

Long Memorial UMC

July 2011

REMEMBER: Deadline for our August newsletter is Friday, July 29th 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 Tania Edwards at 599-3863, or Martha Butler at 597-3946.

CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER NEEDS : canned fruit and canned vegetables. A basket is in the Narthex for you to place your donations in. Thank you!

Worship With Us Every Sunday

8:45 AM - Early Service - Sanctuary

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship - Sanctuary

OUR INFORMATION

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SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to:
...Newton Pleasant in the death of his uncle, A.J. Pleasant;
...Lacy Winstead in the death of his grandson, Ian Winstead Kirk.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC

July 10 – 13

Shake It Up Cafe: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

Is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that gives children a recipe for living out God's Word. At *Shake It Up Cafe*, children learn five "secret ingredients" that help them understand key steps they can take to live as followers of God. Of course, these ingredients are not really a secret; children are encouraged to incorporate them into their lives and share them with other people.

WANTED: Chefs with a speciality of serving up the Word of God to children!
Would you like to spend just 3-days at SHAKE IT UP CAFE' teaching the secret
Ingredients for being a follower of God? At SHAKE IT UP CAFE' we will celebrate
Biblical festivals through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music, and hours of
fun!
SIGN UP FOR A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ROLE AND JOIN US IN THE
EXCITEMENT
At SHAKE IT UP CAFE':WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE.

Sign-up Sheet Located out in the Hall on Table! Sign-up Today!

Also, if you can be a volunteer at VBS please let Pam Day know – you are needed!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who brought items to the recent yard sale, to those who helped man the yard sale, and helped clean up afterwards. Special thanks to the members of Nurture who helped make this event a success!

Sue

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Why do you see the speck in your neighbors’ eye, but fail to see the log in your own eye? Or, how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take out the log from your own eye, then you may see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.”

(Luke 6:41-42) I want you to picture that for a moment. Imagine a person walking around with a huge oak limb stuck in his eye, asking to wipe a speck of dust out of another persons’ eye. What Jesus was insinuating as he spoke was the fact that many of the religious people of the day were centering on small things, when they were ignoring big things. In this chapter Jesus had healed a man with a withered hand (a BIG thing!) and instead of celebrating the healing, the religious people complained that he did it on the Sabbath (a small thing!)

I had to deal with this focusing on the speck and ignoring the log as a young minister going into ordained ministry. I had to send one of my sermons entitled “It’s about time!” to the Board of Ordained ministry, with the understanding that they would critique it and talk to me about it. I loved the sermon, even the fact that I, when referring to the United Methodist Church, used the phrase “a non-prophet organization.” (spelling is correct) Well, when I met with the pastor who had read my sermon, his only statement about it was, “you misspelled the word marriage three times.” To tell the truth, I was a little upset with the pickiness of this pastor. I knew that when I PREACHED the message, no one would say, “how did you spell the word marriage in your document?” It seemed this pastor wanted to focus on something small (spelling) rather than something large, (the content of the message)

I have actually used this event as a teaching moment in my own life, and I have tried to celebrate the big things that God is doing, rather than focusing on the little things that may get on my nerves. Need illustrations? Churches with a soup kitchen may feed hundreds of people a week (a big thing!) but someone will complain about the stains in the carpet (a small thing). An active preschool helps touch the lives and souls of children (a big thing) yet those same children leave hand prints on the wall (a small thing). A growing church (a big thing) may mean that you may have to move to a new seat if yours is taken (a small thing).

A pastor once stood in front of a huge, Gothic church where he had just been appointed, and as he was admiring the building, a person stood beside him and said, “is that a church or a museum?” He paused a moment and said, “I hope to God it is a church!” Museums rarely change, they are clean, beautiful, and dead. I would rather have a church doing the will of God (a big thing) than collecting dust, and dreaming of the good old days. To God be the glory.

Bruce

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TIME AGAIN!

Were you married in 1961? If you were, the United Methodist Women would like to honor you and your spouse this year. Call the church office (599-1193) if this is the year of your golden anniversary.

JULY ACOLYTES:

July 3 – Katie Pleasant
July 10 – Mackenzie Clayton
July 17 – Anniston Stovall
July 24 – Brooke Peed
July 31 – Jackson Kimbrough

JULY NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 11:00 A.M.

July 3 – Christy King
July 10 – Sam Craig
July 17 – Jill Strickland
July 24 – Stephanie Linville
July 31 – Kay Carver

JULY LAY READERS:

July 3 – 11 A.M. – *Donna Hoover*
July 10 – 11 A.M. – *Lois Winstead*
July 17 – 11 A.M. – *Kathryn Keith*
July 24 – 11 A.M. – *Alan Hicks*
July 31 – 11 A.M. – *Jan Kerr*

CIRCLE MEETINGS – July

1 & 2 – NO MEETING – 10:00 A.M.
3 – NO MEETING – 10:30 A.M.
4 – NO MEETING – 7:30 P.M.
5 – NO MEETING – 7:30 P.M.

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS SUMMER

JULY FLOWER CALENDAR

July 3 – Ben & Harriett Tillett

July 10 -

July 17 – Arthur Oakley

July 24 –

July 31 – Nancy Lee Newell

**The above dates are open on the flower calendar. Please call the church 599-1193 if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

July 01 – Bruce Allen, Anna Wrenn

July 02 – James Thomas Weinberger, Mrs. J.D. Talbert, Alan Stovall,
Kelly Mundy, Bryan Westmoreland

July 03 – Cecilia Fitzgerald, Sharrell Ellis, Wyatt Kimbrough

July 04 – Sallie Weinberger, Kaitlin Carver

July 05 – Laya Fitzgerald, Madelyn Stovall

July 06 – Gil Stovall

July 07 – Bill White, Sanrda Gray

July 08 – Julia Stovall

July 12 – Billie Oakley

July 14 – Sharon Slaughter

July 17 – Michael Currier, Bob Morgan

July 19 – Meredith Cates

July 20 – Alan Hicks

July 23 – Ann Lewis

July 25 – Nancy Coleman

July 26 – Ralph Lewis

July 27 – Judy Winstead

July 28 – Nate Stovall, Wilbur Brann

July 29 – Barbara King, Phillip Allen, Phyllis Tuck

July 30 – Harriet Wagstaff

July 31 – Bill Sabiston

BUDGET FIGURES TODATE

6-26-11

Pledges	\$185,458
Receipts	157,331
Amount Behind	28,127
Pledged For Year 2011	370,938

CAPITAL CAMPAING FIGURES

6-26-11

Pledges	\$299,621
Receipts	236,647

Our youth will be heading out to

HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER

JULY 17-22

**WE ARE EXCITED FOR A GREAT WEEK AHEAD OF US!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT AND
PRAYERS.**

Hinton Rural Life Center is nestled in the Southern Appalachian mountains overlooking beautiful Lake Chatuge in Hayesville, NC. Hinton, a mission agency of the United Methodist Church, creates opportunities for work teams from all over the country to experience the rich mountain culture found here, to serve with others in repairing or building new homes with families, and to grow in their understanding of Christian community and faith in action. The work includes repairing porches, painting homes, fixing leaky roofs, building ramps, replacing rotten floors, and many other similar home repairs.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

As you are aware, we will be taking pictures for our Pictorial Directory on September 15th, 16th and 17th. Thanks to Sheila Mitchiner and Lifetouch Photography you will be able to go the Long Memorial website (longmemorialumc.org) and select an appointment time that best suits you. Appointments will be on a first come basis. Pictures will be taken from 2:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the 15th and 16th. On the 17th the hours will be 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM. You will be sent in the mail a reminder of your selected appointment time. Also, if you have any digital pictures from events in the life of the church such as children or youth events, Love Feast, stews, etc., please send them to Sheila Mitchiner at: sgmitchiner@gmail.com. In order to make the directory a success, we need all members of Long Memorial to participate. Sunday, September 4 is the last date to sign up!

“THANKSGIVING IN JULY”

We will again be celebrating our “Thanksgiving in July” tradition this year with a special food drive for the Christian Help Center. During our **5th Sunday Supper on July 31**, you will be asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the CHC, along with the dish you bring to share that evening. A reminder notice will be placed in the prior Sunday’s bulletin. We look forward to seeing everyone!

HAND IN HAND COMPLETES 4TH YEAR

The fourth year of Long Memorial's Hand in Hand partnership with South Elementary School has successfully concluded. And a special "thank you" is due to all who participated in this ministry during 2010-2011.

During the past school year, we had 23 Long Memorial volunteers, 12 of whom were tutors. We also were joined by volunteers from Brookland and Brooksdale UMC's this year, giving us a total of 17 tutors. And those tutors included two pastors and three Spanish language interpreters.

On June 10, our volunteers shared a sit down lunch with the South Elementary School staff, enjoying ham, green beans and potato salad. In addition to the volunteers' provision of side dishes and desserts, contributors to the lunch included Jill Strickland, Terry Allen, and Long Memorial's UMW.

We did not realize it at the time, but our luncheon was also a farewell one for Principal Ziemba, who will not be returning to South. We will certainly miss him, as he has been so receptive and supportive of our Hand in Hand ministry, as well as generous in his expressions of gratitude.

However, we're confident that the new principal will be no less receptive and we're looking forward to the 2011-12 school year, which begins August 25. As that time approaches, please consider picking up a few school supplies for those children at South Elementary who might be lacking. Remember that lists of needed supplies are usually posted in Wal-Mart and you can take advantage of the traditional tax-free weekend for purchasing them.

Thank you again for the blessings you've provided to students and teachers alike. Christ has been working through you.

REPORT FROM THE 2011 UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A Future With Hope: Leading to Christ

Bill and Sheila Mitchiner, Long Memorial Conference Lay Delegates

The 34th Annual Conference was held June 15-18 at the Raleigh Convention Center. Among the Conference highlights were:

- As lay delegates representing Long Memorial, we participated in the election of 9 lay delegates to the General Conference plus five alternates and 9 lay delegates plus 5 alternates to attend the South Eastern Jurisdictional Conference. Although the Conference had made arrangements for both lay and clergy delegates to use electronic voting devices, the laity had to vote 13 times in order to elect individuals receiving the

required percentage of votes. The clergy required 24 ballots to elect their delegates. Needless to say, the majority of the Conference meeting time was used for voting.

- Presentations regarding the financial status including reports from the committees for pension, insurance (life and health), and equitable compensation among others. This, being the business session, generated many comments from delegates.
- The most notable recommendation made and voted on at the Conference was regarding a change in our Conference districts. Since 2009, a Task Force on Superintendency has been considering more efficient and effective ways for Superintendents to fulfill their ministries. The Task Force brought the recommendation to the Conference body that the current twelve districts be replaced with an entirely new set of eight districts. Additionally, they recommended that district office assistants be full-time employees. According to The Book of Discipline, the Annual Conference sets the number of districts and the Bishop and Cabinet set the district lines. The Rev. Bill Gattis, Burlington District Superintendent, discussed some of the Cabinet's early thinking around how to draw the district lines. He said that they are being guided by the potential of population growth so that there is equal population in the eight areas. The Conference delegates voted to accept the recommendation of the Task Force. There will be a transition team to assist the various districts in matters of transfer and assets. Our proposed district will be combined with Burlington District—the new district name has not been determined. We voted with the majority for these changes.
- On a sad note, we learned of the closing of the Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiatives building in Goldsboro. The organization, Banded Brothers that took over management of the center in 2009, now plans to cease MERCI Center operations effective July 31. The Conference Connectional Table recently decided to seek new ways to continue disaster relief ministries that were carried on at the MERCI center. The Conference Board of Trustees will consider options for the property.
- Discussion and Voting on the budget – we voted with the majority of the delegates to approve the \$20,345,047 budget recommended by the various committees which included no increase for 2012. This means that the Long Memorial apportionment will not be increased in the coming year.
- An Ordination and Commissioning Service sent 32 clergy into new ministry relationships Saturday morning. In all, there are 214 moves and changes in ministry relationship (including extension ministries and retirees).

The 2012 Annual Conference will be held June 13-15 at the Raleigh Convention Center.

Submitted by: *Bill and Sheila Mitchiner*

