



Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

October 7, 2008

Immutable

I like this word. You know how you sometimes get "hung" on a word? Well this is one of mine. Onomatopoeia is another of my favorite words. However even with home schooling, I have little opportunity to use onomatopoeia in a sentence. Immutable on the other hand is a word which I have ample opportunity to share. God is immutable.

Just a few days ago I had occasion to discuss the personality of God and how neither his personality nor His Goodness ever changes, or in other words, his immutability. We know that God is faithful and we know that God loves us. We know this from what scripture tells us and our own experience. Although he does not promise calm seas, clearly he promises to be with us during the low tides of life as well as the high.

God in Christ calls His church the body of Christ. Just what does that mean? One thing which it means is that we care for one another. We reach out to care for *all* of God's children, churchd or unchurchd. He calls His church to the same immutable standards to which He himself claims.

The world as a whole of course does not share his immutability, which leaves us living in a an uncertain time; a time of change and transition. Our nation, the economy, Jarvis itself has gone through significant changes. As my family and I continue down our own journey of many unknowns, we feel the body of Christ as it extends its love, care, and support to us in every way, unchanging as Jarvis has the reputation for doing. Jarvis has utterly surrounded us and blessed us in ways which are absolutely unimaginable. Jarvis, your heart and soul have served to help lift us out of our self-dubbed anticipatory grief. There are not adequate words to thank so many for everything which you have and are doing for us.

As members of Jarvis since 1989, we have long been aware that the ministry of this body of Christ is wide spread and magnificently effective. Over the years we have seen Jarvis reach out in times of need to this community, nationally, and internationally, as well as to its members. Despite this, we truly had no conception of just how deeply the hearts of the people of Jarvis are dedicated to the call of being the body of Christ. Far above and beyond the call you have clearly shown yourself to be worthy to be called ambassadors of Christ. Thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts.

Is Jarvis undergoing a period of time and transition? Unquestionably. But the heart and soul of Jarvis has not and I know, will not change. It is immutable.

Thank you!

Howard, Cindy, Stephanie, Julianna, Eric, Maddie, Aubri and Lulea Adams

This Sunday

October 12

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

Rev. Diane Christianson
"The Promise of Peace"

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

Prayer Families

We ask your prayers this week for these members of our church family: John and Lisa Britt, Nanette W. Bronzino, Clyde and Jennie Brooks, Clyde Brooks Jr., David W. Brooks, Gail B. Brooks, and Jonathan and Anne Brooks.

Please also pray for The Evangelism Committee.

United Methodist Men's Annual Rally

Will be held on October 25th, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Four Star General John W. Handy will be the Key note speaker.

General Handy openly shares proven leadership principles and freely discusses decision-making and politics at the highest level in our government. You will not only be inspired by this remarkable patriot, but also gain an appreciation for Christian leadership principles embraced by the upper echelons of our national and international military leaders.

A luncheon will follow the speech and will cost 10.00 per person.

Scottie Barnes of Forgiveness Ministries

will be at Jarvis this Sunday, Oct. 12th. All are invited to come listen during the Sunday school hour (in the TCLC Gym). Mrs. Barnes will also be speaking at each of the three services.



Parking Safety --

When you park in the church lot, please observe the marked parking spaces. Parking outside of the designated spaces creates a safety hazard, as there is then almost no room for other cars to maneuver through the parking lot. Thank you. And fear not -- additional parking is on the way!



**Tea at Two
Vision group**
scheduled for
October 14th, has
been rescheduled
for October 21st.

Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathy are with C. Fred Irons III and family, upon the death of his mother Malene Irons, on December 8, 2008.

We Welcome

New Members joining Sunday, October 12 - Chad and Katie Whitley (413 Zachary Ct. Greenville - 355-7589) The Whitley's come to us by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Washing-

Congratulations

Our congratulations to Joe and Sarah Lindly Small Crosby (Augusta, GA), upon the birth of their daughter, Maysie Martin Crosby on September 25, 2008. Maysie's Grandmother is Margaret Small.

College Class

We are in need of a team of four or more people to lead the College Class on Sunday mornings. If you have a passion for this age group and are willing to give some time in leadership, please contact Timm Hackett or one of the pastors. Thank you!

Green Tip of the Month-

Cooler weather is here! Consider donating those winter clothes you no longer wear to My Sister's Closet or Hope of Glories Ministry so that they will get to people who truly need them. And, rather than buying new clothes, consider purchasing some "pre-loved" clothing for yourself! Reduce, REUSE, Recycle!

Don't forget
Current and past newsletters
can be found on Jarvis' web-
site at
www.jarvismethodist.org

Greetings, From the Ulster Board

All past participants, from any phase of the Ulster Project, are invited to come together for some fellowship. This is a great time to talk over past projects and the future of the Ulster project and to generally enjoy each other's company. Teens are welcome to invite anyone who might be interested in participating in the project next summer.

Sunday, October 19, 2008, St Gabriel's Catholic Church, 5:00 to 6:30 pm, PIZZA, SALAD and DESERTS to be provided by the Ulster Board.

Please RSVP if possible to help us estimate for food preparation. Contact either Jean Merenda (jmerenda@suddenlink.net) or Cindy Kukoly (kukolyc@ecu.edu) or 756-7778.



Fellowship Feast
Wednesday, October 15th
Serving at 5:30
In The Taft CLC

Menu: BBQ Pork ribs, potato salad, boiled potatoes, cabbage, rolls 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.

Be a part of our New Church Directory.

Sign up Today! **Free** 8x10 portrait and **free** Church Directory for participating families. Sign up sheet available in the Hall of History and Taft CLC. Photography dates are Monday, Dec. 1 Saturday. Dec. 6.

Friends of Joyner Library

invite you to "Scarlet Fever: The Greatness of Gone With the Wind," presented by Dr. Elliot Engel. Tuesday evening, October 14, 2008 an 7:00 p.m. at the Joyner Library. Admission is free and there will be a Dessert Reception and CD signing following the presentation.

UMW Group Meetings



United Methodist Women

Group	Time	Date	Address
1	5:30 p.m.	10/19/08	Jarvis Parlor
2	10:00 a.m.	10/13/08	Sue Cannon, 107 Jamestown Rd., Greenville(756-4125)
3	10:00 a.m.	10/13/08	Martha Ferrell, 2010 Fern Dr., Greenville
4	6:00 p.m.	10/13/08	Sally Thompson, 200 Brinkley Rd., Greenville(756-3569)
5	7:00 p.m.	10/20/08	Carol West, On Dickenson (252 327-7900)
6	10:00 a.m.	10/13/08	Cypress Glen, Four Seasons Room
8	7:30 p.m.	10/13/08	Debbie Champion, 105 Regalwood Rd., Greenville (355-1867)

Just the Beginning...

Thank you very much to all the parents who participated in the JSM meeting this past Sunday. As mentioned, the end of the meeting did not bring an end to parent / staff communication, rather; I believe our conversation opened what I hope will be a new and healthy continuum of steady conversation between the JSM Crew and parents. Know that each of your comments were well received, and noted for serious consideration and prayer. For all those who were not able to attend the meeting, please don't feel like you have missed out. I will schedule a follow up meeting in the coming weeks, for anyone who missed the meeting, or wishes to reengage in dialogue.

Please note that there will be no Plunge or Current this Sunday night, due to college Fall break, although Sunday School will still be held during the normal hour, and as always, students are invited to go across the street to eat lunch at Cubbies after Sunday school, per parental permission.

Peace be with you,
Bert Snyder
Director of Student Ministries

Calendar: October 12th
NO Plunge
NO The Current

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In the Hospital

Bob Paul

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I ...ask that you include Mr. Chris Neal on your prayer list. On Sept. 10, 2008 Chris was involved in an auto accident...that left Chris with a broken back, neck, damaged ribs, lungs, and has no feeling from his upper torso to his feet. Chris' doctors say he will never walk again nor regain any feeling from his upper torso to his feet. I ask you to please include Chris and his family in your thoughts and on-going prayers, because through prayer and God's Grace a miracle can happen. I also ask that you please send a card of encouragement to Chris to show him other people care and are praying for him (North C401, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville, NC 27834). Please join in this miracle in progress.

There is still time to sign up for the Caribbean

Cruise! Rev. Christianson and her husband will host this time of spiritual retreat, January 10-17. Christian travelers from around the nation will be lead by five United Methodist bishops as we cruise to San Juan, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. Check out the brochure on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the parlor, or go online to www.eo.travelwithus.com and click on 35th Anniversary Cruise. Let's sail!

Week of October 12, 2008

Children's Church:

Kingdom Quest Leader - (9:00) Tammy Ward **(11:00)** Anissa Potter and Patty Marr

Acolytes: (8:15) Madison Bergstedt (11:00) Briana Brown

Crucifer: (8:15) Brett Bowman (11:00) Caroline Edwards

Music and Worship News -by Dr. Stan McDaniel

"The View" from the Pew



When I encounter visitors to Jarvis Memorial, they almost always express awe and appreciation for our elegant and impressive sanctuary. Over the next few months, I want to tell you about the wealth of symbolism in our sanctuary and a bit too about historical context.

How important is symbolism? Some will throw up their hands and say, "This is the 21st Century; we're not about 'smells and bells' and all of that stuff." But we worship a God of whom the 12th century Christian mystic, Meister Eckhart, said, "To know Him really is to know Him as unknowable... God is something which in no sense is to be reached or grasped... God's worth and God's perfection cannot be put into words." We worship a God, all-powerful – who is able to do anything he chooses --, but who, in the person of Jesus, emptied Himself of that power to become fully human and to die a horrific death on the cross. Why? Wasn't there an easier way? It's a mystery and not a very believable one, *except* through the eyes of faith.

The story of God's determined and always committed love for His children, as revealed in Scripture, is filled with mystery. Christians from the Middle Ages forward have found it to be a story that transcends mere words. Patricia Klein, in her wonderful introduction to Christian symbolism, *Worship Without Words* (2007), writes that, as soon as they were able to worship publicly, early Christians endeavored to express their faith visually: "Architecture, windows, ornaments, tapestries, paintings... no matter where I looked, I saw faith represented not by words, but by images."

Many of you reading this article have grown up worshipping at Jarvis Memorial. Our sanctuary is a space dedicated exclusively to worship and prayer for the entire Jarvis community. Whatever your worship preference, contemporary or traditional, the sanctuary is yours – a haven of comfort, reassurance, and peace. Let's learn more about it together!

New York Theatre Trip

December 2nd - 5th,

Two vacancies remain. If interested please call Dan Earnhardt.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Amazing Journey Sunday School

This Sunday, October 12th, will be our last week in our study of Esther with our rotational Sunday School program. We will begin a new study of Moses, entitled **Out of Egypt**, next Sunday. All Teachers and Shepherds are needed for that Sunday. Please contact **Beth Griffin** at **756-1226** or at Ncgriff2@aol.com if you can help out.

**Attention Third Grade students:
 You will receive your Promotion
 Bible this Sunday, Oct. 12th at the
 11:00 am service.**

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 **Melanie Tedder** and 4 year olds in room 214 with **Patty Marr**. Please contact **Kim Chandler** at Kchandle@pcmh.com or at **321-2007** if you can help out or have any questions.

Children's Church

Kingdom Quest continues this Sunday for children ages 4 year old preschoolers through 2nd grade. **Kingdom Quest** for the Praise & Worship service meets in room 111 with **Tammy Ward**. **Kingdom Quest** for the 11:00 am Traditional service meets in room 209 with **Anissa Potter and Patty Marr**. Volunteers are needed to continue this fun and exciting program. Please contact **Bonnie Glass** at Bbglass@aol.com or 413-0310 or **Beth Griffin** at Ncgriff2@aol.com or 756-1226 if you can help out.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008

7:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir - rehearsal
 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. - 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
 5:00 p.m. - United Methodist Men - FH
 7:30 p.m. - Jarvis Ringers - Music Lab
 No Plunge - TCLC
 No The Current - TCLC

Monday, Oct. 13, 2008

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

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Group - CR
 9:30-11:30 a.m. - Fruit of the Spirit Study - Parlor
 10:30 a.m. Search Committee (Director of Children's Ministry) - CR
 12:00 - Tuesday Communion - Chapel - Open to all
 5:15 p.m. - SPRC - CR
 6:30 p.m. - NAMI - FH

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008

Hooker Library open 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
 9:15 a.m. - Preschool Committee Rm. 205
 9:45 a.m. - Intercessory Prayer Group - Rm. 201
 10:30 a.m. - Staff meeting - CR
 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choirs
 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Feast -TCLC
 5:30 p.m. - Trustees- CR
 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Orchestra rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. - 5 Love Languages class - Parlor
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Children's Program - TCLC
 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, Oct. 16, 2008

5:30 p.m. - Lay Leadership - CR
 6:30 p.m. - Search Committee (Youth Pastor) - CR

Friday, Oct. 17, 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.