

# Long Memorial UMC

February 2011

**REMEMBER:** Deadline for our March newsletter is Friday, February 25th at 9:00 A.M. You may bring any articles to the church office or e-mail your articles to: [pwade@esinc.net](mailto:pwade@esinc.net) – Thank you!

**SYMPATHY:** Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

...Becky Brann & Wayne Winstead in the death of their sister, Sibyl Winstead Cockerham;

...Roland Crawley in the death of his brother, John Crawley;

...The family of Robert Hassell “Bobby” Long, Jr..

...C.L. Oakley and family and Arthur Oakley & family in the death of their father, Charlie Robert Oakley.

**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 Tania Edwards at 599-3863 or Martha Butler (597-3946).

**CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER NEEDS** canned beans and bags of dried beans. A basket is in the Narthex for you to place your donations in. Thank you!

**THANK YOU NOTES** for the Christmas poinsettias has been received from: Betty Garrett, Otha Day, Anna & Booty Wilkerson.

**NEW MEMBER:** We welcome into the church family of Long Memorial:  
**Lin Cates!**

**UNITED METHODIST MEN’S BREAKFAST – Sunday,  
February 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 A.M. – Harris Fellowship Hall**

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

February, 2011

We find ourselves in the time between winter and spring. So far we have experienced snow and sleet, cold weather and wind. But many are looking for harbingers of spring, those things that tell us that spring is around the corner. For some people, those harbingers might be daffodils, or song birds coming back to the area. Some look for shoots of grass coming out of the ground. For me, I look for buds on the trees. Since early winter the trees here in Roxboro have been devoid of leaves, leaving them standing bare and looking quite dead. But when the buds come to the tips of the trees, we are reminded that there is still life in those limbs and that trunk. And as sure as peanut butter goes well with jelly, spring will follow winter, and we will see the new life throughout this community.

The same ebb and flow takes place in churches as well. There are times when great things happened in the past, and then, people move away or die, interest wanes when it comes to particular ministries, or a number of other factors. But what keeps churches vital is an understanding that an ebb and flow are natural and normal, and they must have faith that the God who has been with them in the past is with them now and will be in the future. In other words, we are not called to look back, but to look forward to the buds visible in our church. So, are there new people joining the church? Yes! A nice bud! Are there new ministries taking place at Long Memorial! Yes! Another nice bud! Are we gearing up to find new and creative ways to be the hands and feet of Christ? Yes! Again, a nice bud!

Beloved, I feel great about 2011. Great things are already happening here and greater things are yet to come. Spring is on the way! Glory be to God!

Bruce

## **PLAYGROUND MINISTRY**

Long Memorial has so much to be proud of, as it pertains to the physical plant. A beautiful sanctuary, clean and functional Sunday School classes, a newly refurbished library and chapel, to name a few. There is also a playground behind the church that is both attractive and functional.

However, the question has been asked, "For whom was the playground made?" Well, it was primarily placed there for the use of members of Long Memorial and for the children who participate in the Preschool here. But, Long Memorial does not exist in a vacuum. There are children who live in the vicinity who may want to play on the playground. Therefore, it has been determined by the Trustees and leaders of this church that the playground is every bit a ministry as it is a place in which children from the church may play. It is understood that opening the playground to the community may bring forth the possibility of damage to the playground, but we feel the good that come from keeping the gate unlocked outweighs the possibility of damages which may incur.

**METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN**  
**Sunday is February 13**

Every day, Methodist Home for Children transforms the lives of children in need—moving them from fear to love, from abuse to safety, from despair to hope. Through the grace of God and the unwavering generosity of churches and friends, we are able each year to meet the growing needs of children in our care.

**A critical source of support for our work is the annual MHC Sunday collection, taken in United Methodist churches on February 13.**

We hope your church will participate this year. Your gifts and offerings make a real difference in the lives of children, and we thank you!

**OUTREACH AND MISSIONS NEWS**

Because of the generosity of each of you, Long Memorial was able to not only pay its share of Mission Apportionments for 2010, but also qualify as a Rainbow Covenant Church, with donations totaling \$4,569.00 to the Agape Ministry in Armenia, Hinton Rural Life Center, MERCI, UMCOR, and Greg Jenks' ZOE Ministry. Plus you also gave willingly to all the other Special Sunday offerings.

And this year, in addition to the above Rainbow Covenant Advance Specials, we hope to include a local Person in Mission: Rosanna Panizo-Valladares of Durham.

On February 13, we will be taking up the annual offering for the Methodist Home for Children. February also seemed an appropriate month this year to give to the MERCI Center in memory of Bishop Marion Edwards, who died on January 24. The MERCI Disaster Recovery Center in Goldsboro is just one of Bishop Edwards' legacies. You will have the opportunity to remember him on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of all those whom you have touched during the past year with your kindness, thank you. We look forward to another year of reaching out.

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## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE:**

The month of February – Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bailey

### **FEBRUARY ACOLYTES:**

February 6 – Brooke Peed  
February 13 – Jackson Kimbrough  
February 20 – Taylor Rogers  
February 27 – Cole Strickland

### **FEBRUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 11:00 A.M.**

February 6 – Stephanie Hodgins  
February 13 – Karla Peed  
February 20 – Diana Stovall  
February 27 – Tracy Rogers

### **FEBRUARY LAY READERS:**

February 6 – 9 A.M. – **Ellen Harris**  
11 A.M. – ***Donna Hoover***  
February 13 – 9 A.M. – ***Joe Weinberger***  
11 A.M. – **Rob Fitzgerald**  
February 20 – 9 A.M. – ***Gene Alston***  
11 A.M. – ***Ralph Lewis***  
February 27 – 9 A.M. – ***Terry Allen***  
11 A.M. – ***Jan Kerr***

## **FEBRUARY & MARCH FLOWER CALENDAR**

February 6 Cathy Winstead  
February 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
February 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
February 27 \_\_\_\_\_

March 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
March 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
March 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
March 27 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please call the church office if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for one of the above empty dates (599-1193).

**CIRCLE MEETINGS – 2/28/11**

1 & 2 – Cornelia Loftis – 10:00 A.M.  
3 – Jessie Saunders – 10:30 A.M.  
4 – Harriet Wagstaff – 7:30 P.M.  
5 – Shelia Mitchiner– 7:30 P.M.

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

February 03 – Judy Robinson  
February 06 – Tate Allen  
February 07 – Bobby Currier  
February 09 – Felicia Allen, William Crabtree  
February 10 – Amy Bayliff, William Weinberger  
February 11 – Eddie Bridges  
February 12 – Diana Stovall  
February 13 – Helen Slaughter  
February 14 – Gordon Carver, Patty Reynolds, Eva Arcuni  
February 15 – Maryellen Kimbrough  
February 16 – Mary Catherine Day, John Lacy Harris  
February 17 – Betty Garrett  
February 18 – Chris Hodgin, R.K. Burke  
February 19 – Joseph Weinberger, Carly Allen  
February 21 – Robert Wrenn, Joseph Stovall  
February 22 – Emily Rogers, Jay Bayliff  
February 24 – Hunt Fitzgerald  
February 26 – W.T. Adcock  
February 28 – James Blankenship

## **MEETINGS ON THE AGENDA:**

Monday, February 1 – 6:00 P.M – **Staff Parish Committee** - Library  
Thursday, February 17 – 5:30 P.M. – **PUMP** – Harris Hall  
Tuesday, February 22 – 7:00 P.M. – **Trustee Committee** – Library

**SWEETHEART LUNCHEON**

**“A SENIOR ADULT VALENTINE’S LUNCH”**

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Given by the YOUTH

This is a “free” luncheon for all Senior Adult Church Members to say  
**“THANK-YOU”**  
who have lived as example for us by going before us in the walk of faith.

(All youth are asked to meet in the HARRIS HALL at 10:40 a.m. to prepare)



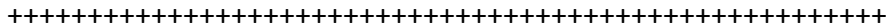
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

**YOUTH SUNDAY IS MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>**

The youth will be leading both services.

8:45 a.m and 11:00 a.m.

(A Breakfast will be provided for all youth during the Sunday School hour in the Youth Room.)



**Senior High Mission Trip to The Hinton Rural Life Center**

**July 17-22.**

**A deposit of \$50.00 due NOW**

**(reserves your spot)**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

**The total cost is \$395.00 per person.**

**Coming Soon: More Sunday Lunches and other fundraising events.**

**Our goal is for every single youth who would like to go on this mission trip to be paid for in full.**

*“Building Relationships with the families who are served and developing Christian Community”*

***Please help support our youth and its missions!***

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**Youth Calendar:**

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – No evening Youth. Also, the Sr. High Trip to Asbury UMC –Durham District Meeting has been cancelled. I will let you know the new date as soon as I find out for sure.

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – SWEET HEART LUNCHEON – Come ready to serve by 10:40 a.m. Harris Hall. Wear Black pants/skirt and white shirts.

Feb. 20 – No evening Youth.

Feb. 27 – Regular Youth Meeting 5:00 – 6:30

March 6 – Regular Youth Meeting 5:00 – 6:30

<b><u>Coming Soon.....</u></b>
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**Ham and Egg Supper**

**Friday, March 4**

**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 P.M.**

**\$6.00 per ticket**

**Includes: Ham, Eggs, Biscuits, Grits, Coffee, Soft Drinks, & Milk**

**\*To Benefit The Long Memorial UMC Preschool\***

**See Pam Day/Stephanie Linville for tickets**

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

***Your Kindness and love will always be with me. Psalm 23:6***

*Did you know that February 20 is "Hoodie Hoo Day"  
Go outside and do what some people in the Northern Hemisphere do --- shout,  
"HOODIE HOO!" several times to chase winter away..... ☺*

Memorial Preschool continues to be blessed by the 115 families we serve.

When we think of February we think of Groundhog Day, Pink and Purple, Hearts, Valentines,  
Learning about our teeth as we celebrate Dental Health Month, Mailbox Fun, A visit from

Mother Goose,

Pancakes, Flapjacks, Griddle Cakes, and more!.....

What is a President?, Shadows, Love, What is Love?, etc, etc...

As you can see we have a BLAST in our classrooms. And discovering God's beautiful world is  
AWESOME!

**Parent Night Conferences – Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

**Applications for the 2011-2012 Preschool Year will be mailed out in March. Church Members  
have first preference. Please call Pam Day at the church office if you are interested in  
enrolling your child in preschool...Spaces fill up fast. So call early.**

**A FACE LIFT FOR THE CHAIRS IN HARRIS HALL**

The stage curtain is hung, the new carpet is down, the kitchen is stocked with new supplies, and the blinds are on the way! The United Methodist Women have

been very busy sprucing up the Harris Hall. Everything looks great! However, we are not finished and the chairs could use some help. We have worked with a local upholster and selected a fabric which has a price of FIFTY dollars for each chair. We are asking church members to donate money for this project. Please, feel free to donate enough for several chairs...as we have at least one hundred chairs to cover. Please make checks payable to United Methodist Women. You may drop your donation in the offering plate, the office, or give it to a Methodist Women member. A sample is on display on the stage in the Harris Hall. Please feel free to look at it when you go down for the delicious lunch provided by the youth, today! Any questions, ask Patti Morgan or Felicia Allen! Thank you so much!!!

In Christ,  
Felicia Allen

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

Why would a professor (who published a 17-volume work on the entire New Testament) select one gospel as “the nearest thing we will ever get to a report of Jesus’ life?” If this professor is selling books on the entire New Testament, why would he select one gospel as “the most important book in the New Testament?”

Is this professor (whose series on the entire New Testament was translated into over 10 languages) correct to suggest: one particular gospel gives such an extraordinarily human picture of Jesus that “the later writers alter it a little bit because they are almost afraid to say what Mark said?”

The gospel is Mark.

The author is William Barclay. His aim in his 17 volume “Daily Study Bible” was to combine the best biblical scholarship, archaeology, ancient texts, his own understanding of Greek and Hebrew, and current literature to demystify the New Testament-to make it come more alive to his readers in the middle 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Breakfast Club Sunday School Class has undertaken a study of Barclay’s New Daily Study Bible of The Gospel of Mark. Join this lively group as we read, study, grow, ponder, fellowship, and (this is important) laugh out loud. We are at the Lewis Fellowship hall. Coffee (decaf for those who may have already exceeded their quota) is usually ready by 9:45, sometimes sooner. (sometimes later) Come join us.

If you want us to reserve you a book, call Mark Galloway, 599-2057.

**Youth Confirmation Class to begin on March 20**

Do you have a current 6<sup>th</sup> grader or a middle or high school student who has missed confirmation in the past? Do you have a student who is ready to confirm his/her faith before God and this faith community? Please email Pam Day ([daybunch4@esinc.net](mailto:daybunch4@esinc.net)) to get on the confirmation class list! The class will be lead by Rev. Bruce Allen.

We will meet on Sunday afternoons. Time: TBA

Where: Youth Room/Church Library

Confirmation Sunday is on Easter Day - April 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Confirmation in The United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation, it gives teens the opportunity to reflect on our faith and gives them a safe environment to ask questions. Confirmation helps youth to investigate the depths of the faith and helps them begin to understand what it means to become a full devoted follower of Jesus Christ and to make their first public profession of faith*

**Worship With Us Every Sunday**

8:45 AM - Early Service - Sanctuary

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship - Sanctuary

**WERE YOU MARRIED IN 1961?**

Were you married in 1961? If you were please call the church office with your wedding date. The UMW would like to honor you and your spouse for your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**MEMORIALS DONATIONS**

**November & December 2010**

In memory of **Gordon Allen** from: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **A.S. Terry** from: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Margie Thomas** from: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Susan Hall** from: Mr. & Mrs. Reid Davis.

In memory of **Victor Scott** from: Mr. & Mrs. Ben Tillett.

In memory of **John Wade** from: Waldo Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Bobbi King** from: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Frances Griffith** from: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Joe Morris** from: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Doug Newell** from: Mr. & Mrs. Keith Starr, Dr. & Mrs. Tom Alexander, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Jack Gates** from: Dolly Denton,, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Elizabeth Hicks** from: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Mary Earle Berger** from: William Winstead, Jr..

In memory of **Frances Wright** from: Roxboro Woman's Club, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Starr, William Winstead, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Ed Talbert, Dolly Denton, John Knock, Dr. & Mrs. Tom Alexander, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall, Peter Cretekos.

In memory of **Tom Brown** from: Jackie Blanks, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Starr, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Day, Patricia Orr, Roxboro Women's Club, Mr. & Mrs. Reid Davis, Dolly Denton, Waldo Hawkins, Dr. & Mrs. Tom Alexander, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.

In memory of **Doris Newell** from: John C. Moore, III, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Galloway, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Daniel, Betty Stewart, George Clisch, Jackie Blanks, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Starr, Dolly Denton, Bette Parham, Dr. & Mrs. Tom Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stovall.