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The Mission of Fletcher United Methodist Church

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

Children Taking Up a Special Offerings During the Season of Lent A LITTLE SPARE CHANGE

During this season of Lent, as Christians and United Methodists, let us help brothers and sisters in need. Our current economic problems have left many without enough food to eat. The spare change will be collected by our children to give to The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), meeting the needs of those both nationally and internationally who are hungry.

Thank you for supporting our children's efforts to help those who are hungry.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday

Worship services will be held at our usual times of 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

There will be a "Donkey Walk" held during the Sunday school hour (9:45 am—10:45 am). All are invited to join in our "Donkey Walk" in remembrance of Jesus' journey up to Jerusalem. Children & Youth Sunday school classes will continue as one group in the Sanctuary following the "Donkey Walk", and we will experience the Godly Play story of Passion Week.

Wednesday, March 30—W.O.W. Program

We will experience the Seder meal for our program. The Seder is the family dinner and worship service which is held in Jewish homes during Passover. This was the meal Christ shared with his Disciples during the Last Supper. On this particular night, dinner and program will be combined, with our Seder meal taking place from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. Check with music leaders to see if other rehearsals will run as usual or be canceled this night.

Thursday, April 1st—Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday worship service will be held at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Friday, April 2nd—Good Friday

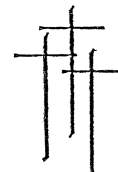
Good Friday worship service will be held at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, April 4th—Easter Sunday

Those wishing to place flowers on the cross in the Sanctuary are invited to do so **before** the 8:30 am service and 11:00 am service or during the Sunday School time (9:45 am—10:45 am).

- A Sunrise Service will be held at Patty's Chapel Cemetery at 7:00 am.
- Worship Services in the Sanctuary will be held at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will following the 11:00 am worship service. Please gather in the Sanctuary.



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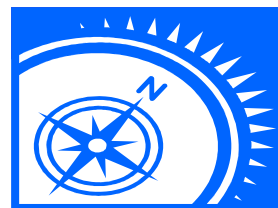
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Children and Youth!

Youth 412 News:

Youth 412 meets on Sundays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with games, dinner, worship, and small groups.



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March Programs:

March 7 - Regular meeting, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm, in The Fellowship Hall

March 14 - Regular meeting, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm, in The Fellowship Hall

March 21 - Regular meeting, 5:00 pm -7:00 pm, in The Fellowship Hall. We'll be stuffing Easter eggs during game time.

Also on March 21 - At 5:00 pm, Joy will meet with parents of 5th-6th graders to discuss upcoming workshop *Created By God*, an introductory workshop to faith and sexuality.

March 28 - At 4:30 pm we will meet at the church to leave for The Asheville Mission Church to work in the clothing closet and tour the church, as well as plan for our mission trip in August. We will be eating there and expect to return to the church by 7:30 pm.



Vacation Bible School 2010

Get ready for a High Seas Expedition

SAVE THE DATE!! June 21st -25th from 9:00 am to Noon.

This is a major outreach ministry of our church. Last year 150 children experienced the life-changing message of God's love, and we are hoping for similar numbers this year. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this outreach ministry of our church. We will need many loving hands and feet to create the best possible experience for the children. Contact Joy at joy@fletcherumc.org to let her know of your willingness to serve on our VBS team.



PB and J Club - We'll meet on Sunday, March 7th, at 12:15 pm—2:15 pm in The Fellowship Hall.

We'll be making pretzels, which was a food that originated during Lent as a reminder to pray.

The F.R.O.G.S.

All fourth and fifth graders are welcome to hop on over and join this group for a fun time.

On Sunday, March 21st, we will meet at the church at 3:15 pm to go to John and Rita White's home for our lesson and Mexican food.



In Remembrance of Bobby Norris

Bobby Hyatt Norris was born on May 20, 1934 in Franklin, North Carolina, and he was the only child of Fred Wilburn Norris and Grace Mae Hyatt Norris. He married Lexyne Stackhouse on June 7, 1958 at Walnut Methodist Church in Madison County.

Early in their marriage, Bobby and Lexyne moved to Fletcher, and because he had grown up in the Bethel Methodist Church in Franklin, and Lexyne in the Methodist Church in Walnut (Walnut is located about two miles southeast of Sandy Bottom, NC), they naturally began to attend the Fletcher Methodist Church.

It took awhile for long-time Fletcher Church members to latch onto the names, Lexyne and Bobby, especially because another new couple was already testing their memories. Bobby and Lexyne Norris and Hardy and Bobbie Caldwell became good friends in those early days, as they were all readily welcomed into their new church community.

Bobby and Lexyne have always been together. When you saw one, you usually saw the other. And during all of these fifty years since coming to Fletcher, when the church doors were open, they have always been present in order to make a difference.

Bobby and Lexyne were youth counselors for many years and one of the main highlights on the youth calendar was the date of the Annual Beach Trip. Our own, John Justice, remembers Lexyne chasing him down at the motel with the flyswatter because John had attempted to go to the girls' room after lights out. When asked, "Did Bobby ever chase you with a flyswatter," John replied, "Nah, Bobby didn't care."

Bobby Norris was certainly one of a kind. Former pastor and good friend, Rev. Bob Little, said of him during the funeral service on February 12th: "Bobby was Bobby." In that simple sentence, Rev. Little made a fundamental comment. Bobby was loved because he first loved others. He loved all kinds of people. He loved his wife and children, Ron and Grace. He loved his son-in-law, Pat, and granddaughters, Becca and Bethany.

Bobby loved Jesus, as he gratefully served his Lord by singing in the choir, serving on the Board of Trustees, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the Finance Team, the United Methodist Men, the Church Council, and as the Lay Delegate to the Western North Carolina Annual Conference meeting at Lake Junaluska.

In the end, our lives have been enriched because of Bobby's life. All these years, he has served as a member of the "church militant," and now he has been welcomed home into the "church triumphant." We are grateful to have known this good and faithful servant, and we give thanks to God for our fellow traveler, friend, and brother.

VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU'S TO...

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♥ The Norris family would like to thank you for your prayers, your cards, the food, and your support during our recent bereavement.

♥ To the congregation for their generous support of Missions. Because of you we were able to send a check to ABCCM in the amount of \$510.75. This was collected at the Ash Wednesday worship service.



2010 Fellowship Luncheon Schedule

Mark your calendars for the following dates—you will not want to miss out on these special good food and fellowship times with your FUMC family. All start at 12:15 pm.

March 21st	-	An Irish Blessing
May 16th	-	Spring Fling
July 18th	-	Under the Big Top
August 15th	-	Summer Safari
October 17th	-	A Spooktacular Affair
November 21st	-	Fall Frolic
December 19th	-	A Mountain Christmas

Relay for Life 2010

It is time to start planning our Relay for Life Weekend, Friday, July 16th and Saturday, July 17th.

We need people to be on the planning team and folks to save that weekend to help walk out cancer. Last year our Fletcher United Methodist Church was the top team, and we need you to help do that again. Call Brenda Chappelle at 551-1634 or sign up on line at www.relayforlife.org/fletchernc.

We still have FUMC "Bread of Life" cook-books for sale (\$12/each). They make great wedding gifts, housewarming gifts or hostess gifts. **AND...** all proceeds benefit Relay for Life.

MUSIC NEWS

The FUMC Memorial Handbell Choir will be going to the Blue Ridge Handbell Festival April 23rd & 24th, 2010. This event will be held at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock. The festival concludes with a Festival Concert beginning at 4:00 pm.

All are invited to attend and there is no admission fee.

Blood Drives at Fletcher UMC for 2010

Sat., May 22nd—8:00 am to 12:00 pm
&
Sat., September 18th—8:00 am to 12:00 pm

IMPORTANT: To cancel a W.O.W. meal reservation, please call the church office no later than Monday at 12:00 Noon.

W.O.W. PROGRAMMING FOR MARCH:

Pastor Steve will continue with the study of James W. Moore's "Yes, Lord I Have Sinned, but I Have Several Excellent Excuses."

Date	W. O. W. Adult Entree	Children's Alternate Entree
March 3rd	Chef Michael's Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Sautéed Vegetables	Cheeseburgers
March 10th	Chicken Pot Pie with Basmati Rice and Garden Salad	Corn Dogs
March 17th	Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Mashed Sweet Potatoes and Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables	Chili Macaroni
March 24th	Baked ham with Pineapple Glaze, Scalloped Potatoes and Sautéed Peas	Cheese Pizza
March 31st	Special Seder Meal: Golden Chicken Soup with Matzah Balls, Seasoned Gefilte Fish w/ Horseradish, Charoset & Matzah, Paprika & Lemon Roasted Chicken, Sautéed Vegetables, and Coconut Macaroons	No Alternate this Week



Need a vacation? I know I do.

Just kidding folks, but I really am looking for a couple of volunteers who would like to learn how to do the weekly church bulletin so I can take some time off this summer and at Thanksgiving week so I can see my family. Don't tell Staff-Parish, but it isn't rocket science, so there's no need to be intimidated if you have just basic computer skills. If this would be something you'd be interested in, please contact me, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the church office (684 -7155). Thank you, Maribeth

2010 Church Finances and Attendance:

Received for General Tithes and Offerings for the month of February*: \$24,383

Amount required for this time period to meet budgeted expenditures*: \$28,080

Average Attendance at Sunday worship services for the month of February*:

8:30 am service — 84 persons / 11:00 am service — 172 persons

Average attendance of Sunday School (all ages) for the month of February*: 100

*Through week of February 21st, please note that average Sunday School attendance figure has been affected by the Ministry Fair held on February 14th in lieu of adult classes.



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me (Psalm 51: 1-2, 10).

Prayers for “the world to be a better place and the world to heal” (quoted from Sunday morning prayer card); for the people and country of Haiti (checks may be made out to: “WNCC Treasurer”; Memo Line: “Haiti Quake Relief.” The church office is sending these checks out weekly to the Treasurer’s Office in Charlotte, which in turn go to the United Methodist Commission on Relief; collected so far: \$1,034.50). Special needs for our President and our military and our church; for our elected officials to be inspired to seek solutions; for Rev. Brian Combs and the leadership of the Asheville Homeless Mission Church.

Thanksgiving for “New Beginnings” in the ministry areas of the church; for the season of Lent and for this time of slowing down, facing the truth, and turning towards God; for the lengthening of daylight and the hopes of spring. Thanksgiving for God’s mercy and love.

An individual with mental illness who is in special need of God; our families; Andy, Anita, Doug, Gordon, Justin & Karen, and Rhonda; Helen Andrews, Ralph & Gennie Biddle; Jean Blackburn (aunt of Brenda Chappellear); Jim Bristol, Bill & Wanda Burnette; Lucille Bush, Eunice Chappellear, Bill & Jeanette Combs; Raymond, Alan & Anita Culp; Grady & Juanita Cunningham; Wayne Garren, Robert & Barbara Higgins.

Jim & Maggie Holbert, Spike Libby & Marilyn Ward; Randy & Donna Mason; Susan Prather, C.O. & Joan Stafford (Kim Roberts’ parents); Harry & Jackie Whitaker, Ethel White, Willa Mae Whitson (Doyle Freeman’s sister), Vic & Debbie Wilfong; Michael & Brenda Wilhelm; Cindy Wilkie, Emmylou Wilson (Allen Squires’ great aunt), Bob & Trudy Woodruff, Rod & Marilyn Wrone.

We remember the family of *Bobby Hyatt Norris*. Bobby was a fifty-year member of Fletcher Church, who died on February 9th. He was the husband of Lexyne; father of Ron Norris, and Grace Lenox (married to Rev. Pat Lenox); and grandfather of Becca and Bethany Lenox.

We remember the family of *Birdell “Birdie” Lanning Rhodes Page*. Mrs. Page lived to be 101 years old, and she died on February 23rd. She was the mother of Willard “Boots” Rhodes and mother-in-law of Ginger Wilkie Rhodes.

Congratulations to *Harry and Susan Goble*, who were married on February 13th, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Shelby, NC. Harry and Susan will make their home here in the Brookside Camp Road area.

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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 **Thursday, March 18th, 2010**

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