



Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

December 02, 2008

Händel's "Messiah" December 14

Sunday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir of Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church with orchestra and soloists will present Georg Friedrich Händel's great oratorio, MESSIAH. In previous articles, I've written about musical and spiritual aspects of this great work, and I want to encourage you right now to go to our church website, www.jarvismethodist.org, where you will find a link on the home page to our Messiah webpage. There you can learn all about the music and the Christian witness you will experience on December 14 and even be able to see and hear audio/video recordings from all over the world of each of the major choruses and solos to be included in our Jarvis presentation.

Händel's Messiah is arguably the greatest piece of sacred music ever written. It is a musical masterwork built entirely on scripture from the Old and New Testaments that witnesses to the entire drama of God's redemption of mankind, beginning with Old Testament prophecy, moving through the birth of Jesus, his life, death, crucifixion, and victorious resurrection. As great as the music is, it never once overpowers its Biblical text.

The power of Messiah to move millions is unmistakable. Many of the greatest composers of all time have been humbled by Händel's masterpiece. Haydn, upon hearing Messiah in London, declared Handel to be the "master of us all" and immediately set about creating his own masterpiece oratorio, "The Creation", in which a number of movements contain subtle tributes to Handel. Mozart and others literally quoted the "Hallelujah Chorus" in their own works as a sign of deep respect for Handel's great oratorio. Beethoven's oratorio, "The Mount of Olives", contains its own Hallelujah Chorus which he was inspired by Handel to write.

There is even a Methodist connection. Messiah was an acknowledged masterpiece, respected by musicians and loved by audiences, from its first hearing in London in the early 1740's. How could audiences in the Age of the Enlightenment, one of the most secular times in English history, be inspired to lionize a 2-hour sacred choral work with no fancy costumes, smoke, or mirrors? Musicologists attribute it to Wesley's evangelism. It was his leadership, charisma, and spiritual dynamism that was changing the very definition of what it meant to be a Christian in Britain at the very time Messiah debuted. Because of Wesley and his followers, there was a new audience, hungry for the word of God and the message of salvation, who were moved by this great work and told others of its spiritual power.

We'll never know if King George stood for the Hallelujah Chorus because he was inspired by the spiritual power of Messiah or simply because of a bad back, but audiences traditionally stand for that great chorus to the present day. In the dozen or so times I've conducted Messiah, I can assure you that people stand, not just for the sake of tradition, but because they are moved. I have seen tears on the faces of hundreds who have been spiritually challenged and convicted on the deepest level that this child, whose birth we soon celebrate, is indeed the saving Messiah who seeks to live and reign in our hearts now and forever.

Our Jarvis presentation of Messiah will be more than a musical event. Hopefully it can be our witness to the faith and to all of Greenville. If you haven't already made plans to attend, please do so. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be collected, and we hope many will want to contribute so presentations of this kind will be able to continue at Jarvis Memorial. A cookies and punch reception will follow in the Taft Christian Life Center.

**This Sunday
December 07
One Service 11:00 a.m.**

Rev. Albert Shuler
"A Season of
Waiting and Giving"

Scripture:
Mark 1:1-8

**December 7
Commitment Sunday
One Service - 11:00
in the Sanctuary**

Followed by lunch -TCLC
Sun. School - regular times

Prayer Families

We ask your prayers this week for these members of our church family: Jill Cherry, June T. Cherry, Amos O. Clark, Clara F. Clark, Monty and Susan Clark, Linda Clark, Louis Clark.

Please also pray for the Finance Committee.

Calendar of Events During Advent

December 7 - 11:00 a.m. - Commitment Sunday - One Service - Sanctuary

December 14 - 4:00 p.m. - Handel's Messiah. Reception afterward in TCLC

December 21 - 8:30 a.m. - Worship featuring Sanctuary Choir, Worship Team - TCLC

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Christmas Pageant - TCLC

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship with carols, Chancel Choir, and organ (Sanctuary)

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Caroling at Cypress Glen (Meet in Music Suite)

December 23 - 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir (special rehearsal for Christmas Eve)

December 24 - 5:30 p.m. - Family Worship

7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion with carols, choir, bells, soloists, and organ





Church Directory - Need to Reschedule?

Some appointments are still available for families with college students and/or families who need to schedule or reschedule their picture date or time. To schedule or reschedule, please call Olin Mills at 1-800-866-2263.

Wanted



Head Usher
Reward

Service to Our Church
If Found Contact
Jo Anna Lee 752-6586

Emerald City Big Band 18th Annual Christmas Concert December 16th at 7:30 p.m. - Music Academy of Eastern Carolina

The Emerald City Big Band will be presenting their 18th annual Christmas Concert on December 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Music Academy of Eastern Carolina. The Music Academy is located at 1400 Red Banks Road in Greenville. Cost for the concert is \$5 and reservations may be made by calling the Music Academy at 353-6232.

The Emerald City Big Band will perform traditional Christmas Music in a variety of swing and Big Band styles. Christmas Favorites such as Jingle Bells, Santa Claus is coming to Town, and others will be featured. Emery Davis and Ed Wheatley will provide vocals. The Music Academy is a non-profit community music school.

Special Thanks

-- "To those of you who volunteered your time and service at our book fair in the library/media center recently.....a warm, heartfelt thanks is extended to you. You are a special group of people and we, at Sadie Saulter School, are privileged to have your support.

Many thanks again.

Rebecca Hamill
Media Coord.
Book Fair "Chair"

-- Thanks to those who volunteered and decorated the church on December 24th.

Dick Evans Chuck Beckett
Lib Sheppard Janey Douglas
Pat Carter Jane Brown
Anne Briley Ada Brown
Mickey West Margaret Nottingham
Gayle Cobb Connie Moseley
Virginia Thierfelder Ann Lanier

-- Operation Christmas Child... shoe boxes totaled 148 this year. Many thanks to everyone for your participation!



Fellowship Feast Wednesday, December 10th Serving at 5:30 In The Taft CLC

Menu: ham, cabbage, macaroni-n-cheese, garden peas, 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.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY INFORMATION.

As a church we were truly blessed to be able to host the One Day With God Camp sponsored by Forgiven Ministries. Scottie Barnes and her team could not have praised all of our efforts more. In fact they called us the "Cadillac" of their camps. All the inmates and their precious children and the children's caregivers were so appreciative. We know that all our prayers and efforts have been pleasing to The Lord.

Our Angel Trees are awaiting our members to select an angel off of them and the Angel Tree Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. We are planning for the children in our church to enjoy the party also.

Jarvis has volunteered to ring The Salvation Army Bell at all ten stations from 10 o'clock until 6 o'clock on Saturday, December 6th. We need two volunteers for each **ONE HOUR SHIFT**. Please call Gayle or David Cobb at 756-5742 as soon as possible. They really need the help.

"Feed My Sheep"

It's Worth It.

Every day people are coming to Jarvis Memorial for food and assistance. We can't pay everyone's utility bills, get every prescription filled, but we want to provide people and families 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.



United Methodist Women

We as United Methodist Women are thankful this and every year at Thanksgiving for the fellowship of others in our UMW groups. We appreciate the opportunity to know God better through scriptures, devotional times, and intercessory prayer at our meetings. We are developing as whole persons as we learn to better understand ourselves and others. We are grateful for the supportive relationship that we have which enables us to reach out to others in our group and beyond in times of need. The challenge of learning more about our world through missions helps us to continue our learning far past the classroom. We hope all enjoyed a safe, happy, and healthy, Thanksgiving. We invite others to visit and perhaps join our monthly small group experiences.
Hilda Alford (756-7842)

Happy Advent Season,

I hope this short message finds everyone doing well and making a speedy recovery from Turkey overdose. This week at JSM we will wrap up our "Beyond Borders" series, moving onto an in depth exploration of the life of Jesus.

There is much more information to share than space provided, therefore; I ask you to check your e-mail for specific upcoming events and dates, If you have not been receiving my e-mails, please send me a brief message at jarvisyouth@earthlink.net

Sincerely,
Bert Snyder
Director of Student Ministries

Calendar: December 7th
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Plunge
7:30 - 8:45 p.m. - The Current

In the Hospital

Cornelia King
Nola Bays

Rev. Eleanor Hartman... will teach two adult lessons in the Douglas Sunday School Class ("The Helpers to Mary's Joy") on Dec. 7th and Dec. 14th. at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Angel Tree
will be up on Sunday
in the Hall of History.

Don't forget

Current and past newsletters can be found on Jarvis' website at www.jarvismethodist.org



Altar Flowers

A word of gratitude to the children and families of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Taft for providing the altar flowers on November 30th.

Week of December 07, 2008

Children's Church:
Kingdom Quest Leader - (9:00) Ashley Odom **(11:00)** Teri Mooney and Tammy Ward
Acolytes: (8:15) Mike Boswell **(11:00)** Madison Bergstedt
Crucifer: (8:15) Luke Boswell **(11:00)** Brett Bowman

Music and Worship News -by Dr. Stan McDaniel

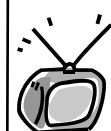


Music Ministry Schedule Changes

Chancel Choir will have a special 90-minute Messiah rehearsal in the Music Suite on Saturday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m. Messiah dress rehearsal with orchestra will be in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 13, 9-noon.

YOUNG RINGERS

bell choir for Grades 4 thru 8, meets each Sunday, 5:15 to 6 p.m., in the hand bell room. New ringers are welcome - we will be playing for the first time during the Christmas season. There will be no handbell rehearsals (no Young Ringers and no Jarvis Ringers) on Sunday, December 14.



The Hooker Library has tapes and CDs suitable for children and young families, available for pick up on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Mark your calendars! Bring all your friends!
December 14, 2008 4:00 – 6:15 p.m.

MESSIAH

By Georg Friedrich Händel
Jarvis Memorial Chancel Choir
With Soloists and Orchestra



There would be no Christmas without the cross. Join us as we sing 'Hallelujah' to our Savior and Lord, and celebrate His birth and glorious resurrection!



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Amazing Journey Sunday School

This Sunday, Dec. 7th, we will continue our **Journey to Bethlehem**. Teachers and shepherds are needed for this week as well as for next week. Please contact **Beth Griffin** at **756-1226** or at Ngriff2@aol.com if you can help out.

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 **Laura Smith** and 4 year olds in room 214 with **Patty Marr**. Please contact **Kim Chandler** at Kchandler@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** leaders for the 11:00 am Traditional service will be **Teri Mooney & Tammy Ward**. Volunteers are needed for Dec. 21st and 28th for the 11:00 am service. Please contact **Bonnie Glass** at Bbglass@aol.com or 413-0310 or **Beth Griffin** at Ngriff2@aol.com or 756-1226 if you can help out.

North Carolina Dance Arts Theatre Presents The Nutcracker

Sunday December 7th
 1:00 p.m. - Matinee
 4:00 p.m. - Matinee
 7:30 p.m. - Evening

At Yankee Hall Plantation
 For tickets (\$25) call 252-321-2388 Monday through Friday from 2:00 -6:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008

Commitment Sunday
 7:00 a.m. - UMM - TLC
 9:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - Rm. 114
 9:15 -10 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 (One Service)

Prayer Comm. meets weekly to Pray after worship-Chapel
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir set up for Messiah - Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. - UMW Circle 1 - Parlor
 5:15 p.m. - Young Ringers - Music Lab
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Plunge - TLC
 7:30 p.m. - Jarvis Ringers - Music Lab
 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. - The Current - TLC

Monday, Dec. 8, 2008

6:00 p.m. - UMW Christmas Meeting and Dinner - Cypress Glen
 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Group - CR
 12:00 noon- Tuesday Communion - Chapel - Open to all
 2:00 p.m. - Tea at Two - Cypress Glen
 5:15 p.m. - Staff Parish - CR
 6:30 p.m. - NAMI - FH
 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - Messiah Soloists/Orchestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008

Hooker Library open 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
 9:45 a.m. - Intercessory Prayer Group - Rm. 201
 10:30 a.m. - Staff meeting - CR
 4:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministry - CR
 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choirs - Elementary Choir - Music Suite
 - Pre-School "Promise Choir - Music Lab

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Feast -TCLC

6:00 p.m. - Needlework - CR
 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Orchestra rehearsal - Sanctuary
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Children's Program - TLC
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 -8:30 p.m. - Praise Team Band - TLC
 8:30 - 9:15 p.m. - Praise Team Vocals - TLC

Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008

5:30 p.m. - Worship Committee - CR

Friday, Dec 12, 2008

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - Cypress Glen

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Angel Tree Christmas Party - TLC Gym

Fellowship First

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

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