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Sunday Schedule
9:00 a.m. Traffic Jam
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

The Woodland Spirit

Our Mission Statement
"A nurturing family of God, *inviting all* to join us in
worshipping God, *knowing* Jesus Christ and *servicing others.*"



March 3, 2010

Well, I'll be back next week with some more Woodland *CELEBRATION* notes, but this week I wanted to share some tongue in cheek celebrations about what it means to be a Methodist. It's from a piece entitled: Garrison Keillor on Methodists. (Just for fun.)

- Methodist believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them they are there.
- Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and feel it's their way of suffering for their sins.
- Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
- Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle when passing the peace.
- Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
- Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
- Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.
- Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color for the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole add too much color.
- Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never (seldom) take themselves too seriously.

I love you (and we shouldn't take our self too seriously.)

larry

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CHURCH EACH SUNDAY

Look around your house; locate your Bible and bring it with you on Sunday starting this Sunday. Seems to me coming to church without your Bible is like trying to dig a ditch without a shovel. Not only that but after this Sunday I'll be preaching some sermons in which you'll need your Bible for reference. Don't forget-bring your Bible to church each Sunday.

-larry



**FROM OUR.....
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Stations of The Cross

The 40 days of Lent provides an opportunity for Christians to recall the Easter story and absorb its meaning through meditation, prayer and denial and self discipline. As you seek to find ways to reflect on the life, ministry, suffering and resurrection of Jesus Christ we invite you to *Journey to the Cross* through "The Stations of the Cross" on March 7th. Two programs will be offered, one for adults in the Family Life Center and one for children in the children's classrooms.

Stations of the Cross also called the Via Dolorosa Way of Sorrows, refers to the depiction of the final hours or Passion of Jesus. You will have the opportunity to view art, read scripture, listen to music, and reflect on the events leading up to the Crucifixion of Christ. The Stations will be open from 5:30 - 7:30 pm Sunday, March 7th. You may come at anytime to reflect and walk through the stations. The children will journey through Jesus' life beginning with his birth to His resurrection. As the children take this walk, they will compile a book with items that are significant or symbolic of each stage of Christ's life.

Services & Activities

- Sun. March 7, 5:30-7:30 pm
Stations of the Cross
- Sat. March 27, 10:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt
- Thurs. April 1, 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Service

Juliette

WOODLAND HUNGER OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Serving Others/Missions Committee would like to thank the Serendipity Class for their help in the preparation and distribution of the meal on February 21st. The Disciple Bible Study Class will prepare and distribute the meal on March 21st. Would your class, group or any individual be interested in participating in this mission opportunity? We prepare and distribute a meal for about 200 people on the third Sunday of each month. For more information please call Tom Love (329-5389), R. J. Ochoa (366-5946) or Ben James (230-0074).



SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Confirmation Classes

* Senior Confirmation – 3:15

* Middle School Confirmation – 4:15

Youth Group – 5:30 – 7:30

* **"First Night Worship"** – all youth should meet in the Youth House for a snack supper and Lenten worship experience, "Stations of the Cross." Please bring your "Making Room" change offering.

March 7 Deadline for . . .

* **High School Washington, DC, Urban Ministry Mission Trip Sign-Up – last day** for high school students to sign up for this summer mission trip (June 20-26). Claim your spot with your deposit of \$80.

* **Middle School Spring Retreat – Early bird payment deadline** -- \$70 if paid by March 7; afterwards, \$90.

Karen

OLDER ADULTS LUNCH—MARCH 16

The Older Adults are going out for lunch March 16 and you are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, great conversation of course, lunch! Lunch will be at Citizens Corner, downtown Rock Hill. We'll meet at church at 11:00 a.m. and carpool. Contact Barbara Campbell (280-0057) with your reservation by March 15.

QUALITY, LONG NEEDLE PINE STRAW

(Sponsored by the Genesis Sunday School Class)

Spring is here...Time to spruce up the yard!

Saturday, March 20, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 27, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 3, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. (off-site)

Cost is \$4.50/bale if purchased on-site
or \$5.00/bale delivered

(10 bale minimum for deliveries)

*Delivery offered within - 10 mile radius of
Woodland UMC.*

Order Forms will be available in Sunday's Bulletin

IN SYMPATHY

The Pastor and Congregation extend Christian sympathy to Rob Joiner in the death of his father.

PEP FALL ENROLLMENT

Woodlands Preschool Enrichment Program (PEP) is now accepting enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year.

Anyone interested please contact
Chella Razo, Director, at 803-328-2237.

We will be loyal to the Church and uphold it with

OUR PRAYERS

Cleo Carnes, Jill Cottrell, Joiner family, Maria Low, Freida Cauten, Debbie Ochoa, Denise Miller, Winter Eckman, Starr McCarty, Lori, Jeff & family, Margie Drought, Greg, Cynthia McCloskey, Cliff Nason, Janet, Scott & Janet Boggs, Michael Hadley, Pearl Klein, Jim Keistler, David Pereira, Melody, Jason & Evan Scott Klein, Gail Honeycutt, Tammy Keller, Eleanor Baker, Overene Risher, Clara Moore, Page Callender, Kevin Robison, Doris Allen, Cindy Cassens, Charles & Gladys Blackmon, Ruth Edwards, Jennifer, Will, Helen, Kristie Grant, James McAlister, Glenn, Amy Marshall, Bill & Evelyn Christmas, Louise Addleman, James, Marcus, Dennis, Donna, Diane Steele, Carol Ann & Charlie, Buck & Mary, Carol, Jack, Chris, Paula Adams, Faye, Martha, Frieda Gindele, Jeanette Scott, Lamira, Ernest & Mae Bess Nichols, Merle, Ryan Ratterree, Randy Parker, all of our service men and women, the people of Haiti & Chile

OUR PRESENCE

Attendance February 28

Sunday School... 138 Worship....238

OUR GIFTS

Received February 28

Designated Offering	\$ 640.00
Budget Received	\$ 10,131.75
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 11,487.33
Income Received to Date	\$ 90,907.81
Pledges Paid to Date	\$ 64,626.80
Building Fund Donations to Date	\$ 603,188.48
Building Fund Received 02/28	\$ 735.00

OUR SERVICE

Serving March 7

Lay Reader	Margaret Wicklund
Bible Bearer	Harrison Blackwelder
Candlelighters	Mac Hughes, Coble Panetti
Crucifer	Taylor Snyder
Altar Guild	Debby Cox
Greeters	Mike & Susan Golder Mary Alice Hinson Shirley Turner
Traffic Jam Greeter	Bob & Linda James
Bread Deliverers	Ernest Roach
Open/Close	Bob Cate
Usher Captain	

Nursery Workers

Sunday School	Bette Jean Janicke, Lisa Chavis
Worship Service	Lori Mitchell, Barb Reese

Children's Worship

4- 5 yr. olds	Chris Pope
6 -7 yr. olds	Raelynn Pope

OUR WORSHIP

Sunday, March 7

SERMON: TEN FEET TALL AND BULLETPROOF

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1



March 7, Chancel Choir with Woodland's Sacred Dancers will unite to present "The First Song of Isaiah" in worship. The words are found in Isaiah 12: 3-6 and the chorus is verse 2:

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

I have shared with the choir and with our sacred dancers the first time I taught this anthem. I was at Belin Memorial in Murrells Inlet and one of the parishioners had asked me if I knew of an anthem she could dance to. Now a woman in her sixties, she had graduated in her twenties from USC with a degree in modern dance and wondered if there was some way she could use her gift in worship. This anthem immediately came to mind! With its repetitive chorus, the visual images—"draw water with rejoicing", "springs of salvation", "sing the praises of the Lord", "ring out your joy"—I knew she could draw on its richness to create a gorgeous dance.

Week after week, this giving and talented woman came to church and practiced up and down the aisle and in the chancel. Up and down those chancel steps she counted and danced! Finally after countless practices, she was ready—as was the choir. What a rendering she gave, as did the choir. Many of us had tears in our eyes as we watched, sang and knew that God was in her every move.

What a meaningful, inspiring gift this dancer gave to all of us that day. For you see, she was blind due to an auto accident that had occurred years ago.

God uses us in ways that are beyond our comprehension....

Marsha

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

On February 7, worshippers at Woodland donated \$563.21 on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. This offering, collected at churches nationwide, goes to support local hunger relief agencies. The Woodland donation was used to make homemade soup for the food pantry at A Place for Hope, and over \$470 was donated to the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen.

Woodland youth, who collected the offering in soup pots, want to thank everyone who supported this effort to relieve hunger in our community.

KLEIN BBQ & SILENT AUCTION—SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Divine Saviour Catholic Church

232 Herndon Avenue, York, SC

11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

The BBQ and Silent Auction for the Klein Family will be held on Saturday, March 13! Please help spread the word about the new date. When it gets closer, we will have a sign up sheet for volunteers. We appreciate all of your help with the BBQ. It is going to be a GREAT day on March 13! Please continue to keep baby Evan and his family in your prayers.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, March 7 – Deut. 3-4; Mark 10:32-52

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Traffic Jam
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
3:30 p.m. Sacred Dance Practice
4:00 p.m. Primary Ringers
4:45 p.m. Primary Choir
5:30 p.m. Lenten Night
5:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study IV
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
7:45 p.m. Youth Choir

Monday, March 8 – Deut. 5-7; Mark 11:1-18

9:30 a.m. Stretch and Walk
2:00 p.m. Susanna Wesley Circle
4:00 p.m. Anne Herbert Circle
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service
6:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study I
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. PEP Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 9 – Deut. 8-10; Mark 11:19-33

10:00 a.m. Mary Martha Circle
7:00 p.m. Thelma Shuler Circle

Wednesday, March 10 – Deut. 11-13; Mark 12:1-27

9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 11 – Deut. 14-16; Mark 12:28-44

9:30 a.m. Stretch and Walk
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Roundtable Meeting
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, March 12 – Deut. 17-19; Mark 13:1-20

Saturday, March 13 – Deut. 20-22; Mark 13:21-37

Sunday, March 14 – Deut. 23-25; Mark 14:1-26

9:00 a.m. Traffic Jam
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Primary Ringers
4:15 p.m. Youth Counselors Meeting (Youth House)
4:30 p.m. Sacred Dance Practice
4:45 p.m. Primary Choir
5:30 p.m. Kids Club
5:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study IV
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
7:30 p.m. Church Council
7:45 p.m. Youth Choir