



# Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

May 6, 2008

## Fifty Days and Counting

Last week in the lectionary text, the early disciples were advised to wait in Jerusalem “until you are clothed in power from on high.” This is the prelude to the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In the second chapter of Acts we are alerted to the significance of Pentecost with the phrase, “When the day was fulfilled,” the same signal used to mark significant changes in sacred history like the birth of Jesus and the turn toward Jerusalem.

Pentecost was already an established event in the Jewish calendar, marking the fifty days since the Passover and the Festival of Weeks. Jesus’ followers were familiar with the fiftieth day feast celebrating Moses’ reception of the Law on Mt. Sinai. This became the occasion for covenant renewal and the thanksgiving of God’s provision for his people.

Now comes the time for empowering the followers of Jesus to “go into all the world and preach the good news.” We are reminded in Acts that the occasion was marked with the sound of a “mighty wind,” like the Old Testament times when God’s power was manifest among his people. And we are told that “tongues as if of fire” came upon them to signal the spiritual activity taking place in them. So it is that at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inaugurates the commencement of the Church and mission.

We should not be afraid of inviting the Holy Spirit to work again in the life of the Church. We need this force to proclaim the message of redemption and release to a people facing personal challenges which threaten and divide them. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to address the problems which bind us with fear and doubt. We need to pray with Harry Emerson Fosdick, “God of grace and God of glory on thy people pour thy power” (# 577 –The United Methodist Hymnal).

-Dan Earnhardt

### 2 Neighborhood Meetings remaining

- May 12 - Bill and Jane Brown  
304 Kenilworth Rd.,
- May 14 - Joe and Camilla Taft  
106 Kenilworth Rd.,

**Meetings are at 7:00 p.m.  
These meetings are open to everyone and you do not need an invitation, so please feel free to go to whichever meeting that is most convenient for you.**



## Construction Update

Washington Street in front of the church has now been closed and is being removed, so expect to see some major changes when you arrive at the church this Sunday. The Evans Street city parking lot will still be open for our use. The best walkway will be the sidewalk on the church side of the street.

Our parking lot along the side of the church will remain open, but the only access will be from Greene St. (exiting onto Reade Circle), so please look for the access at the entry at the corner of the playground. This is the parking area, best suited for handicapped access. The alley behind the church will also remain open for pickup and delivery.

For others with less trouble walking, the lot across Reade Circle in the old Auto Specialty lot will also be available for our use and we appreciate your use of this lot. Other public spaces will of course be open on Sunday on all surrounding City blocks.

Hopefully, work will now proceed quickly and our new campus will begin to take shape. We appreciate your patience with this necessary inconvenience.

-Phil Flowers  
Chm. Jarvis Trustees

### This Sunday

May 11

**Day of Pentecost  
(Communion at all Services)**

**8:30 & 11:00:**

Rev. Albert Shuler

Acts 2: 1-21

“Power of Hungry People”

**10:50**

Rev. Diane Christianson

Acts 2:1-21

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit”

### Attendance

**Week of May 4, 2008**

Sunday School - 229

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11:00 Worship - 403

Tues. Communion (5/6) - 7

Total- 410

### Prayer Families

*We ask your prayers this week for these members of our church family: Lisa T. Weatherington, George and Amy Webb, Ray and Angela Webster, Brian and Ann Weingartz, Wilma B. Weisenburger, Christy W. Welborn, and Jack and Jeane Welch.*

*Please also pray for the Campus Ministry Committee.*

## UMW'S HUGE YARDSALES

will be held on **September 13th**. We are now accepting all items except: women's clothing, encyclopedias, monitors without computer and large appliances. If you need pick-up or storage, please call Mary Bishop @ 321-4801.

## Camp Don Lee Open House

Sunday May 18th  
from 2:00 - 7:00

There will be sailing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, archery, and more. Call Patty Marr for more information (714-9012).

## Register now! For Vacation Bible School 2008-

August 10th-14th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Sign up at [www.jarvismethodist.org](http://www.jarvismethodist.org).

## Mother's Day Offering

Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11) has become important to the United Methodist family of the North Carolina Annual Conference, as caring persons in all 12 districts combine efforts to assist retirement community residents whose financial resources have been depleted. The Mother's Day Offering provides an opportunity for each of us to have a part in providing a "more abundant life" for residents who need financial support. To support Benevolent Care at The United Methodist Retirement Homes, please visit our website at [www.umrh.org](http://www.umrh.org) or call us at (919) 384-3006.

## Relay for Life

Jarvis Memorial UMC raised \$4,241.05 towards American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and over 68 members of Jarvis Memorial participated during the 24 hour event. Jarvis was in 17th place out of 90 teams in terms of money raised. Many thanks to all who contributed (time, money, baked goods, purchased items) in any way!

--Church and Society Committee

### Sympathy

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Moses Sheppard and family upon the death of his brother, Bob Sheppard, May 7, 2008.*

### Congratulations

*Our congratulations to Grant Means, son of Jeff and Virginia Means, upon being awarded his Eagle Scout Award Saturday, May 10 in the Chapel.*

### Baptism

*We will celebrate the baptism of William L. Irving, this Sunday, May 11 during the 11:00 service.*

### We Welcome

*New member joining Sunday May 11 -John Montgomery (Carolina House 2715 Dickinson Ave. Greenville, NC 27834) John comes to us by transfer from The Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville.*



### Fellowship Feast Will not be held Wednesday, May 14

Due to the little League Baseball BBQ plate sale. Plates are \$7.00 each and can be brought to the church at 5:30 p.m. for anyone interested, Call Patty Marr (757-1883) for tickets.

## From Janey Douglas

Dick and I thank each of you for your part in honoring us at the Reception on Sunday. As I tried to say and I hope it came across as such, Dick and I have had a wonderful time leading the Bible Study Class - I'm sure we have learned more than anyone else - but as the song says, "not to us, but to GOD be the Glory". He has been faithful!!!!!!  
Again thank you for loving us.



### United Methodist Women

The **Music and Mission** study held on May 3 challenged us to consider just what mission is and our individual 'calling' to mission. We grouped ourselves after deciding which of five statements best represents our view of mission. We compared and contrasted hymns and the scriptures on which they were based. We looked at hymns that to some may be controversial while remembering that some old hymns were not included in our current hymnal for that reason. We discussed favorite hymns and enjoyed singing with Genie Caldwell as accompanist. Thank you also go to Mary Bishop, Connie Moseley, and especially Tory Smearaski for coordinating the event. Farmville UMC, Hookerton UMC, and Salem UMC, volunteered to host the three Greenville District mission studies next year - (1) Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival, (2) Israel-Palestine part 11, (3) I Believe in Jesus! Stay tuned!

### Circle Meetings

Circles 1-4,6, and 8 will be meeting during the May Luncheon on May 12th at 12:00 noon in the TLC Circle # 5 will meet on May 12th at Shannon O'Brien's (334 Glen Ct. Greenville) at 7:15.

**Imagine A Student Mission Project....** that every student can put their hearts and hands into, a project that needs every parent's help, a project that values personal investment [time and resources] but doesn't have a set per student cost [every student's involvement is most important], a project that affirms Jarvis Memorial's commitment to actively responding to our communities needs.

**Jarvis Student Ministries 08'  
Mission Project is  
TOGETHER**

**Location: Hopkins Park, Greenville, NC**  
**Project: Building relationships and a \$40,000 playground.**  
**Serving: 180+ children**

**May Calendar**

11<sup>th</sup> PLUNGE 6:00 – 7:30, The Current 7:30 – 8:45  
18<sup>th</sup> PLUNGE 6:00 – 7:30, The Current 7:30 – 8:45  
25<sup>th</sup> No PLUNGE or The Current [Memorial Day Weekend]  
STEP 24 is every Sunday from 9:40am – 10:40am in the TCLC Youth Room  
For a listing of all JSM events go to [www.jarvisism.com](http://www.jarvisism.com) calendar.

**Jarvis Student Ministries**  
[www.jarvisism.com](http://www.jarvisism.com)

**In the Hospital**  
Herbert Oliver  
Lyman Ormond

**Week of May 11, 2008**

Children's Church: (11:00) 4's & 5's – Beth Johnson 6's & 7's - Barbara Dominick (10:50) 4 Year olds - 2nd Grade - Lynn Bailey  
Acolyte: (8:30) Molly Horton (11:00) David Paylor  
Greeters: Walker and Betsy Allen, Kirk and Barbara Dominick, and Janey Douglas



**Altar Flowers**

A word of gratitude to the anonymous donor for providing the flowers on the altar May 4, 2008.

**Contributions to the Ministries at Jarvis Memorial for:**

<u>Operating</u>	<u>Revenue</u> -	<u>Budget</u> =	<u>**Difference</u>
Sun., May 4, 2008	\$ 19,677	\$ 28,846	\$ -9,169
Month to Date	\$ 19,677	\$ 28,846	\$ -9,169
YTD - Operating	\$ 419,952	\$ 519,231	\$ -99,279
<u>Capital</u>	<u>Revenue</u> -	<u>Budget</u> =	<u>Difference</u>
Sun., May 4, 2008	\$ 185	\$ 2,507	\$ -2,322
Year to Date	\$ 8,524	\$ 45,130	\$ -36,606
Remaining TCLC Debt =	\$ 334,476	Revenue - Budget =	Difference
Remaining Bus Debt =	\$ 15,306		

Thank you for your generous donations to our many ministries at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church.

- Carolina Pregnancy Center "change for life" Baby Bottle Fundraiser - \$843.98
- Jarvis Team "Relay for Life" - \$4,241.05  
Gold Member status and 17th place in terms of donations.
- Native American Ministry - \$219.00

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



**Gift of the Spirit?**

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. [1 Corinthians 12:4-6]*

Scripture continually reminds us that we need to live and make decisions based on a standard quite different than that of the secular world. When you and I hire someone to do a job, we look carefully at the resume and ask for references. Does the person have the appropriate training? Does their experience indicate a history of excellence in their craft or skill? God, on the other hand, appoints Moses, who was shy and hated public speaking, to be his spokesman. Who gets the nod to slay Goliath? Little David, of course. And then there's Peter, who denied our Lord three times. Jesus calls him the "rock" on whom His church will be built. Go figure!

The Holy Spirit continues to work through ordinary people causing them to do extraordinary things. I can sight so many examples from my own life:

- Persons who were "not supposed to be able to sing", but by sheer determination and hard work learned to differentiate pitches and became excellent singers.
- Persons with no musical experience at all who became outstanding bell ringers
- Persons on the fringe, viewed by their peer group as totally unremarkable in every way, who became outstanding leaders, speakers, even actors and singers in leading dramatic roles
- Persons who overcame any number of physical and emotional impairments to become leaders in music ministry

When God looks at our "resume", He sees potentials in us that even we don't recognize. That simple fact always gives me pause, and it should for you too. When called on to serve, we may be inclined to make excuses: "I can't do that", or "I have no experience", or the ever-popular, "I'm too busy". But take a moment to step back. Is it possible the Holy Spirit is at work here? Is it possible you are missing God's call?

**Have You Taken the Congregational Singing Survey?**

We want to know the hymns and songs you like to sing! Whether you attend 8:30 worship, 10:50 worship, or 11:00 worship, WE WANT YOUR INPUT. Help us do a better job of planning for congregational singing by taking the survey. Be as thorough as you like, or simply list your favorites!

To take the Congregational Singing Survey, log on to [www.jarvismethodist.org](http://www.jarvismethodist.org)  
OR

Pick up a print copy from the Church Office or by the door of the Music Ministry Office.



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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS**

**Amazing Journey Sunday School**

This Sunday we continue our journey studying the **Twelve Who Changed the World** - Jesus' twelve disciples. The children are encouraged to memorize the names of these Twelve to receive a special prize. Please look for important information about Summer Sunday school that will be sent home to each family in May. The following volunteer positions are still available:

**Shepherds**

- Kindergarten - 5/11 - 5/25
- 1st Grade - 5/25
- 2nd Grade - 5/11 - 5/25
- 3rd Grade - 5/18 and 5/25
- 4th & 5th Grades - 5/11 - 5/25

**Teachers**

- Music & Movement - 5/11
- Science - 5/18
- Missions - 5/11
- Video - 5/18

**New Beginnings Preschool Sunday School**

This week's teachers are Mary Helen Hutchinson for the 3 year old class and Patty Marr for the 4 year old class. Please contact Kim Chandler at [kchandle@pcmh.com](mailto:kchandle@pcmh.com) if you can volunteer to teach on the following dates:  
 Four year olds: 5/11 and 5/25

**Calendar of Events**

Sunday, May 11, 2008

- 7:50 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir Warm-up
- 8:30 a.m. - Morning Worship -  
With Communion
- 9:15 a.m. - noon - Hooker Library open
- 9:40-10:40 a.m. - Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. - Praise & Worship - TCLC - With Communion
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship - With Communion
- Prayer Comm. meets weekly to Pray after worship-Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. - UMM - FH
- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. PLUNGE - TCLC
- 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. - The Current - TCLC

Monday, May 12, 2008

- 12:00 Noon - UMW Spring Luncheon - TCLC  
UMW Circle Meetings (Circles 1-4, 6, and 8).
- 7:15 p.m. - UMW Circle 5 (see page 2 for details)
- 7:15 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

- 12:00 - Tuesday Communion - Chapel - Open to all
- 2:00 p.m. Tea at 2 - College Classroom

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

- Hooker Library open (will be closed on Wednesdays starting May 21, opening again in September)
- 5:30 p.m. - No Fellowship Feast (See page 2 for details)
- 6:00 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. - Needlework - 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, May 15, 2008

- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Thursday Lunch Study - Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee - CR

Friday, May 16, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - K & W Cafeteria

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.