



# Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

July 29, 2008

## One Bread, One Body – One Song!

### This Sunday

August 3rd

8:15, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Diane Christianson  
"Five Practices of Fruitful  
Congregations: Risk-taking  
Mission and Service"  
Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

As many of you know, in addition to my work at Jarvis, every other year I teach the course, "Philosophy and Practice of Sacred Music" at ECU. Students in the class come from a wide variety of church backgrounds and denominations, all hoping to pursue careers as church organists, choir directors, or Ministers of music. Most have had very little experience with music ministry beyond music making itself. A question I pose to them on the first day of class, and the one I pose to you now is this: **"What's so important about corporate worship?"** The answers one gets, of course, are many. We come together each week from myriad places in life: some needing answers in times of doubt or Spiritual crisis, others needing comfort in times of pain or grief. There are those, of course, for whom the Christian walk has barely begun. For them, participation in worship may be a first step toward knowing Christ as Lord and Savior. For many, worship is almost equal parts social and Spiritual. We are a Christian community after all, and we look forward each week to connecting with friends on the journey. And many of us, perhaps most, come to worship simply hoping to be spiritually fed, to commune with God in a way that is real, vital, and authentic...

All of these are valid answers to why we worship, but they don't address that word *corporate*. What do we mean when we sing, "We are ONE with the Spirit" or declare, "We are one in Christ"? Why do some of the most ascetic monastic communities, where private devotion and contemplation are a way of life, still come together for corporate worship multiple times a day? If the early Christians had chosen to express their faith solely in private devotion to address personal needs, I'm guessing Rome would have left them alone. But they risked life and limb daily to worship together. Why?

Paul says it well in Romans 12:5: "...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." We ALL have personal needs, but there is an important, even essential part of our faith that transcends the personal. We haven't "arrived" in our Christian faith, Paul is telling us, until we truly are one with Christ and recognize that we are irrevocably one with each other through Christ. If you and I fail to experience this "oneness" in worship, we are missing an extraordinary gift God has given us.

My students at ECU this Fall will be reading Mark Galli's thought-provoking book, "Beyond Smells and Bells". He describes the opening of worship as a 'gathering'. "The opening," he writes, "reminds us of God's gathering a people in Jesus Christ, symbolized in the calling of the 12 disciples to himself, (or)...to the day when God will gather all (who believe) in a great festal celebration." Galli describes the opening hymn or song as "a joining together of all voices... a concrete, embodied way to signal that we are gathering as one people, not as a collection of individuals."

This sense of "oneness" in Christ, my friends, is a primary reason Christians gather to worship the world over: one with Christ and each other in singing, in worship, in living... And once we embrace that concept, the adjective "important" can't begin to describe what corporate worship contributes to our lives as Christians!

Dr. Stan McDaniel

## Travel to Lift your Spirit

To learn more about the Caribbean Cruise hosted by my husband and I, please come to the church Conference Room on Monday, August 4 at 5:30 PM.

The cruise, through Educational Opportunities, is set for January 10-17, 2009. The ship departs from Miami and docks at Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. Five United Methodist bishops will travel with us and present teaching sessions during our days at sea. You can view more information at [www.eo.travelwithus.com](http://www.eo.travelwithus.com) Click on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise. We invite you to join us for this Christian travel experience. Come with your questions and review the program on August 4.

Diane

P.S. We are also planning to host a trip to Germany in 2010 to see the world-renown *Passion Play*. We'll have brochures at the meeting about that event, as well.

### Attendance

Week of July 27th, 2008

Sunday School - 151

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8:15 Worship - 38

9:00 Praise and Worship - 70

11:00 Worship - 241

Tues. Communion (7/08) - 10

Total- 359

### Prayer Families

We ask your prayers  
this week for these mem-  
bers of our church family:  
Rachel L. Arnold, Sara E.  
Arnold, Mrs. Roy Arp,  
Marcia R. Ashworth, Ted  
and Ruth Ashworth, Mac  
and Sara Ausbon, and  
Ellen L. Avery.

Please also pray for the  
Education Committee..

**Jarvis will have to turn away the needy...** Unless you can help. Every day people are coming to Jarvis Memorial for food and assistance. We can't pay everyone's utility bills, but we want to provide people and families in need with a bag of food. Fighting hunger on a daily basis takes a Team. Join the Team to fight hunger by bringing in canned and boxed foods on Sunday.

**Missing something...** A study bible, glasses, car keys? Perhaps you left them at the church, perhaps our staff found them. Before finding a replacement for your lost item, make sure to stop by the church office and ask about our lost and found.

**Rosebud**

*The rosebud on the altar this Sunday, August 3rd, is in celebration of the birth of Charles Tyler Camplin, son of Kristen and Matt Camplin of Morrisville, NC on July 19th. Grandparents are Jim and Kaye Stott.*

**Wedding Bells**

Please share our joy at the marriage of our daughter, Kristin, and Benjamin Walker on June 28th. Kristin and Ben live in Greensboro, NC, where she is employed at UNC-G and he is a graduate student. The wedding day was a wonderful celebration with lots of family present.

--Diane Christianson & John Tolson



**Vacation Bible School**

August 10th through the 14th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. visit [www.jarvismethodist.org](http://www.jarvismethodist.org) to register or call Patty Marr at 757-1883 If you have any questions.

**The Boys and Girls Club**

(Jarvis Unit) is looking for after school activity coordinators to begin work Aug 25th. Hours for these positions are Monday through Friday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Pay is \$7.50 per hour. If interested please contact Theresa Esslinger at 752-3101 ext. 127.

**Golden Cross Sunday is August 3**

The first Sunday in August has been designated as GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY. Please make a love offering to help this special ministry help laity in our Annual Conference who are overwhelmed with medical bills. Since Golden Cross funding has been reduced in the conference budget, this special offering makes a huge difference in how many laity can be helped. Golden Cross is a Conference Advance Special. Thank you for your generosity!

**Sunday in The Park - August 3rd - 7:00 p.m.**

Molasses Creek will be at the Greenville Town Commons on 1st Street. Bring a picnic and a blanket and join us. For details, call Patty Marr (757-1883).



**United Methodist Women**

The Roberson County Church and Community Center with locations in Lumberton and Red Springs has been operational since 1969. Its Mission Statement is this, "The Roberson County Church and Community Center is God's people at work together, reaching out in love to meet our neighbors' needs in the name of Christ. The Roberson County Church and Community Center seeks to involve people across cultural, racial, class, and denominational barriers in partnership with each other to address social needs and to move in Christ's name toward solutions." The Center has several purposes. Family Literacy is listed first and includes Smart Start, Reading for Success (for children reading below grade level), Adult Literacy, and English as a Second Language. They serve as a referral center for directing the needy to additional community resources. They maintain a medical equipment loan closet and an Ensure program. Like our Shepard's Helpers, they provide structural additions and changes to meet the requirements of the handicapped. Emergency assistance may be given to prevent eviction or disconnection of utilities to those in immediate need. They have a Home Store that collects and sells items somewhat like our Habitat Re-Sale store here in town. Members of our local UMW occasionally go to the RCCC to assist in various ways. A comment that I found interesting in the brochure is, "If it's not good enough for you to wear or use, don't send it." Enough said.

-Hilda

# ONE

For junior and senior high students and their **PARENTS**

Wednesday August 6th, 2008

Cookout, Games, Bigstuf Recap Together update, and Confirmation information

Jarvis  
Student  
Ministries  
www.jarvisism.com

## Week of August 3rd, 2008

**Children's Church:** Children's Church will not be offered for the rest of this summer. To help your family adjust to this change, activity bags have been placed in baskets at the back of the gym and in the Hall of History for your child to enjoy during the service. Please make sure to remove any fun sheets your child completes and return his/her bag to the basket at the end of the service. Thank you!

**Acolyte: (8:15)** Madison Faulconer **(11:00)** Trey Goodson

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

<u>Operating</u>	<u>Revenue -</u>	<u>Budget =</u>	<u>**Difference</u>
Sun., July 27, 2008	\$ 25,970	\$ 25,000	\$ 970
Month to Date	\$ 71,089	\$ 100,000	\$ -28,911
YTD - Operating	\$ 666,942	\$ 750,000	\$ -83,058
<u>Capital</u>	<u>Revenue -</u>	<u>Budget =</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sun., July 27, 2008	\$ 470	\$ 2,507	\$ -2,037
Year to Date	\$ 13,786	\$ 75,216	\$ -61,430

Remaining TCLC Debt = \$ 329,214      Revenue - Budget = Difference

Remaining Bus Debt = **\$15,306**

### Tithing is Trusting

Some people say, "I wouldn't dare tithe. I'm afraid I just couldn't make it." What they are really saying is, "I wouldn't dare trust God. That is too risky. It would scare me to death to trust God." And perhaps they are right, at least for themselves.

If you cannot trust God, then you cannot tithe; it will worry you to death. But the other side of that same argument is that if you cannot trust God with your financial problems, you will probably be worried to death all the time anyway.

Not tithing won't stop your anxiety about money.

Giving your money for God's work is not basically a financial transaction between you and the church but a spiritual relationship between you and your creator. If you can figure out on a piece of paper how you can afford to tithe, you've missed the whole point of tithing.

Tithing is a matter of faith and trust, not arithmetic.

The pastoral staff would like to visit with, pray for, and offer assistance to any Jarvis members that have been hospitalized or are simply experiencing a difficult time.

So if you or another Jarvis member that you know, is in need of a Pastoral Visit, please notify the church office at 752-3101.

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

### **Children's Choirs to Kick Off week of September 14**



Fall is just around the corner. School will starting soon and also our children's choir program at Jarvis Memorial. We hope every family with children, Age 4 through the fifth grade, will enroll them in children's choir! It is our fervent prayer to build a strong and vibrant children's music ministry at Jarvis Memorial, and we want every child to be a part of it. Watch this column for more information about meeting times and special plans for fall children's choir activities.

In the meantime, we welcome your input. PLEASE call Stan McDaniel at 752-3101, ext 120, if you have thoughts to share or questions regarding our children's choir program. This is a year when we want to consider any and all changes that might make it possible for more children to become involved in this wonder activity.

Some specific needs: In the fall, we will need committed adult and youth volunteers to help with every aspect of children's music ministry. We will be looking for adults to help us plan for, schedule, and lead our pre-school choir program – the "Promise Choir". Consideration is being given to scheduling this choir at a completely new time. If you have thoughts or concerns about pre-school music at Jarvis, please share them with us right away. Adults and youth are also always in demand to assist our Chapel and Cherub choir leaders, and provide supervision during rehearsals. Interested in accompanying or leading a choir? Let us hear from you!

Registration for children's choir can be done on the first day choir meets, BUT it would be very helpful if you can register your children sooner. This can be done by logging onto the Music Ministry page of [www.jarvismethodist.org](http://www.jarvismethodist.org) and scrolling down to the appropriate link under "children's music". You can also let us know of your intent to have your children participate by calling the music office. Again, that's 752-3101, ext 120, or simply dropping Stan a note.

### **NYC Tour**

#### **(December 2-5)**

2 seats available. If interested call Dan Earnhardt 752-3101 ext.109.



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

### Amazing Journey Sunday School

This Sunday we will follow our Summer Sunday School routine. The children will report directly to their assigned rooms, as follows: **Kindergarten - 2nd Grade will meet in room 210 3rd - 5th Grades will meet in room 205**

This Sunday, August 3rd, **Teri Mooney** will teach in the K-2nd grade class and **John & Mary Bishop** will teach in the 3rd -5th grade class. **Next Sunday, August 10th, all children in K-5th Grade Sunday School classes will meet in the Chapel for a fun VBS Kick-Off Event.**

There are volunteer positions open for the K-2nd grade class on **8/17 and 8/24** and for the 3rd-5th grade class on **8/17**. Please contact Beth Griffin at **756-1226** or at [Ncgriff2@aol.com](mailto:Ncgriff2@aol.com) if you can help out or if you have any questions.

### New Beginnings Preschool Sunday School

Our Three and Four Year Old Sunday School classes have combined for the summer and meet in room 109 during the Sunday School hour. **Meredith Bonnette** will teach this Sunday, August 3rd. **On August 10th, the three and four year old Sunday School children will be led by their teacher to the VBS Kick-Off Event being held in the Chapel. Pick up will be back in room 109.** There are teacher openings on **8/17 and 8/24, and 9/7**. Please contact **Kim Chandler** at [Kchandle@pcmh.com](mailto:Kchandle@pcmh.com) or at **321-2007** if you can help out or have any questions. Thanks!

### Children's Church Halted for the Summer

**We would like to thank all of our children's church leaders and parents who voiced their opinions about our current Children's Church programming.** Due to your responses we have decided to halt our Children's Church for the rest of this summer. We are also seeking individuals who would like to serve on the subcommittee to help revise this program. Please contact **Patty Marr** at [Patmarr@aol.com](mailto:Patmarr@aol.com) or 752-3101 or **Beth Griffin** at [Ncgriff2@aol.com](mailto:Ncgriff2@aol.com) or 756-1226 if you are interested.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008

7:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir - rehearsal

8:15 a.m. - Morning Worship - Communion

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School for adults - Bill Brown Classroom

9:00 a.m. - Praise & Worship - TCLC - Communion

9:15 a.m. - noon - Hooker Library open

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship - Communion

Prayer Comm. meets weekly to Pray after worship-Chapel

### Monday, Aug. 4, 2008

7:15 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FH

### Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008

Summer Mother's Day Out

12:00 - Tuesday Communion - Chapel - Open to all

5:30 p.m. Church and Society - CR

### Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008

Hooker Library closed on Wednesdays during the summer

9:00 a.m. - Staff meeting - CR

9:45 a.m. - Intercessory Prayer Group - Rm. 201

10:00-11:30 a.m. - Children's Summer Missions Project - Room 214

6:00 p.m. - Needlework -CR

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - ONE (youth cookout, Games, and Bigstuf recap) - TCLC

7:00 p.m. - Divorce Care - Parlor

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008

Summer Mother's Day Out

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Praise Team Band practice - TCLC

8:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Praise Team vocals - TCLC

### Friday, Aug. 8, 2008

6:30 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.