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12 Noon Each Tuesday

- March 2** **HOLY COMFORTER
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
320 E. Davis. St.
Rev. Linza Layman Coffee
First Baptist (Broad Street)
- March 9** **DAVIS STREET UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
606 E. Davis Street
Rev. Marshall Old
Front Street United Methodist Church
- March 16** **FIRST BAPTIST APPLE STREET**
508 Apple Street
Rev. Nora Foust, Associate Pastor
First Reformed United Church of Christ
- March 23** **FIRST REFORMED UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
513 W. Front Street
Rev. Peter Thompson, Associate Pastor
First Presbyterian Church

Following the service each week a light lunch will be served. The cost will be \$5.00. A special offering will be received at these services for ALLIED CHURCHES and LOAVES & FISHES ministries.

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Notes from the Pastor's Desk...

FOX AND HEN

Jesus didn't grow up on a farm, but He did have an appreciation for life lived in a rural setting. Nazareth was just a small village, and the countryside offered many avenues for adventure. He observed nature – wildlife small and large. Just as we do today, Jesus attributed core values to different animals. Some animals were seen as gentle and nurturing while other are pictured as crafty, devious, and unworthy of trust.

As Jesus considered the threat on His life by King Herod, He would boldly say, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.'" If Jesus were speaking today, He might refer to Herod as a "rat" or a "weasel" because Herod collaborated with the Romans. Worse yet, Herod worked against God's coming Kingdom and threatened Jesus.

What kind of animal would Jesus use as a metaphor for Himself and His ministry? Jesus, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, chooses the hen. As He considered His mission to Jerusalem, He offered this lament: "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" This is an image we can fully understand because in it we see a protective loving nature. That's our Lord!

As we continue our Lenten journey, we have choices to make. We can choose "fox" or "hen." We can be worldly or godly. We can choose discipleship or we may go our own way living in our own wisdom. I encourage you to join us for worship this Sunday at Front Street United Methodist where we gather to follow Jesus.

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Our prayers and sympathy to:

- **Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Betty) Coble, Jr.** and family upon the recent death of his mother, **Mrs. Mary Ruth Groome Coble**, February 10.

- **Mr. & Mrs. John (Jo Ann) Andrews** on the death of his mother February 18.

NEW BABIES!!

Congratulations to **Jeff and Hope Dodson** on the birth of their son, **Noah**, February 12. Proud grandparents are **Fred and Vicky Glassford**.

And congratulations to **Ben and Sarah Alexander** on the birth of their son, **Thomas William**, February 22.

HOPE WITH HAITI

Thanks to all those individuals and groups who contributed to making UMCOR Health Kits. The last deadline for dropping off Health Kits is March 21. If you need instructions to make UMCOR Health Kits for Haiti, you can pick them up in the Church Office or go to <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/>. Each kit is inspected by UMCOR, so please make sure your kit is packed according to the instructions so it will not be delayed in shipping.



JOIN US FOR A BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Mickey Efir

Sunday evenings in March (March 7, 14, 21, 28)

6 - 8 PM in the Chapel

Visiting High School Chorus - March 7

The **Williams High School "Italy Tour" Chorus** will present sacred choral music during the **11:00 worship service on Sunday, March 7**. The group will sing in many of Italy's beautiful churches and cathedrals during the school's spring break. Participants in the group from our church include **Lauren Adams, Claire Bearden, Will Kelley and Drew Proctor**. Join us for an hour of worship and beautiful music from one of our local high school choruses.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES ARE SET!

Front Street UMC's Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for **July 26 - 29, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**. VBS Directors Joanna Strelow and Cheryl Plageman have begun the planning for the fun event. We already have some who have said yes to being a part of our VBS Team this year! Our 2010 theme is **High Seas Expedition**. We will have classes for those completing Kindergarten - Fifth Grades, and a Preschool Class for 3 - 4 year olds. PLEASE NOTE: Children in the 3 year old class must have turned 3 by October 16, 2009; for the 4 year old class they must be four by October 16, 2009. There will be Infant, Toddler, and 2 year old nurseries for workers and volunteers.

Vacation Bible School takes a team working together. Give Joanna or Cheryl a call and say YES, you want to be a part of this exciting time for children! Watch your newsletter for ways you can volunteer. Thanks ahead of time for your love and commitment of sharing God's love to children! Joanna Strelow - 512-2890; Cheryl Plageman - 584-0874. Call them today!

An Archaeological Excursion Is Planned

Dr. Jim Pace, Professor of Religious Studies at Elon University, invites you to join him and Associate Chaplain Phil Smith of Elon in **an excursion of archaeological, historical, and religious sites in Jordan, Israel, and Palestine on June 28-July 12**. Jim will use his experience in teaching biblical studies as well as traveling and excavating in the Middle East to make sure that this trip will provide an informative and inspirational perspective of the land of the Bible. For more information contact Jim at 584-5520 or pacejim@elon.edu.

We Have a New Name!

Front Street UM Citizens has a new name. They are now called **Prime Timers**. Thanks to all of you who submitted names for our group! The winning name was submitted by Hy Harris. She will receive a gift from the church for her selection.

The Prime Timers enjoy a time of inspiration, fellowship, and food. We share the life of our church, our feelings, our hopes, and yes, our tears, our joys and our prayers. We have very interesting programs with special speakers, music and singing.

Watch the newsletter for upcoming Prime Timers events. Make plans to come and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship. For more information, contact Marie Ray (584-8420) or Mary Ann Inabnit (584-7539).

The Neighborhood is invited to
A Community Garden Celebration

February 28, 2010

- 3:00 PM Groundbreaking Ceremony - *Dedication of garden across the street from Davis St. UMC (606 E. Davis St.)*
- 3:30 PM Outside - garden dig
Inside - pot planting seeds & seedlings
- 4:30 PM Celebration Gathering - *in Davis St. UMC Fellowship Hall*
- 5:00 PM Potluck Dinner - *everyone invited (bring your favorite dish)*
- 5:30 PM Charles Pettee - Folk Psalm Singer
Charles Pettee offers an exciting & entertaining concert of bluegrass and new acoustic music which serves as a setting for various Old Testament Psalms. Through his performance, the 3,000 year old sacred poems of the Hebrews - the Psalms - sound startlingly contemporary in their deeply human expressions of ecstasy, dread, defiance, and hope.

SHARE THE JOURNEY: ZOE MINISTRY'S LENTEN FOCUS

This Lent, journey with orphans in ZOE Ministry's Giving Hope Empowerment Program. Be inspired by these children who did not choose a hard life - it was chosen for them. Meet children whose parents died of genocide and HIV/AIDS - children who have suffered through stigmatization, hunger, and poverty and now demonstrate the selflessness of Christ. Sharing in the suffering that led them to healing just might lead you to a greater hope in Christ.

Be inspired. Be challenged. Share the journey. Here's how:

- Register for ZOE Prayer emails - www.zoeministry.org/lent
- Each Monday of Lent, ZOE will send a devotional and story about a child who has sacrificed for others.
- Participate in an activity such as fasting one meal a week to connect with God and their suffering.
- Consider making a Lenten gift to Zoe Ministry. Donate online at www.zoeministry.org/donate or send a check payable to ZOE Ministry, memo ZOE Lenten Offering. Mail to NC Conference/Raleigh Area, The United Methodist Church, PO Box 60053, Charlotte, NC 28260-0053.

Your sacrificial offering makes a difference in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in Africa.