

Long Memorial UMC

November 2010

REMEMBER: Deadline for our December newsletter is Friday, November 26th at 9:00 A.M. You may bring any articles to the church office or e-mail your articles to: pwade@esinc.net – Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN: Members of the prayer chain are offering daily prayers for those on our prayer list. If you, or someone you love, would like daily prayers for a special need, please call either Tania Edwards (599-3863) or Martha Butler (597-3946).

Worship With Us Every Sunday

8:45 AM - Early Service - Chapel

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship - Sanctuary

OUR INFORMATION

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MEDICAL CONCERNS: Buddy Bradsher – At home following surgery

Arthur Oakley – At home following surgery

Carolyn Long & Paul Long – At home

Bobby Long – At home

Helen Slaughter – At home

Katherine O'Briant – At home

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Friends, on October 31 we officially began the season of HALLOWTHANKMAS. Yes, it is the combination of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. And, if you have been in a store in a mall recently, you can testify to the validity of that statement. One aisle in a store is filled with Halloween costumes and candy, in the next aisle there are Thanksgiving cornucopias and pilgrim statuettes, and there in the corner of the room can be found the Christmas trees with their twinkling lights and artificial snow. So, what does it mean to be in the midst of HALLOWTHANKMAS? It means we will be very busy! Between going Trick-or-Treating with kids, to preparing the house for Thanksgiving while all the time shopping for Christmas gifts, these next two months can be hectic! On top of all that, add Christmas parties, play practices, Christmas parties, School plays, Christmas parties, Live Nativity scenes, Christmas parties, evenings spent watching the old TV programs we have grown to love, and have I mentioned Christmas parties? It is enough for us to cry out, "Bah! Humbug!"

But beloved, there is a cure for what ails us. We are called to ponder about these things, and in pondering we can see something good come from all this stress of the season. In Luke 2:19 God's word declares "Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart." Imagine being Mary. Barely a teenager, she was told by God that she, a virgin, would give birth to the Son of God. Following His birth, she was visited by shepherds keeping watch over their flock, and Wise Men from the East. People kept coming telling her what they had heard about this child. But instead of being overwhelmed, she pondered over them, chewed on them, and found something good even in the midst of stress.

Lets' ponder the significance of Halloween. Actually, there is nothing religious about Halloween, but All Saint's Day, November 1, should be an important day for us. Let us think about and give thanks for those who have fought the fight, who have finished the race, and now dwell with God for evermore. And Thanksgiving? Instead of just thinking drumsticks and football, let us be mindful of those who do not have, and may we share something with them. And Christmas? The greatest gift does not take batteries, come in a box or remain under a tree. The greatest gift was born in a stable in Bethlehem, died and rose again that we might have life everlasting.

We cannot avoid the stress of the season, but with the Grace of God we do not have to give in. May God be with us as we see glimpses of the Divine even through the season of HALLOWTHANKMAS.

Bruce

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER:

Preschool Board – Wednesday, November 10 – 7:00 P.M. – Pastor's Study
Staff Parish Committee – Thursday, November 18 – 5:30 P.M. – Library

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

...Linda Bridges and Barnett Hobgood in the death of their mother, Jessie Hobgood Milton;

...Nancy Lee Newell in the death of her mother, Doris Smith Newell;

...Patty Reynolds in the death of her brother-in-law, Ernest Grissom;

...the family of Victor J. Scott.

Capital Campaign Status As of November 1, 2010

Pledged: \$294,621

Receipts \$189,435

Budget Status As of November 1, 2010

Receipts \$275,386

Budget \$300,080

“Behind” \$24,694

Budget Pledges for 2011

Pledges Received 65

Amount Pledged \$201,742

Please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible.

ALPHA SNEAK PEEK

On Sunday, November 21 at 3 p.m. in the youth room on third floor Rev. Bruce Allen will be holding a “Sneak Peek” of the upcoming ALPHA course which will be beginning in January of 2011.

The ALPHA course is a 15 week long practical introduction to the Christian faith. Each week participants will gather to share a meal and watch a DVD, dealing with topics such as “Why did Jesus die?” or “Why and How Should I read the Bible?” and “What About the Church?” or “How can I be sure of my faith?” The DVD program is led by Rev. Nicky Gumbel, an Anglican Priest from London, England. Using marvelous illustrations, a simple easy to understand logic, and wonderful sense of humor, Nicky leads individuals to deeper faith in Christ, in a non threatening way. This class is for seekers, that is, individuals who have no understanding of faith, AS WELL as a refresher course for believers, something we all need!

This first DVD program is entitled, “Christianity: Boring, Untrue, irrelevant?” Please contact Rev. Allen if you are interested in being a part of this sneak peek of a ministry which will touch not only the hearts and minds of the members of this church, but the community of Roxboro as well.

NOVEMBER ACOLYTES:

November 7 – Charles Rhew
November 14 – Carson Pleasant
November 21 – Brooke Peed
November 28 – Jackson Kimbrough

NOVEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 11:00 A.M.

November 7 – Amy Bayliff
November 14 – Jill Strickland
November 21 – Barbara Alexander
November 28 – Sharrell Ellis

NOVEMBER LAY READERS:

November 7 – 9 A.M. – **Ellen Harris**
11 A.M. – **Leanna Day**
November 14 – 9 A.M. – **Terry Allen**
11 A.M. – **Rob Fitzgerald**
November 21 – 9 A.M. – **Stephen Saunders**
11 A.M. – **Jean Andrews**
November 28 – 9 A.M. – **Joe Weinberger**
11 A.M. – **Kathryn Keith**

CIRCLE MEETINGS – 11/29/10

1 & 2 – Dine Out
3 – Dine Out
4 – Dolly Denton – 7:30 P.M.
5 – Kay Carver – 7:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER FLOWER CALENDAR

November 7 – Lisa Brooks
November 14 – Arthur Oakley
November 21 – Harvest Table
November 28 – Advent Wreath

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

November 04 – Jimmy Street, Katherine O'Briant
November 05 – Stephanie Linville
November 06 – Nancy Cole
November 07 – Shirley Bradsher, Mary Jean Stovall
November 08 – Kaitlyn Long
November 10 – Jessie Saunders, Claudia Berryhill, Jim Stovall
November 12 – Rose Paradis
November 13 – Joe Weinberger, Cindy Hicks, H.B. Garrett
November 15 – Barbara Alexander
November 17 – Betty Layne Long
November 18 – Johnny Bradsher
November 21 – Bradley Day
November 23 – Eddie Talbert, Amy Bradsher
November 25 – Ronnie King
November 27 – Glenda Stovall, Gloria Bumpass
November 29 – Linda Morris

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men's Breakfast / Meeting
will be,
Sunday, November 21, 2010, at 8 AM in the Harris Hall.
Hope to see there!

CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER NEEDS : Thanksgiving type food: canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, canned peas, canned green beans, canned corn, cranberry sauce, pudding mixes, jello mixes, cake mixes, cake icing, packages of gravy. A basket is in the Narthex for you to place your donations in. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S NEW:

FALL FESTIVAL SUMMARY.....

AWESOME CHILI! LOTS OF HAPPY CHILDREN AND ADULTS! THE CUTEST MOST CREATIVE COSTUMES! BEST YOUTH HELPERS! GAMES! CANDY! JUGGLING! CAKE WALK! CORN HOLE! DOUGH-NUTS! TRUNK- OR- TREAT, LOVE, AND LAUGHTER!

GREAT NIGHT! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THIS NIGHT A WONDERFUL MEMORY FOR OUR LITTLE ONES. Coming Soon.... Pictures on our Web Site for you to Enjoy. ☺

CHILDREN TO HELP FILL THE HARVEST TABLE.....

All children are invited to meet in the Library Sunday, November 21st immediately before the 11:00 worship service with fruits or vegetables to decorate our altar table. The children will process in with their "harvest". The food will be taken to the Christian Help Center on Monday to help feed those in need. Bring your fresh fruits and vegetables on Sunday morning the 21st. (ex: apples, oranges, bananas, egg plant, pumpkins, potatoes, cabbage, etc....)

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 28

3:00 P.M – 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per family (cost of supplies)

On Sunday, November 28 (The first Sunday in Advent) we are inviting you to come join us for An Advent Wreath Making Workshop. Your job is to bring your families yard clippings or trimmings, herbs or fresh greenery, your work gloves, and yard clippers... We will take care of the rest..... You, along with your families, will be able to create an advent wreath for you to take home to enjoy during this special season of Advent. Once your wreaths are finished we will light our first candle and have scripture and a prayer. Together we'll enjoy warm apple cider and dessert. Come join us! A special craft table will be set up for your children to enjoy as well. PLEASE SIGN-UP TODAY. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS LOCATED OUT IN THE HALL.
Or email Pam (daybunch4@esinc.net)

UMYF NEWS:

CHURCH-WIDE LUNCH

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 21ST

The Youth is planning a "Pre-Thanksgiving" lunch on Sunday, November 21st immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Menu: Ham, Butter beans and Corn, Potato Salad, Devil Eggs, Sweet Potato Casserole, and Homemade Pie/Cobbler all for a DONATION.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for lunch and support our Youth!

PILGRIMAGE 2010

PILGRIMAGE – NOVEMBER 12-14 – FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Plans are being finalized for our upcoming Pilgrimage Trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to Fayetteville. All youth are to meet at the church by 3:00 p.m. on Friday. We will return on Sunday afternoon by 3:00 p.m. Cost for 2-night Hotel... \$85.00 (your \$20.00 deposit has been paid to the conference for registration), Saturday night dinner is included. You will need your spending money for fast food on Friday and Sunday lunch and if you would like to purchase anything at the conference. Those attending are:

Sue Allen, Karla Peed, Bradley Day, Pam Day, Leanna Day, Brooke Peed, Patrick Morgan, Hannah Blaylock, Carter Tuck, Tanner Kendrick, Caleb Oakley, Sarah Lamar, Carly Allen, Leah Currier, Jonathan Thornburg, Nick Wallace, Tyler O'Hara, Gwen Johnston

LOVE FEAST YOUTH HELPERS NEEDED:

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP SERVE DURING THE LOVE FEAST ON DECEMBER 12! WE WILL DISCUSS THE DETAILS AT OUR NEXT YOUTH MEETING. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! (email: Pam Day @ daybunch4@esinc.net)

Youth Calendar:

Nov. 7 – UMYF Meeting 5-7

Nov. 12-14 – Pilgrimage

Nov. 21 – Serving Lunch 12:00 (Youth Fundraiser)

Nov. 28 – Family Advent Wreath Making Workshop – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – No evening youth!

Dec. 5 – UMYF Meeting 5-7

Dec. 12 – LOVE FEAST/ Pizza at The Allen's/Gift Exchange/Making Christmas Cards for Shut-Ins

Dec. 19- No evening Youth

Dec. 26 – No evening Youth

PRESCHOOL NEWS:

Our Monthly Bible Verse: O give thanks to the Lord; for He is good. Psalm 118:1

*It's November and *The Leaves are falling down, The Leaves are falling down. They tickle your nose and touch your toes~The Leaves are falling down.....(tune: The Farmer in the Dell)**

What a great Fall we are having....

- Enjoying our wonderful playground on crisp Autumn days with our friends.
- Baking breads and sampling them.
- Reading and talking about families and looking at pictures of our families.

- Long Memorial Preschool families praising God together at our special Thanksgiving Service.
- Our Thanksgiving Feasts.
- Pilgrims and Indians.
- Going on Turkey Hunts.
- Looking forward to December activities to prepare our hearts for God's gift of love at Christmas.

May your Thanksgiving be a Very Happy Family time!

Long Memorial Preschool

On Monday, November 22nd, a FAMILY SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING will be held in the Church Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Bruce Allen will provide leadership for the service and our 4's will sing songs of Thanksgiving. At the beginning of this service, Long Memorial Preschool children will process in with canned food which will be taken to the Christian Help Center to help those in need. Following the service the children will celebrate with "a feast" down in the Harris Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday before going to bed!

ANNUAL UMW SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Mark your calendars for the Annual UMW Spaghetti Supper on Friday, November 19 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you! Tickets are \$6.00 and can be obtained from any UMW member. Meals can be eat-in or take-out. And be sure to stop by the Bake Sale while you're there. Proceeds go to UMW projects!

WE ARE MAKING A STEW!

Saturday, November 13th the Tom Brown Sunday School Class will be making a stew at the church. We are asking for you to call in your orders in advance – cost is \$6 per quart. Fran Westmoreland (599-5503) or any member of the Tom Brown Sunday School Class will take your orders. Stew will be ready at Noon!

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

A note of thanks has been received from Mrs. Gene Kuykendall thanking the church family for all prayers and cards since her surgery. She is still taking treatment and appreciates continued thoughts and prayers.

A note of thanks has been received from Mrs. Katherine O'Briant who is now home from her rehabilitation in Winston Salem. Katherine appreciates all of your prayers and cards. Please remember her with your phone calls and visits.

UPTOWN COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD 7:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church

14 Main Circle

Message by Reverend Bruce Allen

The church office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on

Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26.

Have A Safe And Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

