



# Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

February 10, 2009

## **BackPack Pals: Making a Difference for Hungry Children**

If you're not familiar with the BackPack Pals program, you'll soon be hearing a lot about it and not just at Jarvis. My hope is that it will soon be a ministry at several area churches as they join in sponsoring local elementary schools to feed hungry children in our community.

BackPack Pals, a partner in Communities and Schools of Pitt County is an innovative volunteer organization designed to provide food to identified children who have little or nothing to eat over the weekend. Children are identified as candidates for the program, with input from teachers, counselors and school administrators. Once the identification process is completed, letters go home to obtain permission from the parents/guardians for the child to participate. Backpacks are then issued to the student free of logos maintaining the dignity and anonymity of the participants. The Backpacks are sent home Friday afternoon with non-perishable, easy to fix, food items. All donations of food, money, and volunteer hours go to help the students right here in Pitt County.

Did you know Pitt County has 19 elementary schools and that 50-75% of Pitt County children are on free or reduced lunch? This means the waiting lists at schools will be long. The quantity of food to be collected will be huge. The number of volunteers needed each week to assemble the backpacks will be many. And this means that we will need every member of Jarvis to help in some way.

I know you will join me in celebration as Jarvis Memorial UMC will be the first church to begin this program in Pitt County by sponsoring Sadie Saulter School. We will be the pilot church to offer this program beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> for many other churches in the community to emulate, as they begin to step forward to make their commitment to sponsor other schools. Our hope is that we will have six elementary schools sponsored by fall 2009, add six more by January 2010 and have the remaining seven schools by fall 2010.

I know God's hand is at work in this ministry. Within twenty-four hours of mentioning this program to a Jarvis member and local businessman, he and his partner donated the funds needed to purchase the initial backpacks and food that may be needed. Several Jarvis members have already made donations, offered to locate a warehouse/storage facility, find backpacks at cost, encourage their Circles and Bible Study groups to collect food, help assemble the bags, etc.

### **How can you help?**

- Donate individually packaged items such as cereal, pop tarts, pudding, fruit, Jell-O, juice boxes, applesauce, raisins, crackers, and easy to prepare non-perishable foods (*collection bins will soon be at each glass door entrance*)
  - Donate funds to Jarvis Memorial UMC earmarked for the Restricted BackPack Pals fund.
  - Volunteer your time to pick up backpacks at the school and/or deliver them.
  - Volunteer your time for just 1 hour per week to sort food and assemble the bags.
- Join in prayer as we are still in need of a storage/warehouse area to store the foods and assemble the backpacks.

For more information, please contact Amy Staley at 752-3101 or [jarvisdcm@earthlink.net](mailto:jarvisdcm@earthlink.net). I'll be more than happy to share this exciting ministry with any church groups, civic groups, Bible Study groups, etc. Blessings,

Amy Staley

***"...for I was hungry and you gave me food... - Matthew 25:35***

**This Sunday  
February 15th  
8:15, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m.**

Rev. Albert Shuler  
"What Can One Say  
To The Exile?"

Scripture:  
Isaiah 40: 21-31

**Confirmation Class**  
Friday, February 20th,  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
in the TCLC

### ***Prayer Families***

*We ask your prayers this week for these members of our church family: Eddie and Faye Dozier, Herbert and Patricia Dozier, Josh and Ashley Duke, Mrs. R.H. Duncan, Courtney Dunn, Bob Durham, and Dan and Pat Earnhardt.*

*Please also pray for the UMM.*



**Fellowship Feast  
Wednesday, February  
18th, Serving at 5:30  
In The Taft CLC**

**Menu:** Sirloin roast, rice, gravy, green beans, rolls, and dessert **Cost:** adults - \$5.00 & children - \$2. **Please make reservation** by email: [jarvisumc@earthlink.net](mailto:jarvisumc@earthlink.net); calling the church office, 752-3101, or card in pew pad on Sundays.

**Baptism**

*This Sunday, February 15th, during the 11:00 service, we will celebrate the baptisms of William Edward Brezina and Caroline Elizabeth Brezina, children of Paul and Jen Brezina.*

**East Carolina University  
School of Music (et al) Present  
Black History Month Concert  
"A Tribute to Motown"**

February 14, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.  
Wright Auditorium on the ECU Main Campus. For tickets call 1-800-ECU-ARTS (1-800-328-2787).

**Children's Ministry  
Meet & Greet!**

Please join other parents as we get to know our new Director of Children's Ministries, Amy Staley. Amy will be available to talk with parents during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, February 15th in her office (Rm #202 on the second floor of the main building). Refreshments will be provided. We hope you'll plan to come listen to her vision for Children's Ministries as well as have an opportunity for you to share your concerns, hopes and dreams for the Children's Ministries at Jarvis.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
(9:30-11:00 a.m.)

*Beginning Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
In the TCLC Flex Space*

**MOPS is:**

- \* *encouragement & support*
- \* *authentic community among moms*
- \* *relevance & personal growth*
- \* *spiritual hope*
- \* *refreshments & great monthly speakers*

**\* Registration REQUIRED if childcare needed \***

- Please contact Amy Staley, Director of Children's Ministries at 752-3101 or [jarvisdcm@earthlink.net](mailto:jarvisdcm@earthlink.net)

**Jarvis Relay For Life Team**

Relay For Life of Pitt County will take place April 24, 2009 at South Central High School. **HELP FIGHT CANCER** by going to [www.relayforlife.org/pitt](http://www.relayforlife.org/pitt) and join the Jarvis team for \$10 or to support another Jarvis team member.



**United Methodist Women**

Prayer Shawl Ministry groups will bring more shawls to the altar for blessing during the 11:00 a.m. worship service February 15. We invite you to look at the shawls after the service. We are grateful to our ministers for delivering shawls during their visits. Our groups meet in the Conference Room Tuesday mornings at 9am and Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. If you have yarn, we would like for you to bring it, join us to share a time of prayer and fellowship, and remember how or learn to knit and crochet. If you have yarn that you do not plan to use, gifts are always appreciated.  
- Hilda Alford



**A Class in Boating  
Safety and  
Seamanship...**

is currently meeting every Tuesday and Thursday evenings in room 205. For more information and registration, call Dan Earnhardt, church office, 752-3101 ext. 109.



**2009  
UMW  
Reading  
Program**

The books are in the library. Please come and "check 'em out".

**Go Green Tips**

We have had several requests for school uniforms for the students at Sadie Salter Elementary. Please consider sharing your family's gently-used uniforms with these children in need. The pants can be khaki, black, or navy. Collared shirts must be royal blue, light blue or white. Boxes will be provided in the Hall of History and TCLC.

Also consider donating any winter clothing, especially coats and jackets, to Hope of Glory Ministries, as they are in desperate need of these items. Thank you for sharing with members of our community in need!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26 from 9am - 12 noon.  
\*\* Registration begins April 1st \*\*

### Prayer at High Noon

Please come join us as we pray for the church, those who suffer and those in trouble, the concerns of the local community, the world, its peoples, its leaders, and many other issues. The Prayer at High Noon is held on Wednesdays, from noon until 12:30, in the Sanctuary at Jarvis Memorial UMC.

**JSM** - February 1, 2009  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Plunge and Current Meeting as "One"

The most awesome JSM students celebrated Souper Bowl Sunday by contributing 40 cans of soup for the food pantry. Many thanks to the students for their contributions and to the parents who provided Super Bowl snacks. Come join JSM for another evening of fellowship, fun, scripture, and discipleship this Sunday night from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

**Jarvis Student Ministries**

### In the Hospital

Billy Goodson  
Helen Osswald  
Chuck Brown  
David Brown

### Business Office Month End 01/31/2009

Revenue	\$110,968.26
Expenses	\$118,273.61
Variance	\$7,305.35

Notes Payable FCB-Bus	\$8,587.13
Notes Payable FCB TCLC	\$288,616.00

### Week of February 15th, 2008

Children's Church:  
Kingdom Quest Leader - (9:00) Ashley Odom (11:00) Lisa Hackett



### Music and Worship News -by Dr. Stan McDaniel

### Thank you, Wendell!

*Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

February is "Black History Month", and I want to recall for you today, attending a music conference at Montreat, the Presbyterian Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC, in the mid-1980s. In those days, we Methodist Musicians tended to go to Music Week at either Lake Junaluska or Montreat, whichever one had the best teachers and clinicians at the time. Montreat was known far and wide for bringing the greatest names in church music to western North Carolina: David Willcox, John Rutter, Robert Shaw, Paul Salzmanovitch – they all came to Montreat. And in 1986, the clinician was ... Wendell Whalum.

Who?

I only ask "who?" because that Montreat crowd was pretty "lilly white". Wendell Whalum had built an international reputation as the conductor of the Morehouse College Glee Club, which he directed for 34 years, but many of us had never heard of him. He did an outstanding job that week conducting a variety of choral masterworks, and all of us came away from that conference a bit sheepish, that this musician "par excellence" was here working among us in the South, and we hadn't even noticed.

There was a moment in that conference I will always remember. Wendell was asked to lead a seminar on Afro-American Spirituals and their place in worship. Near the end, a member of the audience stood and asked, "Dr. Whalum, will you harmonize a spiritual for us to sing this week?" He thought for a moment, returned to the piano bench, and played and sang the version of "Guide My Feet" which now appears in nearly every major denominational hymn book in the U.S. It's #2208 in "The Faith We Sing", and if you look to the bottom of the page you'll see credit given to Dr. Wendell Whalum.

Lives were changed that week by a great Afro-American musician and Christian. And perhaps the message that hymn brings to us this "Black History Month" is implicit in its title: "Lord, guide our feet, for indeed the race is not yet run, but continues. Guide our feet toward that day when we truly can be one with You, and one with each other."



Please be a "sweetheart" and return overdue books and movies to the library.  
**Thanks!**



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

### Amazing Journey Sunday School

This Sunday, Feb. 15th, we will continue our study on *Respect*. A Science teacher and 1st, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade shepherds are needed for next week, Feb. 22nd. Please contact **Beth Griffin** at 756-1226 or at [Ncgriff2@aol.com](mailto:Ncgriff2@aol.com) if you would like to learn more information about our elementary Sunday School program.

### New Beginnings Preschool Sunday School

We will continue our new Sunday School curriculum entitled **Rock Solid**. Two and 3 year olds will meet in room 110 with Kim Chandler and 4 year olds in room 214 with **Patty Marr**. Please contact **Kim Chandler** at [kchandle@pcmh.com](mailto:kchandle@pcmh.com) to volunteer to teach preschool Sunday School.

### Children's Church

**Kingdom Quest** continues this Sunday for children ages 4 year old preschoolers through 2nd grade. The **Kingdom Quest** leaders for this week are **Ashley Odom (9:00 am)** and **Lisa Hackett (11:00 am)**. We are also collecting information about our Kingdom Quest program. If your child(ren) is attending the 11:00 am KQ program, whether it be regularly or occasionally, please contact **Amy Staley** at 752-3101 or at [jarvisdcm@earthlink.net](mailto:jarvisdcm@earthlink.net). Thank you for your assistance!

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 15, 2009

7:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir warm-up  
 8:15 a.m. - Morning Worship  
 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School for adults - Bill Brown Classroom - 114  
 9:00 a.m. - Praise & Worship - TCLC  
 9:15 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 9:15 a.m. - noon - Hooker Library open  
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
 Prayer Comm. meets weekly to Pray after worship-Chapel  
 5:15 p.m. - Young Ringers - Music Lab  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Combined youth meeting "One" - TCLC  
 7:30 p.m. - Jarvis Ringers - Music Lab

### Monday, February 16, 2009

7:00 p.m. - Evangelism - Parlor  
 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FH

### Tuesday, February 17, 2009

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Group - CR  
 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Beth Moore Study - Parlor  
 12:00 noon - Tuesday Communion - Chapel - Open to all  
 5:30 p.m. - Finance - CR  
 7:00 p.m. - Boating Safety - Rm. 205

### Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Hooker Library open 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. - Believing God - CR/Parlor  
 10:30 a.m. - Intercountry Prayer Group - Rm. 201 (note new time)  
 10:30 a.m. - Staff meeting - CR  
 12:00 noon - Prayer at High Noon - Sanctuary  
 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choirs  
 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Feast - Gym  
 5:30 p.m. - Trustees - CR  
 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. - Believing God - Rm. 111 TCLC  
 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Orchestra rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. - Children's program - Rm. 210 (Ed. Building)  
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 -8:30 p.m. - Praise Team Band - TCLC  
 8:30 - 9:15 p.m. - Praise Team Vocals - TCLC

### Thursday, February 19, 2009

7:00 p.m. - Boating Safety - Rm. 205

### Friday, February 20, 2009

Children's Council Retreat (Lake Gaston) - Meet at Jarvis at 4:00 p.m.  
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class- TCLC  
 7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - Cypress Glen

### Saturday, February 21, 2009

Children's Council Retreat (Lake Gaston) - Ends at Noon

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

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