



Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

December 30, 2008

To the generous congregation of Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

I would like to share with you several accomplishments that have taken place within the Jarvis Unit of the Boys & Girls Club. Since my arrival in the later part of July 2008 we have implemented several new programs including Power Hour, SMART Moves, SMART Girls, Passport to Manhood, 4-H, Clover Buds, Girl Scouts, Bible study and karate classes. (A brief description of each program and pictures can be found on our website, http://www.jarvismethodist.org/jarvis_after_school)

I am also happy to say that, since July, we have tripled our membership and currently have 63 daily attendees. Our staff consists of three compassionate part-time workers and three wonderful interns. Often we are blessed with volunteers from the community, some of which have come from within the Jarvis congregation. Many thanks go out to all those who help to better the Boys & Girls Club at Jarvis, especially Ms. Alison Godwin, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brown, and Mrs. Torrey Stroud who volunteer their time on a regular basis.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with us Monday-Friday between 2:30-6:00 p.m. If you have any special talents you'd be willing to share with our members, please contact me by phone or e-mail.

Thanks again for your continued support!
Kind regards,

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**This Sunday
January 4th
8:15, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m.**

Rev. Diane Christianson
"Rise! Shine! Glorify God!"

Scripture:
Matthew 2:1-12

Communion Sunday
January 4 (all services)

Prayer Families

We ask your prayers this week for these members of our church family:

Shirley N. Corey, Mike and Catherine Cox, Susan W. Cox, Cathy Crawford, Joy B. Credle, Sam E. Credle, and Steve and Catherine Creech.

Please also pray for the Building Committee.

NEW Studies Starting In January

• **Wednesday mornings**
(9:15 - 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor)

And

• **Wednesday evenings**
(6:15 - 7:45 p.m. in TCLC Rm. 111)
"Believing God" by Beth Moore

Tammy Perdue and Bonnie Glass are offering a new Bible study at Jarvis. The study will be "Believing God" by Beth Moore. It will be offered on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. and again on Wednesday evenings following the Fellowship Feast from 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. The study will begin on January 14 and the cost is \$16.00 for the study materials. Childcare will be offered for both study times at no cost but needs to be reserved.

• **Wednesday evenings**

(6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor)

The Shack by William P. Young, study facilitated by Tom Mitchiner.

Overwhelming personal tragedies happen, but how are we to understand and find redemption in them much less explain them to children? *The Shack* is an attempt to explain the author's eleven year journey toward spiritual healing of deep personal wounds, to his six children, in non-doctrinal terms. Young writes an imaginative account that condenses his spiritual healing journey into a weekend story of communing with God.

Tom Mitchiner (the class's instructor) is ordained for ministry by the American Baptist Churches (ABC) and the Conservative Congregational Christian Churches (CCCC). He and his wife, Elise, reside in Greenville, NC.

If you are interested in participating in this study, which starts January 7th and runs for 6 weeks, sign up sheets will be in the TCLC and the Hall of History. You may also contact the church office (752-3101) and leave your name and phone number.

Joy Club

Jan. 5, 12:15 p.m.
in the Taft CLC.
Cost will be \$5.
The program will be
by Rev. Diane
Christianson.

Green Tip of the Month-

Brrr! Stay warm and save money by calling Greenville Utilities for a free consultation about how your home can be more energy efficient (551-1521). You can also join ncgreenpower by investing \$4/month which will add a block of 100 kilowatt hours to the NC powergrid. (www.guc.com and www.greenlivingtips.com)

Congratulations ...

to all who have been Methodists for 50 years or more! We recognized these persons during worship on December 21. If you did not receive your lapel pin, please let us know and we will be glad to bring it to you, or you may stop by Pastor Diane's office to pick it up.

Meals On Wheels needs a volunteer...

for the fourth Tuesday of the month beginning in January 2009, which would be January 27, 2009. Picking up the meals, delivering the meals, and returning the coolers, takes about an hour and a half per MONTH. The joy you receive for reaching out to lend a hand to someone in need, is without a doubt one of the greatest gifts your heart will ever receive. For further information about being a part of this ministry, please contact Judy Garris at 752-7104 (home) 916-9244 (cell) or 757-3203 (work).



There will not be a
Fellowship Feast
on January 7th.



United Methodist Women

Several recognitions were given during the Christmas celebration at Cypress Glen December 8. The following women received certificates for completing Plan I of the Reading Program: Charity Holland, Madoline Murphy, Mickey West, Genie Caldwell, Marian Smith, Millie Hagler, Jimmie Shuler and Daniale Stancil. Pat Campbell and Ann Davis completed Plan II. Mary Bishop was presented a past president's pin by Madoline Murphy. Pat Campbell gave Mary a prayer shawl to show our love for her service and dedication to UMW. Group II presented Rev. Albert Shuler a check for \$400 to purchase food for the food pantry. Individual Seven Star Members for last year were Connie Hicks, Ann Davis, and Madoline Murphy. Our unit was recognized at the District Meeting as a Seven Star Unit. A list of the *Gifts of Time, Talents, and Service* as well as *Monetary Gifts* donated to various needs was handed out as part of the program for the evening. It will not be printed here, because it is two complete pages! Copies will be made available to anyone who was not able to attend and would like to see this record. Hilda Alford

United Methodist Women will hold their Pledge Service for missions on Monday, January 12 in the chapel. The morning circles will meet at 10:00 A.M. and night circles at 7:00 P.M. with a fellowship time following in the parlor. Circle Group 6 will meet, as usual, at Cypress Glen at 10:00 A.M.

"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 the 4th Sunday of every month.

Memorial Giving

The Capital Fund: In memory of Betsy Brinson by Polly and Joe Farned, by Deborah and Bryan Rogers, by Blanche Merrill, by Bill and Helen Brinson, and by the Madison High School Class of 1953. In memory of Capt. Robert Black by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Taylor Jr., by Melba B. Stallings, by Mrs. Helen W. Hawes, by Betty Lou Howard, by Parma M. Howard, and by Margaret B. Harvey. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bass. In memory of Mrs. Linda Whitehurst Young by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bass. In memory of Dr. Fred Irons by Bill and Anne Brewer, and by Carl and Sue Durham. In memory of Dr. Malene Grant Irons by W. R. Pollard, by Bill and Anne Brewer, by Mr. and Mrs. Max R. Joyner, by Grace and Michael Martin, by Jeanette B. Chappell, by the Ada Cherry and Lydia Wooten Sunday School Class, by Rev. and Mrs. Ellis J. Bedsworth, by Mary C. Harrell, by Martin Lancaster, by Hope Ward, by Michael and Lynn Bradshaw, and by Carl and Sue Durham.

The Cookie Jar: In honor of Cindy Adams by Dr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Clement.

The Taft Christian Life Center Fund: In memory of Capt. Robert Black by Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Ormond. In memory of Marjorie Morris by Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Ormond.

Calendar: January 4th
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Plunge
7:30 - 8:45 p.m. - The Current

Mark your Calendars
for the GREENVILLE DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP TRAINING

event. January 11 at 2:30 pm at First UMC, Washington, NC is the third offering of this district event. Some of you attended the event at our church in November; others of you will want to attend the January event. Topics include: Apportionments, Missions, Trustees, and Healthy Conversations. See you there!



Tea at Two Vision Group
Tuesday Jan. 13th, 2:00 p.m.
at Cypress Glen.
For transportation call 752-3101.

**United Methodist Men's
Morning Group**
Sun., January 4, 2009 - 7:00 a.m. - TCLC
Please join us!

In the Hospital

Cecil Turner
Cliff Everett
Cornelia King
Miriam Martin

Week of January 4, 2008

Children's Church:
Kingdom Quest Leader - (9:00) Bonnie Glass **(11:00)** Lisa Hackett and Patty Marr

Music and Worship News -by Dr. Stan McDaniel



Christmas Day was December 25, and this week we are in the midst of "Christmastide" – a great time to talk about the most beloved carol of the nativity. Below is the oldest known manuscript of the carol "Silent Night" in the handwriting of its author, Father Joseph Mohr (1792-1848).



It's interesting how legends and fables take on a life of their own. The story of the origins of "Silent Night" is a great example of this. These are the facts that can be authenticated: Father Mohr, just out of seminary and serving as the Pastor of a small church in Mariapfarr, Austria, wrote the words to "Silent Night" in 1816. A year later he was re-assigned to the St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, and on Christmas Eve of 1818 he brought his handwritten text for a Christmas carol, "Stille Nacht", to church organist Franz Xavier Gruber "to provide a melody and guitar accompaniment". The two men sang the immortal carol before the church later that evening.

The idea that the carol was a last minute idea is fiction. Gruber had been carrying it around with him for two years. The theory that "Silent Night" was written for the guitar because the organ wouldn't work (a story occasionally embellished to have mice eating the bellows!) is fiction too. Joseph Mohr simply loved to play the guitar. We do know that Karl Mauracher, a master organ builder and repairman, showed up a few days later to work on the organ, and he left St. Nicholas with a copy of the carol which he shared with many friends. Thanks to him, "Silent Night" soon became well-known all over Austria. Father Mohr lived his life as a poor parish priest. Franz Gruber had dreams of becoming a great composer and wrote much music for large choirs and orchestra – all of it forgotten. But one little 24-measure melody with a text of folk-like simplicity became a staple of Christmas for all generations to come.

Like the story of "Silent Night", our perception of history and even our view of every day realities are shaded "as seen through a mirror darkly". But of one thing we may be certain: This Christ Child whose birth we celebrate changed everything! During this Christmastide, may we all be re-molded and shaped by his all-transforming love!

A big THANK YOU to all of our choirs, children and adult, praise and worship band, bell ringers, instrumentalists, and, of course, our marvelous Church Organist, Steve Cagle, for making this a most memorable and inspiring Christmas season at Jarvis. Your music has been a ministry and witness to us all!

NO REHEARSALS THIS WEEK

for Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choirs, and Young Ringers and Jarvis Ringers. Children's Choirs will resume rehearsals for the new year at 5:15 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 7 on Wednesday, January 14. Sanctuary Choir, our 8:15 worship choir, returns to its regular schedule on Sunday, January 11, with warm-up at 7:45 a.m. and an after-worship rehearsal at 9:15. Young Ringers and Jarvis Ringers return to their regular rehearsal schedule on Sunday, January 18, Young Ringers meeting at 5:15 p.m. and Jarvis Ringers at 7:30.

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



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

Amazing Journey Sunday School

This Sunday, January 4th, 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 Ncgriff2@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 Kim Chandler 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** leaders for this week are **Bonnie Glass (9:00am)**, **Lisa Hackett** and **Patty Marr (11:00am)**. Volunteers are needed for Jan. 18th and 25th for both 9:00 am and 11:00 am. 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, January 4, 2009

7:00 a.m. - UMM -Taft CLC
 SANCTUARY & CHANCEL CHOIRS
 DO NOT MEET THIS MORNING
 8:15 a.m. - Morning Worship (communion)
 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School for adults - Bill Brown Classroom - 114
 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
 5:00 p.m. - UMW Circle #1 - Parlor
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Plunge - TCLC
 BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME JANUARY 18
 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - The Current - TCLC

Monday, Jan. 5, 2009

12:15 p.m. - Joy Club - Taft CLC Flex
 7:00 p.m. - UMW Executive Board - CR
 7:00 p.m. - Building Committee - Chapel
 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Group - CR
 12:00 - Tuesday Communion - Chapel - Open to all

Wednesday, Jan 7, 2009

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
 No Fellowship Feast - resume Jan. 14
 Children's Choirs not meeting - resume Jan. 14
 6:00 p.m. - Needlework Group - CR
 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Orchestra rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. - *The Shack* - Parlor
 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, Jan. 8, 2009

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

Friday, Jan. 9, 2009

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - Cypress Glen
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Gym

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.