

# ❖ Cornerstone ❖

Scotts Hill, North Carolina

December, 2011

## *From the Co-Pastors...*

“Be alert, be alert so that you will be able to recognize the Lord in your husband, your wife, your parents, your children, your friends, your teachers, but also in all you read in the daily papers. The Lord is coming, always coming.

Be alert to his coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment in your life. Life is Advent: life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.” Henri J.M. Nouwen

The words above feel assuring and comforting like a strong embrace from someone who really loves me. This wonderful and incredibly demanding time of the year is all about the promise of Christ coming again. In the meantime, Henri Nouwen reminds us that Christ is in our midst.

The challenge for me is taking the time to savor this promise and not missing His presence all around me. I do desire to see Christ all around me. I do not want to miss out due to my own agenda, pain, disappointment, or simple exhaustion. My heart’s desire over the next several weeks is to be in the moment. Whether I’m with my family or one of you, I do not want to be distracted or discouraged. The baby that was born long ago is called Emmanuel, “God with us”. Truly, what greater gift can I ask for this Christmas season?

May you know without a doubt that Christ is with you and will surely come again! May you feel the love of the babe born in a manger and face each day with the certainty that His presence will sustain you!

Merry Christmas!

Andi

### **EARLY “CORNERSTONE” DEADLINE THIS MONTH**

Due to the Christmas Holidays the **deadline for the January “Cornerstone”** will be Thursday, December 15, at 12:00 noon. Early submissions are very welcome!

## *The Congregation Welcomes...*

**Michael and Erica Tetuan** who joined on October 23. They transferred from Trinity United Methodist Church in Alexandria, VA. Their fellowship friends are Andrew and Janene Smith.

Mike is manager of media relations for GE Hitachi and Erica is senior consultant with The Center for Organizational Excellence. They have two children.

(8406 Reisling Ave., Wilmington 28411, 202-425-8162)

## *The Congregation Celebrates with...*

**Madelyn Fox Tetuan** born on May 27, 2011, who was baptized on October 23. She is the daughter of Mike and Erica Tetuan.

Jamie and Kim Huene on the birth of their daughter, **Macey Brooks Huene**, on October 28.

## *Our Christian Sympathy is extended to..*

The family of **Pat MacLean** whose sister, Joyce Day, died on October 28.

The family of **Russell Shipp**, whose mother, Genevieve Shipp, died on November 6.

Our Christmas Eve Services will be held on  
December 24 at 4:00 and 11:00 p.m.

On Christmas Day, December 25, and  
New Years Day, January 1, Wesleyan  
Chapel will offer one Worship Service  
beginning at 10 am. A light breakfast will  
be served in Lee Hall just prior to this  
service. No Sunday School Classes will be  
offered on these holidays. Please plan to  
join our combined church family in  
worship!

# December Birthdays

|    |                  |    |                    |
|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Kelli Davis      | 16 | Sarah Rigoli       |
|    | Nancy Patterson  | 17 | Will Puryear       |
| 2  | Larry Cunningham |    | Scott McLaurin     |
| 3  | Sara Puryear     |    | Joy Busby          |
|    | Martin Guderian  |    | Laney West         |
|    | David Gardner    | 21 | David Thomas, Sr.  |
|    | Hailey Smith     |    | Cheryl Lee         |
|    | Harold Lee       | 22 | Rosemary Pollock   |
| 4  | Jon Crews        |    | Mary Lynn Roberts  |
| 5  | John Barnes      |    | Emmett Carrell     |
|    | Eddie Morrison   | 23 | Heather Flewellin  |
|    | Jim Hickmon      |    | Michelle Edwards   |
| 7  | Catherine Bailey | 24 | Mary Conner        |
| 8  | Ben Parnell      |    | Cynthia Wright     |
| 9  | Pauline Millis   | 25 | Austin Morgan      |
|    | Dail Ballard     |    | Christi McAllister |
|    | Carlyn Williams  | 26 | Ilene Anders       |
| 10 | Ann Ziermann     | 27 | Rose Matthews      |
| 11 | Molly Bost       | 29 | Alicia Boaz        |
|    | Patsy White      |    | Amanda Gruber      |
| 12 | Meg Adkins       | 31 | Ben Cothren        |
| 14 | Claire Marshall  |    | Carol Goehring     |
|    | Roma Walker      |    | Elizabeth Prince   |
| 15 | Stan Bozarth     |    |                    |
|    | Jan Kinney       |    |                    |

# December Anniversaries

|    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 1  | Dereck and Mary Lynn Roberts |
| 8  | Richard and Pat Luther       |
| 11 | Ron and Julianne Coleman     |
| 17 | Ken and Betty Barnes         |
| 20 | Lyn and Judy Hearne          |
| 21 | John and Ann Howard          |
|    | James and Shirley Steele     |
|    | Ron and Ginny Casterline     |
| 22 | Bob and Aletha Foster        |
|    | David and Patricia Adams     |
|    | Jim and Faye Lancaster       |
| 27 | Rob and Rosemary Pollock     |
| 29 | Brian and Susan Albon        |
| 31 | Greg and Meg Adkins          |



# December Volunteers

## Ushers and Greeters

|                |                                 |  |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>8:30am</b>  | <b>Worship Service Ushers</b>   | James Steele, Dickie Spears, Gene Parker                   |
| <b>8:30am</b>  | <b>Worship Service Greeters</b> | 4 Donna Updegrove, Shirley Parsons                         |
|                |                                 | 11 Gene Parker, Dameon, Shirley Parsons                    |
|                |                                 | 18 Robert and Phyllis Blake, Shirley Parsons               |
|                |                                 | 25 George and Susan Gamble, Shirley Parsons                |
| <b>11:00am</b> | <b>Worship Service Greeter</b>  | Shirley Parsons, Cal Chalmers                              |
| <b>11:00am</b> | <b>Worship Service Ushers</b>   | 4 Clip and Debbie Davis, James Hodges, Larry Cunningham    |
|                |                                 | 11 Larry and Barbara Thomas, Jerome Pinckney, Jack Morgan  |
|                |                                 | 18 Richard and Pat Luther, Mitch and Betsy Thomas          |
|                |                                 | 25 Tamara Slayton, David Sneed, Jay Peterson, Marie Millis |

## Nursery

|    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 4  | Lisa Grogan          |
| 11 |                      |
| 18 | Terri Vejvoda        |
| 25 | No nursery volunteer |

## Children's Church

|    |                                |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 4  | No Children's Church           |
| 11 | Karen Lowman, Jennifer Carrell |
| 18 | Meg Gillikin, Lou Reynolds     |
| 25 | Valerie Rogerson, Amy Bullard  |

## Bus Drivers

|    | 8:30 Service             | 11:00 Service |
|----|--------------------------|---------------|
| 4  | Mike Landon              | Mitch Thomas  |
| 11 | Gary Horne               | Steve Tyler   |
| 18 | Steve Flowers            | Steve Beuth   |
| 25 | <b>10:00</b> Jack Morgan |               |

## Good Samaritan House Volunteers

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 3  | <b>Morning:</b> Jack Morgan, Judy Lewis                               |
|    | <b>Afternoon:</b> Kathy Gordon, Roberta Parker                        |
| 10 | <b>Morning:</b> Ruth Flint, Arlene Rivenbark                          |
|    | <b>Afternoon:</b> Virginia Perpall, Jackie Page                       |
| 17 | <b>All Day:</b> Marie Miller, Sara Waters, Mary Sanders, Beth Sanders |
| 24 | <b>CLOSED</b>   |
| 31 | <b>Morning:</b> Carole Jacobsen, Linda Riggins                        |
|    | <b>Afternoon:</b> Judy Carter, Marie Millis                           |

## Friday Mornings 9:00 - 11:00

Sandy Wright, Jan Kinney, Larry and Cathy Bailey

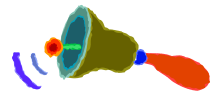
## SPONTANEOUS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Christmas is that wonderful time of year that we marvel at God's gift to us, the birth of Jesus. We gather together with our families, and our church family to give thanks for this glorious miracle.

Please join us this year on Christmas Eve at 4:00 for our Spontaneous Christmas Pageant. It is a beautiful story told "spontaneously" and we need ALL children to participate as angels, shepherds, sheep, kings, and no Christmas Pageant is complete until the entrance of the Holy Family. Participating children should be at the church by 3:15 in order to get dressed in their costumes. Join us and please invite your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors to celebrate the birth of Christ through the magical eyes of children.



### It's Almost Time For "BABY BELLS"



What: Ringing bells praising Jesus!

Who: 3 and 4 year olds and 5 year olds not in Kindergarten

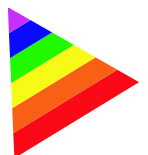
When: Sunday, January 29 through March 4

during 9:45 Sunday School, 10:00-10:20 AM

Where: In Mr. Tim's Classroom

Date to Play: Sunday, March 4 at the 11:00 service

The Children must know their colors!!



## Good King Wenceslas

**K-5 Alive  
Musical**

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

**8:30 and 11:00 Services**

**Please bring a canned food item for  
the children to collect in the same  
spirit of King Wenceslas.**



## Tapestry of Light

**A Celtic  
Christmas Celebration  
Featuring**

**Chancel Choir, liturgical dance, power  
point presentation and  
six instrumentalists**

**Sunday, December 11, 2011**

**8:30 and 11:00 Services**

# Merry Christmas

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sun. Dec. 4 at 8:30 & 11:00 am - Children's musical as a part of worship

There will be no 9:45 service on Dec. 4

Sun. Dec. 11 at 8:30 & 11:00 am - "Tapestry of Light" Cantata

Sat. Dec. 24 - 4:00 pm - Christmas Eve service  
11:00 pm - Christmas Eve service

Sun. Dec. 25 and Sun. Jan. 1 - Worship at 10:00 am only

There will be no Sunday School classes on  
December 25 and January 1.



## UPCOMING BOOK STUDY

You are invited to be a part of a book study beginning on Sunday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the back room of the Chapel. The book is entitled, When the Game is Over It All Goes Back in the Box by John Ortberg. This book will challenge us to think about our priorities and help us arrange our life with eternal objectives in mind. We will discover how to:

- live passionately and boldly
- to be active players in the game that pleases God
- find our true mission and offer our best
- discover what matters most
- see the richness of being rather than having...

Ortberg notes that we're playing our game of life on a giant board called a calendar. Time will always run out...it's a good thing to live a life that delights God. When everything goes back in the box, we'll leave this life knowing we've achieved the only victory that matters.

Please call the church office (686-4041) or email [churchoffice@wesleyanchapel.org](mailto:churchoffice@wesleyanchapel.org) if you would like a book for \$7.

## JOY Group

Fun was had by all as we played Books of the Bible Bingo at our last gathering. Winners of each game chose a prize, which they often did not get to keep long as the next winner had their pick of any of the chosen prizes or opening a new one.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> when we will gather at the home of Rose Matthews to hear the Christmas story, possibly play a game, and share some fellowship and a meal.



## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE DVD SERIES

You are invited to attend and bring a friend to the 9:45am contemporary service where we are presenting a DVD series entitled "The Journey - Walking the Road to Bethlehem", that will conclude on December 18.

Each Sunday, there is a 10-15 minute video that was filmed on location in the Holy Land. Adam Hamilton travels along the road and gives a teaching lesson that retraces the actual path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Please join us for this informative and inspirational time together as we sing uplifting music and look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ at Wesleyan Chapel.

## BE THE VOICE FOR A CHILD

There are children who need your help in Pender County. These children are in the foster care system and do not have anyone to represent them in court. They need you to become a Guardian ad Litem and speak for them. If you are interested call the office below?

Guardian ad Litem  
272 North Front St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-251-2733  
[lizkjones@nccourts.gov](mailto:lizkjones@nccourts.gov)

For more information you may call Rosa Best at 686-5546.

## COLUMBARIUM

Due to production delays the Columbarium will not be delivered until after Christmas. We will proceed with reservation of niches upon delivery.

## WALK OF FAITH

Memory bricks have been added to the walkway in memory of:

Evelyn Hight  
Abbey Foy Anger  
Theresa Foy Hall

These bricks were placed there by the Bible Sunday School Class.

## Grace Circle

**Deloris Ryals, 686-4559**

In November we met at the home of Liz Brown at Wrightsville Beach with 16 members present.

Officers elected to serve in 2011 agreed to serve again in 2012 after approval that officers when elected would serve a two year term.

Our fundraiser at the Bazaar was very successful with over \$500 made to go towards mission projects.

Our December meeting will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> and it will be a Christmas Luncheon at Plantation Village Landing Clubhouse. It will be at 12:00 and we are to bring a covered dish and one unwrapped child's toy.

At our January meeting we will decide our study for 2012, so if you have any suggestions for a study contact Nancy Hodges before the January meeting.

Judy Clemmons, Recording Secretary



## Lydia Abbey Circle

**Beth Sanders, 686-4127**

### SUCCESS!

A sizeable crowd of shoppers lined the sidewalk outside the doors of Lee Hall awaiting the 9:00 opening of the UMW Fall Bazaar. Many, if not most, are repeat customers. Inside the hall, *it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas*, with lighted trees and decorated tables filled with over 1,500 hand-crafted items. Once inside, buyers were offered peach baskets to make multiple purchases easy to handle, however, the baskets were all handed out before the initial line of shoppers entered the hall. Circle elves hurriedly passed out flat bottomed boxes to help hold the purchases. First-timers at our Bazaar are always dazzled at the huge selection of wares and the beautifully decorated displays. The delicious aroma of baked goods lured some to the Country Store, once again abundantly stocked with homemade cakes, cookies, pies, breads, candy, and jams; thanks to the generosity of our congregation.

Our infamous "Attic Treasures" rooms drew large crowds. These donations, throughout the year, significantly add to the gross profits from Bazaar sales. We extend heartfelt thanks to those of you in helping us achieve these great results. In a time when the economy is so unstable and unsure, we have been truly blessed to have had our best Bazaar ever. The final results are in and they are fantastic! We have exceeded our 2004 best sales, marginally, with Bazaar 2011 sales of \$11, 462.25. This outstanding total is a testimony to the generous support of our church family. The Bazaar has been Lydia Abbey's fundraiser for many years. The monetary benefits are remarkable, but the treasured benefits to us are the wonderful fellowships and close ties formed as we work together.

We are always looking for new craft ideas, so as you decorate and undecorate for the holidays, keep an eye out for items you think we could replicate for next year's Bazaar. As always, unfinished craft projects and craft supplies continue to be welcome and may be left on the back pews of the Chapel. Try to join us for a crafting session. Bring a friend and help us create projects. No special talent or creativity is required. Start-up dates for the new year will be listed in the church bulletin and next month's Cornerstone.

Lydia Abbey circle members will celebrate with a holiday luncheon at 11:30 on December 9 in Lee Hall. Please bring a covered dish, as this will be a pot-luck surprise!

The recipients of the hand-crafted items that were donated for the drawing are listed below:

Quilted bedspread by Bea Holman & Donna Barnard, went to Alan McGwier

Vintage thread placemats, woven by Sarah Rigoli, went to Betsy Thomas

Tablecloth, stitched by Lydia Abbey circle members, went to Shirley Hardee

Nativity, crafted by Sylvia Willson, went to Alethea Foster

Lighthouse, stitched by Alethea Foster, went to David Skipper

Tree skirt, quilted by Jo Rush, went to Sandra Stephenson

Hand-knitted purse with matching scarf by Paul and Melissa Figuerado, went to Mike Cava

We asked for assistance preparing for the Bazaar and the response was tremendous - from unloading the attic, set up of rooms, hauling all our treasures and crafts from GSH and the Chapel, draping tables, assembling trees, unpacking and displaying items, making baked goods and crafts, preparing lunch, and supporting us by shopping on Saturday, and then doing everything in reverse after the Bazaar. Your support made all our tasks go quicker and smoother and our Bazaar a huge success. THANK YOU!

## MOTHER'S CONNECTION

It's hard to believe the semester is almost over! Time has flown by and we are already discussing the next semester of Mother's Connection.

This past month we held our semi-annual swap. We brought in our gently used children's clothing, toys, household items, and books to exchange. The remaining items were donated to the Fall Bazaar helping raise \$150 for the church. In addition to the donations, several of the Mother's Connection members volunteered their time and baked goods for the bazaar.



With the semester coming to a close, we are excited for our last few meetings before taking a break for Christmas. We will be regrouping for our spring semester in mid-January once the kids are back in school.

It's not too late to join this fun group of women! We meet Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 and childcare is available for children ages birth through preschool. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Snyder [jensnyder@hotmail.com](mailto:jensnyder@hotmail.com) or Emily Story [mlejo0608@yahoo.com](mailto:mlejo0608@yahoo.com).

December recipe: Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert (courtesy of Pam Acord)

- 24 ice cream sandwiches
- 1 family sized container of Cool Whip
- 1 jar caramel sauce
- 1 bag of Heath Bits or 4 smashed Skor bars

Unwrap and cover entire bottom of 9x13 baking pan with ice cream sandwiches. Spread Cool Whip over top of bars, reserving half for the second layer. Drizzle with caramel sauce and chocolate syrup. Sprinkle with Heath bits. Repeat above, beginning with the ice cream sandwiches, topping off with remaining Heath bits. Leave caramel sauce and chocolate syrup off to be served on the side. Freeze until firm. Remove from freezer approximately 20 minutes prior to serving.

---

## LIFT

Brandi Holland, [bholland9@ec.rr.com](mailto:bholland9@ec.rr.com), 319-7354

The LIFT ladies enjoyed an inspiring lesson and discussion led by Michelle Pearsall at their November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The lesson was in response to the second principle of the book Seven Life Principles for Every Woman, Refreshing Ways to Prioritize Your Life. The principle that was reviewed focused on how to Love, Honor, and Respect Your Husband.

In addition, the ladies collected a large box of toys for the local SHARE group and discussed the desire to adopt a family for the upcoming Christmas season.

The winter retreat reservations have also been made for the weekend of February 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> in Myrtle Beach. The ladies are looking forward to a great weekend of fellowship and reflection. They will complete their study of the Seven Life Principles for Every Woman, Refreshing Ways to Prioritize Your Life, as well as enjoy social time such as cooking group meals and possible shopping excursions. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brandi Holland for further details.

A Twilight movie night is also being planned for late November. Email discussions are narrowing down the date of this "Girls Night Out". Please let one of the LIFT members know if you are interested in joining them.

The next LIFT gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Amy Bullard's home. The Christmas season will be celebrated with a much-anticipated potluck dinner and a reflection of the true meaning of Christmas.

One final bit of news is that signups for hosting a 2012 meeting will also begin in the near future. Meetings can be held in individual homes or in one of the Sunday School rooms in Lee Hall.

If you are interested in learning more about LIFT and all that we have planned, please contact Brandi Holland or any LIFT member.

Love in Christ,  
Meg Adkins, Publicity Coordinator, 612-9225

---

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

## BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS



This congregation has been generously blessed by our Creator. We may not receive all we request, but we have been given much for which we should be eternally grateful.

Offerings through November 13 are behind the projected expenses for the rest of 2011:

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Projected expenses last 17 weeks- | \$193,583       |
| Proportion for 11 weeks-          | \$125,260       |
| Contributions for 11 weeks-       | \$113,593       |
| <b>Shortfall-</b>                 | <b>\$11,667</b> |

The goal will be met if each of us places a priority on serving our Lord.

As you remember your bountiful blessings, please pray for Wesleyan Chapel; give your best to the Master- your time and talents to serve Him and generous undesignated giving.

Jay Peterson, Chair  
Finance Committee

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Prorated for first 46 weeks:  | \$520,064.04 |
| Giving year to date through Nov. 13: | \$449,112.85 |
| Giving year to date last year:       | \$473,319.24 |
| Shortfall through November 13:       | \$70,951.19  |



## PENNIES FOR HUNGER

Thank you to all who participated in this collection. Our total for October was \$135.84. Please remember to bring your pennies or other change the last Sunday of each month. We hope to make one more disbursement of funds in December to help with the food boxes for the families we are helping this Christmas.

## FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

What a year we've had!!! Breakfast and lunch have been wonderful successes, and we plan to end this year with a bang with plans for 2012 already in the works!

On December 4 we are planning a wonderful breakfast celebration for all of our K-5 alive pageant participants and their families and guests.

We'll have breakfast as usual on December 11, and then please join us on December 18 for cookies and coffee during fellowship time and a Christmas covered dish lunch following the 11:00 am service.



On Christmas day and New Year's day we'll have a light breakfast before the 10:00 am service since that will be the only service on those days.

When the angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her that God had decided to bless her, imagine the disbelief, the fear, and later the excitement that Mary and Joseph experienced. Mary responded to Gabriel in Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to accept whatever He wants. May everything you have said come true". Who of us have the courage to accept God's plan and the faith that He is right? God doesn't make mistakes. He knows the master plan!

Merry Christmas and may God bless us all!

Tamara Slayton, Family Life chair

## JOY TO THE WORLD

During Christmas we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior with joy in many ways. You have the opportunity to share some of your joy with area children this Christmas. We will again be participating with other area churches and organizations to provide Christmas gifts for area children through the Community Holiday Assistance Program, which currently has 200 families that are seeking assistance. We will also be providing gifts for 10 children through the Methodist Home for Children and gift bags for some residents at Cornelia Nixon Davis Nursing Home. If you are also struggling and need assistance with food or providing Christmas for your children please see David or Andi. This can be handled discreetly.

Listed below are many opportunities for you to serve our Lord by reaching out and helping those who are in need this Christmas. I encourage each of you to help us spread the JOY by taking advantage of as many of these opportunities as possible.

**Christmas Presents** - We will have slips with children's names and items needed available each Sunday after both services through December 4<sup>th</sup>. Just purchase the item and put it in a box or gift bag. **DO NOT WRAP**. Attach **your half of the slip and return the package** to the church by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. You may drop items off on the back left pew in the chapel or leave on the table in the hallway of the sanctuary. **IMPORTANT:** We ask that you only buy the item listed on the slip, otherwise we may have one child in a large family who gets a lot of extras. If you would like to do more, consider taking more slips or adopting a child or family. **All gifts are due December 11<sup>th</sup>.**



**Adopt a Family** - If you or a group of people would like to adopt a child or family and provide their Christmas needs, please contact Beth Sanders at 686-4127.



**Food donations** –Trees will be posted in the narthex and hallway outside the choir room with ornaments listing suggested food items beginning November 27<sup>th</sup> and are **due December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Monetary donations** are always needed to purchase items that were not selected and to provide gifts for children we get at the last minute. Just indicate on checks that it is for “**Needy Families**” and we will do the shopping for you.

**Wrapping gifts** – Join us for an hour or more when we meet to wrap some of the children's gifts. Date and time will be announced later.

**Sorting food** – We will meet to sort and box the food for the families on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. This usually takes an hour or so and the time will be announced later.

---

# K-5 Alive

Our midweek children's ministry, *K-5 Alive*, concludes with their Christmas production, on Sunday, December 4th, during the 8:30 and 11:00 services. It has been a wonderful session with well over 35 children in grades Kindergarten through 5th participating.

While each child pays a minimal fee to be a part of this program, it is the support of our congregation that enables us to offer this special ministry to children. This ministry is growing and we thank you in advance for your continued support!

The next session of *K-5 Alive* is set to begin on Wednesday, January 25th. This 7-week session will run until Wednesday, March 14th. **This year's focus of music will be on hand bells, and the older group will be performing** a little miming.

Look for registration information in the near future in both the church bulletins and on our church website, wesleyanchapel.org. The cost for the session is \$25. If you would like to volunteer in this exciting ministry, contact Kathy Jacobi at [tripcrow@aol.com](mailto:tripcrow@aol.com). We need teachers, assistants, table pals, games/activity planners and assistants, music assistants, dining room set up, kitchen help, and a clean up crew. It is a lot of fun and in the process, you are developing relationships and helping to plant seeds in these young hearts.

---

## THE PRESCHOOLERS AND BLESSINGS

Have you ever been to the church on weekdays around 9:00 when the glee from little ones inhabits Lee Hall? In case you didn't know what was taking place, it's the WCUMC Preschool. What an asset it has been to the community and our church over the years.

The preschool was started in 1993 under the creation and direction of Ginger Powers. (David Goehring was the pastor.) Back then there were 11 students with just one graduating four-year old, Cory Padgett. Classes took place in 3 rooms of the upper level of Lee Hall plus the nursery, as that was the only available space at the time. The Education Building was added in later years enabling more growth for the preschool. They really needed it!

Since those beginnings it now has grown to an enrollment of 74 youngsters. After 18 years of schooling they now use all the classrooms in Lee Hall, plus they have to stagger the days for children to attend in order to accommodate them all. A great problem to have!



Jackie Pait, now the director for six years, is proud to say there will be 24 four-year olds going on to kindergarten. Jackie and her fellow teachers have said that WCUMC has brought them many blessings. Although they could use things themselves for operating costs or play-area renovations, they felt a strong calling to give back to our church. Last month they donated a \$500 check to our church.

Therefore, especially at this time of year, we want to say THANK YOU to them for their generosity, but especially for grooming the young ones as God would have them to be. We are all so grateful. So let us enjoy that resounding noise. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

---

## FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE



The Missions Committee needs your help collecting 125 XL white men's t-shirts to be given to the homeless. Look for green collection baskets in Lee Hall and the narthex.

You are invited to help host a "wrapping" party for Inner City Ministries on Thursday, Dec 8th at 7pm in Lee Hall. This annual informal event welcomes representatives from area churches who come to help assemble gift bags of our tee-shirts and other personal items. If you plan to come, please bring a dish to share; drinks will be provided.

Each year the Missions Committee sponsors the Inner City Ministries Christmas Party at the convention center in downtown Wilmington. This year it will be on Sunday, December 11th, at 12:00pm. Our missionaries will begin preparing turkey, dressing, ham, etc as early as 8:30am that same morning in our church kitchen. We will then travel downtown to serve the guests a wonderful Christmas dinner and celebration! Here's your chance to be a part of missions in action!

Please join us if you care to help!

For information contact Sonya Greer (619-8103) or Tim Marshall (262-1254) for the food preparation.

---

# D E C E M B E R

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>4 Holy Communion</b><br><b>K-5 Alive Musical</b><br>7am AA Meeting<br>8:30&11am Worship<br>9:30am Breakfast<br>9:45&11am Sunday School<br>3:00pm Finance Committee<br>5:30pm UMYF<br>NO 9:45 SERVICE | <b>5</b><br>4pm Sandwich Making - Bible SS Class<br>6:30pm Brownies - 1164 | <b>6</b><br>9am Poplar Grove Walkers<br>4pm Girl Scouts - 3594<br>5:45pm Brownies - 593<br>7pm LIFT Meeting<br>7pm Boy Scouts<br>7pm Missions Meeting | <b>7</b><br>9:30am Women's Bible Study<br>6:15pm Bell Choir<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir<br>8:00pm NA  | <b>1</b><br>6:30am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30am Mother's Connection                                 | <b>2</b><br>11:30am Lydia Abbey Luncheon<br>2:00pm Caroling at Davis with Visiting Disciples | <b>3</b><br>9am K-5 Alive!<br>Dress Rehearsal                                      |
| <b>11 Cantata</b><br>7am AA Meeting<br>8:30&11am Worship<br>9:30am Breakfast<br>9:45am Contemporary Svc.<br>9:45&11am Sunday School<br>5:30pm UMYF<br>7:00pm Charge Conf. & Church Council Mtg.         | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>9am Poplar Grove Walkers<br>4pm Girl Scouts - 3594<br>7pm Boy Scouts   | <b>14</b><br>9:30am Women's Bible Study<br>6:15pm Bell Choir<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir<br>8:00pm NA | <b>15</b><br><b>Cornerstone Deadline</b><br>6:30am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30am Mother's Connection | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>18</b><br>7am AA Meeting<br>8:30&11am Worship<br>9:30am Fellowship Time<br>9:45am Contemporary Svc.<br>9:45&11am Sunday School<br>12pm Christmas Dinner<br>4:30pm UMYF Caroling & Progressive Dinner | <b>19</b><br>6:30pm Brownies - 1164  | <b>20</b><br>9am Poplar Grove Walkers<br>10am JOY Group at Rose at Rose Matthew's<br>5:45pm Brownies - 593<br>7pm Boy Scouts                          | <b>21</b><br>7:30pm Chancel Choir<br>8:00pm NA  | <b>22</b><br>6:30am Men's Bible Study  | <b>23</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b>   | <b>24 Christmas Eve</b><br>4pm Christmas Eve Service<br>11pm Christmas Eve Service |
| <b>25 Christmas Day</b><br>7am AA Meeting<br>9:30am Breakfast<br>10:00am Worship<br>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>NO UMYF   | <b>26</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b>                                   | <b>27</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b>  | <b>28</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b>  | <b>29</b><br>6:30am Men's Bible Study  | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>  |

**Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church**  
**10255 US Highway 17N**  
**Wilmington, NC 28411**  
**910-686-4041**  
**910-686-4041 (fax)**  
**E-mail churchoffice@wesleyanchapel.org**  
**www.wesleyanchapel.org**

**Change Service Requested**

## DECEMBER 2011

### POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Red poinsettia plants will decorate the sanctuary from December 18 through December 25. Orders will be taken through December 4. They are \$10.00 each and checks should be made payable to Wesleyan Chapel UMC, marked "Poinsettias". Plants may be taken home after the 10:00 a.m. service on December 25. Remaining plants may be picked up during the following week.



Please complete an insert in upcoming Sunday bulletins and place in the offering plate indicating the name(s) of those you wish to honor or remember.

### VISITING DISCIPLES

Come help us spread some love and Christmas cheer. We are going Christmas Caroling on Friday, December 9. We are going to Davis Health Care at 2:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Claus may take time out of their busy schedule to join us. You will have lots of fun and will be truly blessed. Please call Donald Durham at 686-4894 or Geri at 686-1719 if you would like to participate. The residents will love to see your smiling face.



You may bring Christmas cards for your church friends and place them in the boxes in the hallway outside the choir room.

No postage required!

