



Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

February 5, 2008

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The First Sunday describes Jesus’ temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death.

From sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the Garden.



We will mark the weeks of Lent with a communion service each Tuesday, from 12-12:30 p.m., followed by a light lunch. Our guest preachers for these services are as follows:

- February 12 – Rev. Mary Ellen Bender, CareNet Counselor, Pastor, Robersonville UMC
- February 19 – Rev. Dan Earnhardt, Minister of Pastoral Care, Jarvis Memorial UMC
- February 26 – Dr. Wanda Neely, Co-Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greenville
- March 4 – Rev. Marcus Singleton, pastor, Granville-Vance Charge UMC, Oxford
- March 11 – Rev. Sylvia Kohus Duke, chaplain, Cypress Glen; Pastor, Warren Chapel UMC
- March 18 – Rev. Robert Hudak, Senior Pastor, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Greenville

You are invited to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word. We look forward to worshipping with you. May God bless you!

In Christ,
Diane Christianson

**Sermons This Sunday
8:30 & 11:00**

Rev. Albert Shuler
“To Care and Not To Care”
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
Romans 5:12-19

10:50

Rev. Diane Christianson
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
Holy Communion

Attendance

February 3, 2008

Sunday School - 215

11:00 Worship - 474

Tues. Communion (2/5) - 6

Ash Wednesday (2/6) - 73

Total - 553

Prayer Families

We ask your prayers this week for these members of our church family: Rob and Lisa Taylor, Terry Taylor, Vance and Sue Taylor, Ronald and Nan Taylor, Bill and Etta Taylor, Bill and Beanie Taylor, and Chris Taylor.

Please also pray for the Music Committee.

**Scout Sunday at Jarvis
February 10, 2008,
11:00 am**

All scouts and their families are invited to join us Sunday, February 10, 2008 at **11:00 a.m for Scout Sunday in the sanctuary**. Scouts are to be recognized during this special service and are asked to wear their uniforms. Also, all are invited to return to **Jarvis chapel at 2:00 p.m. for a Special Court of Honor**. At this time, Christopher Scott Cannon (son of Rick and Renny Cannon) will receive the Eagle Scout Award.



Children’s Sabbath: February 17

Each year at Jarvis, a Sunday is set aside for “Children’s Sabbath”- a program sponsored by the Children’s Defense Fund and observed by Christians of all denominations. This year, as a part of Children’s Sabbath, a special offering will be taken for the Methodist Home for Children, - a non-profit agency which provides care for troubled and neglected children in central and eastern North Carolina. Last year it served 990 children and 297 families in 48 counties through its 10 residential homes, foster care, adoption services, substance abuse programs, counseling services, early childhood program and scholarship assistance. Envelopes for donations to MHC will be in the February 17th worship bulletin. You will be able to mail your contribution directly to MHC (1041 Washington St., Raleigh, NC 27605) or place it in the collection plate that Sunday morning. For more information on our observance of Children’s Sabbath, go to www.jarvismethodist.org.

**FREE DISCIPLE and RINGS Training
for all clergy and laity in the WNCC and NCC**

2008 Events

February 9	Lexington District - First UMC, Lexington
February 16	Sanford District - St. Luke UMC*
March 1	Statesville District - First UMC, Conover
March 8	Albemarle District - Love's Grove UMC
May 3	Marion District - First UMC, Morganton
May 10	Rocky Mount District - Nashville UMC
May 17	Durham District - McMannen UMC
May 24	Elizabeth City District - First UMC, Elizabeth City

Leader training in all four levels of DISCIPLE Bible Study and the RINGS OF FELLOWSHIP youth study will be provided at these events. Training begins at 9:00am. The event is free to all lay and clergy persons in the WNCC and NCC. Lunch will be provided for \$5.00 per person. Members of non-UMC churches are also welcome to attend for a cost of \$25. You must pre-register for this event.

*A youth worker breakout session will be held in Sanford from 11:15-3:00 PM for those wanting a more in-depth RINGS training.

Register online - www.disciplebibleoutreach.org

The Parables of Jesus:

This new class will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13th in the church parlor, and will run through Wednesday, April 2nd. Dan Earnhardt will be the instructor and asks that all participants bring their Bibles. There will be no textbooks required and handouts will be provided. Sign up by calling the church office at 752-3101.

Created By God

A Christian-based human sexuality program
Sunday, February 17th.

Class 2 (boys and girls ages 6-8 years) will be held 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and facilitated by Melinda Fagundus.

Class 4: (ages 10-12 years) will be held 12-2:30 p.m. Girls will meet in the Parlor and boys in the Conference Room. Facilitators are Tommie Pratt for the girls and Chuck Phillips for the boys.

Lunch will be provided.

To participate in this program each child must be accompanied by a parent or appointed adult.

-- Rhonda Argenbright, 321-0919 or
rargenbright@yahoo.com

Fellowship Feast

Wednesday, February 13

Serving at 5:30 in Taft CLC

Menu: Pot roast with roasted vegetables, homemade potato salad, bread and dessert.

Cost: adults - \$6.00 & children - \$2

Please make reservation by email:

jarvisumc@earthlink.net; calling the church office, 752-3101, or card in pew pad on Sundays.



The Fellowship Feast Committee is offering a meal plan at significant savings. A 10 meal plan can be purchased at \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Price at the door will remain \$6.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Maximum cost for a family remains \$20.00. Call Patty Marr at 757-1883 to purchase a meal plan.

Relay for Life - Funding for Cancer

Needs and Research: Jarvis Memorial UMC is forming a team to support Relay for Life. You can join our team for \$5 per person prior to February 10th or \$10 per person after. Each team member will receive a complimentary *Relay for Life* t-shirt. No pledges or walking will be required. Join the team in the Hall of History on Sunday or call Darlene Howard at 756-4409 or Patty Marr at 757-1883.

February, UMW Circle Meetings:

- 1 - (2/10) 5:00pm - Jarvis Conference Room
- 2 - 9:30am - Annette Dawkins, 307 Orton Dr.
- 3 - 10:00am - Etta Taylor, 3055 Dartmouth Dr.
- 4 - 6:00pm - Millie Hagler, 110 Martinsborough Rd.
- 5 - 7:15pm - Cindy Letchworth, 555 Cliff Ct.
- 6 - 7:30pm - Cypress Glen Four Seasons Room
- 8 - 7:30pm - Nicki Brown, 315 Rutledge Rd.

Baptism

This Sunday, February 10, we will celebrate the baptism of Helena Victoria Jenks, daughter of Timothy and Heather Jenks, during the 11:00 service.

"General Conference Listening Sessions" NC Conference dates:

February 17, 2008 - 4:00 p.m.	GR - Jarvis Memorial UMC
February 24, 2008 - 4:00 p.m.	WI - Hampstead UMC
April 6, 2008 - 3:00 p.m.	EC - FUMC Elizabeth City
April 6, 2008 - 4:00 p.m.	DU - Epworth UMC
April 13, 2008 - 4:00 p.m.	SA - Aberdeen/Page Memorial UMC

Clergy and laity are invited to attend. These sessions are not a time for debating issues, but simply a time for listening and sharing thoughts and concerns about the proposed legislation coming before the General Conference, April 23 - May 2. These sessions are designed to allow for listening to the General Church proposals, but equally important, for listening to our own conference members' ideas and concerns.

Jarvis Student Ministries [JSM] Mission is Engaging, Equipping, and Empowering students to be followers of Jesus Christ. We are passionate about inviting students into this mission through **Confirmation, PLUNGE, Step 24, The Current, Local Missions, Retreats and Summer Camp, College Bound, and more.**

• **PLUNGE + February = 3 Big Nights**

Every Sunday night 6th – 8th graders are invited to 90 minutes of FUN, RELATIONSHIPS, and GROWING closer to Christ. 6:00PM – 7:30PM, TCLC.

• **The Current:** For February, we're kicking off a new series - "HEART." "HEART" will be taking us right to Jesus Christ. 7:30PM – 8:45PM, February, 10, 17, & 24.

• A New Series at **Step 24 - "Israel, Meerkats, & Us"**. Sunday Mornings, 9:40 – 10:40, in the Youth Room.

Week of February 10, 2008

Children's Church:

(11:00) 4's & 5's – Page Curtis, 6's & 7's - Shannon Woodall;

(10:50) 4's-2nd grade - Meredith Bonnette

Acolytes: (8:30) Henry Piner (11:00) Rebecca Poole

11:00 Greeters: Walker and Betsy Allen

Ushers: (8:30) Becky Cassell and Carol West



Altar Flowers

A word of gratitude to Mary Bishop and family for providing the flowers on the altar February 3, 2008 and to Dean and Jackie Wilkerson for providing flowers for the Celebration Reception.

In the Hospital

Doris Williams

The pastoral staff would like to ask that they be notified if a member of Jarvis is in the hospital or experiencing a difficult time. They wish to visit with them, pray for them, and offer assistance as they are able. They are unable to do this unless they are told of the need. Please call the church office at 752-3101 and keep us informed. Thank you.

Contributions to the Ministries at Jarvis Memorial for:

<u>Operating</u>	<u>Revenue -</u>	<u>Budget =</u>	<u>**Difference</u>
Sun., Feb. 3, 2008	\$ 19,265	\$ 28,846	\$ -9,581
Month to Date	\$ 19,265	\$ 28,846	\$ -9,581
YTD - Operating	\$ 115,281	\$ 144,231	\$ -28,950
<u>Capital</u>	<u>Revenue -</u>	<u>Budget =</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sun., Feb. 3, 2008	\$ 550	\$ 2,507	\$ -1,957
Year to Date	\$ 3,296	\$ 12,536	\$ -9,240
Remaining TCLC Debt = \$339,704		Revenue - Budget = Difference	
Remaining Bus Debt = \$18,483			

4:19 Do Whatever He Says: Then You Will Prosper. Read Philippians 4:19.

This verse tells us that God will supply our need by a distinct and definite measure, "according to His riches." In declaring this, God makes clear that He is not stingy when it comes to provision. His "riches" encompass all of creation, so there is nothing you need that He cannot provide! Do not misquote or misread this verse. It does not say that God shall supply your **needs**; it says that He shall supply your **need**. That includes everything at once, and all of it is adequately covered because He does it according to His riches. This verse cannot be lifted out of the Bible. It underwrites and relates to everything the Scriptures tell us to do in order to prosper. If we do what the Bible tells us to do, then God will provide abundantly. (Excerpt from Spirit Filled Life Bible - New King James version)

Please pray about your spiritual giving. What is God telling you to do? Where is He leading you in your spiritual journey?

Music and Worship News by Dr. Stan McDaniel



Forty Days...

By the time you read this, Ash Wednesday will be past, and we will be entering into the season of Lent. The perception many have of Lent is a "dull, gloomy season" devoted mostly to contemplating Jesus' death and crucifixion. No alleluia's. Giving up stuff we like to eat... and so on.... Hmmm...

So I took a look at the hymns our denomination suggests for worship over the next few weeks. February 10, "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley": Well, that fits, doesn't it? February 17, "To God Be the Glory" and "The God of Abraham Praise": Sounds pretty upbeat to me. What's that all about? February 24, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee": All I can say is, don't they know this is LENT???

Well, this is Lent, and it's not about some obscure religious practice retained from two thousand years ago. Nor is the idea to obsess on Jesus' passion and death, even though one needs to follow him down that dark path to the cross to truly understand the wonder God performed for the love of us. Furthermore, we're not expected to just ignore all the ways God continues to bless us in our everyday lives for a month, and so a hymn or song of praise from time to time is just fine – even during Lent.

So what IS Lent all about? I'd like to quote an excerpt from the poem, "Ashes", by Susan Cherwien in her book, *Crossings*:

*We anoint ourselves with ashes to begin the living out of Lent.
The ashes of mourning – for we will no longer be who we were
The ashes of humility – for dust we came, human from humus
The ashes of repentance – for we wish to roll away the stone
The ashes of cleansing – for we will put on a new garment*

I love this poem because it puts Lent in the present tense! There's nothing innately doleful or drab about the Lenten season, and it's not about something which happened long ago. It's about the present. It's yet another opportunity to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus into our lives and be forever changed!

CHANGE FOR LIFE

Let's Make it Count

Fund raiser for Carolina Pregnancy Center

- Sign out a baby bottle to take home (available in the Hall of History).
- Fill the bottle with silver change, cash or a check.
- Return the bottle (full or empty, CPC pays \$1.07 to replace each bottle) by March 2nd.





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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

The Amazing Journey Sunday School

All elementary aged children are invited to meet in the Chapel this Sunday for a movie entitled *The Parables of Jesus*. Any adults that can help shepherd this Sunday would be appreciated!

Starting Feb. 17th we begin a new rotation entitled **The Mystery of Easter**. We need volunteers in the following areas:

Shepherds

- Kindergarten: Feb. 17th - March 23rd
- 1st Grade: Feb. 24th, Mar. 2nd, and Mar. 16th
- 2nd Grade: Feb. 17th
- 3rd Grade: Feb. 24th, Mar. 2nd, Mar. 9th, and Mar. 16th
- 4th/5th Grades: Feb. 17th, Feb. 24th, Mar. 9th, and Mar. 23rd

Teachers

- Storytelling: Feb. 17th - March 16th
- Science: Feb. 17 - Mar. 16th
- Video: Feb. 17th, Feb. 24th, Mar. 9th, and Mar. 16th
- Computer: Feb. 17th - Mar. 16th

New Beginnings Preschool Sunday School

The teachers for this week are:

- 3's: George Webb
- 4's: Patty Marr

Our **VBS 2008** theme this summer is **Beach Party: Surfin' through the Scriptures**. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 10th through Thursday, August 14th, with VBS beginning at 5:50 pm nightly. A snack supper will be provided this year for a small fee, beginning at 5:00 pm nightly. If you would like to volunteer to help out with VBS or with the snack supper, please contact Patty Marr at 752-3101.

Ladies of Jarvis: Too busy to commit to another meeting? Do you want to support and learn about United Methodist Women from home or work? We're starting a new email circle. Would you like to receive emails with current UMW opportunities and projects? Contact Mary Bishop at mary102157@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 10, 2008

- 7:50 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir Warm-up
- 8:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 9:15 a.m. - noon - Hooker Library open
- 9:40-10:40 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- Prayer Comm. meets weekly to Pray after worship - Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - God and Me - Rm. 205
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - God and Family - CR
- 4:30 p.m. - Financial Peace University Small Group - Parlor
- 5:15 -6:00 p.m. - Young Ringers - Music Lab
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - PLUNGE - TCLC
- 6:15 p.m. - Children's Choir - Music Suite
- 7:30 p.m. - Jarvis Ringers - Music Lab
- 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - The Current - TCLC

Monday, February 11, 2008

- 7:15 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FH (UMW Meetings)

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

- 9:30 a.m. - Beth Moore Bible Study - Parlor
- 12:00-12:30 p.m. - Lenten Service - "Open to all" - Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. - Lenten Luncheon - TCLC
- 5:15 p.m. - Staff Parish - CR
- 6:30 p.m. - NAMI - FH
- 6:30 p.m. - Parables Study - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. - Tuesday Night Men - College Class TCLC

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

- 9:30-12 noon - Hooker Library open
- 9:45 a.m. - Intercessory Prayer Group - Rm. 201
- 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Feast - TCLC
- 6:00 p.m. - Needlework for Missions Group - CR
- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Praise Team practice - TCLC
- 8:30 - 9:15 p.m. - Praise Team vocals - TCLC

Thursday, February 14, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. - Disciple II - CR
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. - Chrismon - Library
- 7 p.m. - Men's Basketball - TCLC Gym

Friday, February 15 2008

- 7:00am - Men's Prayer Breakfast - K&W Cafeteria

Fellowship First
 every Sunday morning - coffee, doughnuts, hot chocolate, etc. available from 9:15-11:15 by the Parlor and in the TCLC.

11:00 service is broadcast live over WAGO-FM, 88.7 & 91.1.