25-Joyce Reed; 26-Sandra Guill; 27-Barbara Ploenes; 28-Kelly Arney; 30-Fran LeRoy, Cindy Jacobson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES: 1-Doug & Ann Arney; 3-Bill & Barbara McGuinn; 4-Ed & Leslie Hillman; 15-Frank & Kristin Lassiter; 19-John & Becky Brotherton; 20-John & Susan Justice; 21-Luke & Beth Manuel; 25-Ricky & Carol McFalls; 30-John & Adele Kenny



NEW MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES!!!

Mixed Ensemble

Ever wanted to join the Chancel Choir but don't have the time to make that commitment? Here is an opportunity for you to sing without a weekly commitment. This group will sing at worship services 3 or 4 times a year without weekly rehearsals. Members of this group will help in song selections and styles.

Men's Gospel Choir

If you enjoy Southern Gospel music, you may be interested in this group. This men's group will meet several times a year on Saturday night to eat supper, have fellowship, sing together and then sing during the worship services the next morning.

Instruments

Are you looking for opportunities to play your instrument? Just let us know! All instruments from banjos to violins are a welcomed addition to the music program at Fletcher UMC. If you play an instrument and would like share your talent, please let us know.

Handbell Choir

Even if you have no experience, but are interested in learning how to ring, Cathy Bashaw will be providing instruction this summer to prepare you to join the Handbell Choir in the fall. And – if you do have experience ringing, please contact Cathy to join this great group.

Contact Cathy Bashaw at 489-9163 to take advantage of any of these exciting opportunities!

2009 Church Attendance and Finances:

Average Attendance at Sunday worship services for the month of June:

8:30 am service — 75 persons

11:00 am service — 136 persons

Average attendance of Sunday School (all ages) for the month of June: 77

Received for General Tithes and Offerings for the month of June (thru 6/21): \$18,388

Amount required for this time period to meet budgeted expenditures: \$20,025

Kitchen Renovation Balance at the beginning of June 2009: \$6,041.85. Monies received through June 21st: \$666.00. Kitchen Renovation Balance remaining: \$5,375.85.

Prayers for Praise and Healing:

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him . . . so you will know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1: 17 – 18).



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For the growing numbers of refugees in Pakistan. Those serving in Iraq: Nick Blunt, Randy Borland, Andrew Eggers, Shawn Rodman, Nathan Sumner, and Sherrill Wilson. For all persons serving in the military. For resolution in Iran. For the family of Preston Sloop (a student at West H.S. who drowned just before Mother's Day); for the courage to do what is right by our President and leaders in all levels of government; for Nastiya (from Belarus) who has arrived safely and is now living with the Moore family for the summer (Harold, Katie, Caroline, & Brendan Moore); for leadership and God's will for the MVP Team; for Dave Stuckey and Doug Mayer who are leading the re-organization of the UM Men. For our college students home for the summer.

For Justin & Karen; for Raymond as he faces a move due to work; for those with mental illnesses; for those who call St. Eugene's their church home and for Valerie, the organist; for those who have no relationship with God; for all participants of Vacation Bible School.

Fay Alcorn (Eva Hardesty's mother), Helen Andrews, Mack & Phyllis Allred (Joan Glisson's sister & brother-in-law); Paul Barelle, Ralph & Gennie Biddle, Harold Blythe, Hazel Bridges (at the Davis House in H'ville); Kim Boone, Valerie Borland, Bill & Wanda Burnett, Lucille Bush, Bob & Carol Chambers, Eunice Chappellear, Anna Chatfield (mother of Mary Farnsworth); Pete & Lucy Cline (Joan Glisson's brother & sister-in-law); Joycell Cox, Alan, Anita, and Raymond Cupp; Jody & Selina Dillard (Jody is the brother of Tiffany LaFontaine); Drew Fahey & family (Drew is the grandson of Julie Gardner), Charles Ginn (friend of Marilyn Ward); Imogene Grill, Vivian Hart (mother of Fran LeRoy), Benjamin Herman (infant born to Richard & Emily Herman and upcoming surgery on 6/27/09); Tim Hubert (healing after surgery) Charlotte Hyatt (Lisa Starnes' cousin's wife).

Jonathan King (Jonathan is the nephew of Teresa Repass); Alan Kmieciak, Ann Lewis, John Lewis, Spike Libby & Marilyn Ward, Karen Maxon, Bill & Barbara McGuinn, Harold Moore (upcoming surgery on 8/7/09); Cal & Esther Phipps, Zeb Quinn (still missing); Bill Sims, Lynn Spain, Tom Spillman (uncle to Lisa Squires), Paul & Jane Stephan, Eva & Sara Stephens, Beth Thompson, Shane Thomas, Phil Ward (Marilyn Ward's son); Harry & Jackie Whitaker, Lillian Willis, and Rod Wrone.

[Have you seen our web site?](#) Our great photos of our youth? The calendar of weekly events? And a downloadable copy of both our newsletter and our Asheville District's Newsletter? WOW!! We have sooo much info that is of interest to you, your neighbors, and loved ones. If you have information that I have missed putting on the web site, please e-mail it to me at publishinfo@fletcherumc.org. That way it goes to both Maribeth in the office and to Marcia Elliott at the other end of the web site.

Thank you, Marcia Elliott

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Worship Services: Sundays at 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages: 9:45 am

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Articles for the next newsletter are due by
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