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*Have a Great Time ... Support a Great Cause...
Help Alamance ElderCare & Those They Serve*

Alamance ElderCare's 10th annual SuperBowl fundraising event is scheduled for Saturday, **February 6**. This event features a great day of fun and fellowship along with exciting chances to win prizes and awards. Best of all, it is a great chance to help others and to give back to our community! The Alamance ElderCare SuperBowl will be held at Country Club Lanes West on South Church Street in Burlington. This fundraising event helps Alamance ElderCare remain here and provide its services at no cost to older adults and their family caregivers in our community.

Please consider getting a team or two (up to 5 people per team) and support of Alamance ElderCare. They need 750 good people to help with this good cause! No bowling skills needed...just a desire to make a difference! Pre-registrations are now being accepted, please call Alamance ElderCare at 538-8080.

ACTA

Senior Adults - did you know that our county provides transportation services that picks you up at your home and delivers you to shopping, doctor's appointments, hospital visits, etc. for a low initial trip cost of \$7.00 and \$3.00 per trip afterwards? All you need to do is call 222-0565 or email www.acta-nc.com twenty four hours in advance. Gloria and Jack DeMarra have used it and they say it is easy and convenient. A van (with a wheel chair lift if needed) will arrive at your door and a chauffeur will come and assist you into the van. Once you arrive at your destination, he will help you inside. The drivers are not permitted to take a tip. Call Gloria and Jack if you want to hear personally their accolades about Alamance County Transportation Association (ACTA).

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Notes from the Pastor's Desk...

JOSEPH'S SON

Jesus was on home territory – maybe even preaching in the synagogue he loved as a child. His ministry was getting underway, and the local people were taking notice. They were proud of Jesus – at least until they really listened to his sermon.

Of particular note is their question "Is this not Joseph's son?" One biblical scholar writes: "This question is not intended to denigrate Jesus but to point out that he is a hometown boy. According to the culture, this involves obligations. One must give preference to one's own family and village."

That might have been the cultural understanding, but it did not match Jesus' self understanding. Jesus was focused on saving the least and the lost. Those who really want to follow Jesus ought to ask the following questions:

Does the church only exist to serve its members?

How might an Administrative Council meeting be different if the primary concern is to discern the purposes of God?

Is the pastor and ministry staff called to be the "shepherds of the flock" or "missionaries to the community"?

Front Street United Methodist can step outside of the cultural norm. We are making efforts to be a community of faith that knows and follows the teachings of Jesus. There are many outside our doors that need the gospel we love. As we gather for worship this Sunday, might we not try to answer the questions above with the knowledge we have of Christ?

Marshall

focusing on Ministries at Front Street United Methodist Church

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PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:

- Rachel Wilkinson and family upon the recent death of her grandmother in Florida.
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry (Mary Jane) Griffin upon the death of her mother, Edna Brogden, January 20.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mike (Claire) Hackbarth and family upon the recent death of his father, Floyd Eugene Hackbarth, in Carlisle, Iowa.
- the family and friends of Dr. Samuel W. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director of UMCOR, who died January 15, in Haiti.

Thank You!

We were truly "showered" with love and generosity at our recent baby shower! Many thanks for all the people who helped to organize this event, and for all those who attended. We appreciate all of the gifts and feel so much more prepared for this adventure called parenthood. We are grateful to be in ministry with you and are excited that our son's first vision of a church community will be Front Street UMC! Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and love.

Humbly yours,
Ben and Sarah Alexander

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD TO BE PRESENTED

Boy Scout Troop 39 invites you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Drew Proctor Sunday, January 31st, at 3:00 p.m., in the Chapel. Reception to follow in the Heritage Center.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Just to let you know - the 2010 Flower Calendar is up and located across from the new Welcome Center. Did you know that you can put flowers in honor or memory of a loved one in our church on Sunday morning for \$48.00 if you purchase from Trollinger's Florist? If you are interested, please feel free to sign your name on the calendar on one of the dates available and call Bert Mims at 584-3388 (work) or 584-5443 (home) to let her know the date you are interested in.

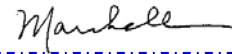
TWIN LAKES FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FUN

My dearest and closest and most wonderful friends and buddies at Twin Lakes, I have scheduled a time for us to meet for fellowship and food. On **Wednesday, February 10th**, at 11:30-12:00, we are to meet at the chapel for a short devotion and then proceed to the Peppertree Cafe for lunch. I can't wait to get you, my marvelous friends, together! See you then! Please RSVP 449-6310, so I can let the Peppertree have an accurate count. Thank you, Frankie

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2009

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Beginning Balance	(232,122.18)	(59,592.00)
Receipts *	291,044.18	1,301,257.81
Disbursements	(117,409.05)	(1,300,152.86)
Month End Balance	(58,487.05)	(58,487.05)

Thank you for your splendid generosity in the year just past. Your faithfulness made it possible for our church to successfully complete every ministry and mission goal. Your sacrificial efforts are an answer to many prayers. Please know how very thankful I am for your support in the areas of prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. As we move into the new year, we will go forward trusting God and looking to His Son, our Savior, for help and direction.



TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study has begun their study on the Gospel of Mark each week at 9:30 a.m., in Room 305. Come join us for an inspirational study! Questions? Call Cynthia Powell at 227-6263 or email her at cdpowell@bellsouth.net.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN HAITI

Front Street UMC as well as the Burlington District have several ways you can help in the time of desperate need:

- The ladies of Front Street are making little girl dresses (sizes 2-4 & 6-8) for the children of Haiti. We have patterns, fabric and thread in Room 303. The pattern is very simple and sews up quickly. If interested contact Margaret Ann Freeman (mafreeman1@bellsouth.net).
- Make a financial gift. You can make the check out to FSUMC. In the memo line, please note one of the following:
"Haiti Emergency" (UMCOR Advance #418325)
"NC Conference Disaster Appeals" (Advance #S-00096)
- Health kits, blankets, and tarps. No clothing will be accepted. Drop off sites and deadlines are: 1/31, 2/21, and 3/21 at Prospect UMC, Yanceyville.
- Burlington District is responsible for having volunteers to pack and prepare shipments at MERCI facilities in Goldsboro 3/27. Contact Terry Huffines at fumcelonrev@bellsouth.net or 584-5263.
- Pack emergency meals for Haitians through the Stop Hunger Now program. Two opportunities: 3/21 Purley UMC, north of Yanceyville; 4/14 First Elon UMC.
- A relief project at the 2010 NC Annual Conference - TBA

Fifth Sunday Adult Sunday School

Remember to be in Aldersgate Hall for Sunday School on **January 31**. We look forward to Dr. Jim Pace's presentation on "Understanding the Old Testament". Let's show our appreciation to Jim for his willingness to share with us his expertise, effort, and time with an outstanding attendance for this January 31st session. **See you there!**

BARNABAS MINISTRY

Be a part of a new ministry team! FSUMC has a number of people who have been the salt of the earth for our congregation. However, now many of these people are shut-ins or in healthcare facilities. You can be a blessing to them and they to you in the growing of your faith when you choose to visit them. If you are interested in being part of a team of visitors going out 2 by 2 as Jesus sent His disciples (Mark 6:7 and Acts 13:1-4), please sign up on the bulletin board at the welcoming center or contact Frankie Zumbro at 449-6310. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Front Street UMC is very fortunate to have people who volunteer for service, especially when it comes to our nursery. From time to time, we need individuals (18 years or older) to help with nursery other than Sunday mornings. We have several upcoming events where we could use some helping hands. If you can help out at any or all of these events, please contact Becca Hurdle, Nursery Coordinator, or Cynthia Powell at the church office. Consider giving this as a gift of service so our families with young children can participate in the many ministries of our church. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

- Wonderful Wednesdays - 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10.
- Administrative Council Workshop - 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, Jan. 30.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Davis Street UMC is organizing a community garden to benefit those in need in our community. Front Street will be hosting their next meeting on February 7, at 3:00 p.m., in the Heritage Center. Plans will be made about crops that will be planted and a schedule to work the garden will be discussed. If interested, make plans to attend. Questions, call Gayle Canaday at 586-0231.

Thank you for your generosity to Alamance Cares. In 2009, we tested 840 individuals for HIV and educated over 3,000 students about HIV prevention. Your gift will help us to continue providing services.

Brenda Beam, Program Director