

E-CONNECTION FOR UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - VOL. 6, NO. 27 7/02/09

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Stewardship Moment

“Stewardship is not humanity’s way of raising money, but rather God’s way of raising people into the likeness of His Son.” —Doug Carter

Congregational Concerns

As of July 2, Kimberly Wright remained hospitalized.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Scott & Brigett Brown at the death of her stepfather, Daniel F. Danver of Clairmont, NC.

Homebound Person of the Week

**Becky (Ralphine) Folk
Jenni Lynn Assisted Living, Rm. 50
915 Hook Avenue
West Columbia, SC 29169**

Members are encouraged to contact this person by card or prayer.

This Week at Union

Sunday, July 5

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Sunday School – LL, EB, WC
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship/Communion – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship – Chapel
- 12:00 pm Belize Packing Day – EB 106
- 6:00 pm Women’s Summer Study – EB 209

Monday, July 6

- 6:00 am ‘Man in the Mirror’ – EB 211
- 9:00 am Prayer Time – LL 14
- 10:00 am PEP Card Party - FH
- 6:30 pm Staff/Parish Relations Committee – LL 13
- 7:00 pm Evening ‘Man in the Mirror’ – EB 210

Tuesday, July 7

- 4:30 am Youth meet at airport for Belize Mission Trip
- 7:00 am Foster Christy Bible Study – LL 11
- 9:30 am Children (all ages) Movie Day at Columbiana Grand
- 6:00 pm Jr. Girls Summer Basketball Practice – WC
NO Worship Team
- 8:00 pm Union Brass Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 8

- Youth Mission Trip to Belize
- 8:00 pm Men’s Basketball – WC

Thursday, July 9

- Youth Mission Trip to Belize
- 10:45 am Sr. Adult Bible Study – LL 14
- 6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal – Chapel
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Small Group – EB 210

Friday, July 10

Youth Mission Trip to Belize

Saturday, July 11

Youth Mission Trip to Belize

Sunday, July 12

- Youth Mission Trip to Belize
- 8:30 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Sunday School – LL, EB, WC
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship – Chapel
- 2:00 pm Memorial Cemetery Fund Meeting – LL 14
- 2:30 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony – JJ Kent – Sanctuary
Followed by reception in FH

For a complete listing of events for the month, please visit our web site: www.unionunitedmethodist.org

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Union UMC community was saddened to learn the home of Mark and Anna Richardson was lost to fire. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but as you can imagine, this is devastating to the family.

During this very emotional time we want to do what we can, but we want to maximize the benefits and not duplicate things. So, we have asked the family to help us help them and are responding to their needs as they determine them. It seems, right now, gift cards are a great way to respond so the family can pick and choose what it likes and needs as far as clothing and other essentials are concerned.

We have established a fund at the church in their name (The Richardson Family Fund). Checks should be made payable to Union UMC and designated to this fund. Our prayers and support are needed now and in the days ahead. Thanks, **Buddy**

BUILDING FACTOID - Why did the term of the Loan Change?

We are borrowing \$6.25 million. We originally talked about a 10 year loan which would have resulted in a required monthly payment of \$70,175. While contributions have averaged \$57,700 per month over the last 3 years, we are conservatively projecting monthly contributions to only be \$53,750 in the years ahead. The Finance Team requested a 20 year loan which requires a monthly payment of \$45,683. With the lower required monthly payment we can make early payments when income is greater and still feel that we can always make the required payment. We project that we can pay the loan off in about 15 years using only building contributions and without receiving any major gifts. *Dave Lambert*

SUMMER CHOIR – July 5 – August 9, 2009: Your voice is needed to sing praise to the Lord at Union UMC!!! Join us for Summer Choir – children, youth & adults meet in the choir loft in the sanctuary **25 minutes** before the worship service begins to rehearse! **Questions?** Contact **Suzanne Ringer at 781-3013** or suzanne.ringer@unionunitedmethodist.org.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE DAY (3 yrs – rising 6th grade) is Tuesday, July 7, at 9:30 am at Columbiana Grand Theater: The movie is free and kids meals are available at the concession stand. **Seating is limited, so please arrive as early as possible!** Kids may see either movie (Charlotte's Web or Surf's Up) they choose, but we need adults in each theater. No need to RSVP, just come and we will all enjoy the movies together. Shows start at 10:00 am.

MISSIONS TEAM AUGUST FOOD/ESSENTIALS DRIVE FOR SHARING GODS LOVE

The Mission Team of Union United Methodist Church is asking for your help with a food and essentials drive for Sharing God's Love (SGL). The shelves become depleted during the summer months and the needs of this population served by SGL during this economic crisis are especially keen. Grocery Bags will be made available through Sunday school classes, in the Narthex, and in front of the Wesley Center beginning this Sunday, July 12th, and will continue through Sunday, August 9th. A list of items to be placed inside the bag will be attached to each grocery bag. Families are asked to return the filled bags with items listed on them on Sunday, August 15, 2009. We will have trucks in both upper and lower parking areas for drop off.

KICKIN' IT UP FOR CHRIST CAMPAIGN

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Kickin' it up for Christ Shoe Drive Campaign for Sharing God's Love. **The deadline to return all unwrapped shoes to the narthex has been extended to Sunday, July 26th.**

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Sunday, August 23rd, at 6:30 p.m.: WE NEED YOU to help be a **HOST FAMILY** for **Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday** evenings. The children will be schooled during the day at Union UMC. As a HOST you will need to provide Breakfast and a Sack Lunch for your children/ chaperone. To HOST a family please contact: Suzanne Ringer at 781-3013 or email to suzanne.ringer@unionunitedmethodist.org.

SCRAP-TO-BUILD SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOP – July 17 – 18 & August 14 – 15: The cost is \$5/day or \$8 for both days if paid in advance. The entire crop fee will be donated to Union's Building Fund. Times are Fri. from 5-11 pm & Sat. from 9 am – 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kim Blitch at (407-3853) or kim@blitch.com for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL FOGLE, winner of the 2009 Nikki Kyle Spirit Scholarship Award!

HOW TO SURVIVE THE ECONOMIC MELTDOWN: Bestselling Author's New Book on the Economic Meltdown: Yours for Free Patrick Morley, author of 16 books including *The Man in the Mirror*, spent seven years fighting an economic meltdown and survived. He chronicles the spiritual, practical, and financial lessons he learned in *How to Survive the Economic Meltdown*. Download a **FREE PDF** copy at www.survivethemeltdown.org. No strings attached. Dr. Morley will be one of the presenters at the upcoming '10th Annual Gathering of United

Methodist Men' next month, July 10, 11 & 12 in Nashville, TN. The 'Man in the Mirror' program has been adopted as a partner by the General Commission of United Methodist Men and is growing exponentially by helping United Methodist men all across America better serve Jesus Christ as husbands, fathers, disciples of Christ and fishers of men.



Music/Arts Camp at Union UMC

(Rising 2nd – Rising 5th grade)

August 3, 4, and 5th

(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

THEME:

**Exploring African Music: Singing, Movement, Orff Instruments,
Chimes, African Drumming, Drama, Crafts, and Games**

Registration forms outside Music Office Door
or Church Website: www.unionunitedmethodist.org

Registration Form and \$25

(Make Checks: UNION UMC) **due by Monday, July 27th**

Questions? Contact Suzanne Ringer, Director of Music, at 781-3013 or
suzanne.ringer@unionunitedmethodist.org.



Rev. Joel McMakin is challenging UNION to read the entire Bible in 2009!
Each month there will be a list of readings to guide us through God's word.

JULY

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| 1. 2 Chr. 9-10 & Acts 3 | 12. 2 Chr. 29-30 & Acts 13 | 23. Neh. 1-2 & Acts 22 |
| 2. 2 Chr. 11-12 & Acts 4 | 13. 2 Chr. 31-32 & Acts 14 | 24. Neh. 3-4 & Acts 23 |
| 3. 2 Chr. 13-14 & Acts 5 | 14. Ps. 85-88 | 25. Neh. 5-6 & Acts 24 |
| 4. 2 Chr. 15-16 & Acts 6 | 15. 2 Chr. 33-34 & Acts 15 | 26. Neh. 7-9 & Acts 25 |
| 5. Ps. 81-84 | 16. 2 Chr. 35-36 & Acts 16 | 27. Neh. 10-11 & Acts 26 |
| 6. 2 Chr. 17-18 & Acts 7 | 17. Ezra 1-2 & Acts 17 | 28. Neh. 12-13 & Acts 27 |
| 7. 2 Chr. 19-20 & Acts 8 | 18. Ezra 3-4 & Acts 18 | 29. Esth. 1-2 & Acts 28 |
| 8. 2 Chr. 21-22 & Acts 9 | 19. Ezra 5-6 & Acts 19 | 30. Esth. 3-4 & Rom. 1 |
| 9. 2 Chr. 23-24 & Acts 10 | 20. Ezra 7-8 & Acts 20 | 31. Esth. 5-7 & Rom. 2 |
| 10. 2 Chr. 25-26 & Acts 11 | 21. Ezra 9-10 & Acts 21 | |
| 11. 2 Chr. 27-28 & Acts 12 | 22. Ps. 89-92 | |



MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Schedule Traditional Worship (8:30 & 10:45)

July 5

8:30 Summer Choir – *I Sing Praises to Your Name*
10:45 Summer Choir – *Great Is the Lord*

July 12

8:30 Summer Choir – *My Tribute*
10:45 Summer Choir – *Offertory*

July 19

8:30 Summer Choir – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
10:45 Summer Choir – *My Shepherd, My Savior, My Jesus*

July 26

8:30 Summer Choir – *There's a Song*
10:45 Summer Choir – *Total Praise*

YOUTH MINISTRY

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 2:3-5

Please continue to pray for all youth missions in state and out of the country.

BELIZE YOUTH MISSION TRIP: July 7 - 16



TEAM MEMBERS

DAVID CLIFTON
SHAWN STINSON
PAM JOHNSON
MELANIE SULLIVAN
JEREMY STINSON

TAYLOR SAMS
CHANDLER POLLARD
BRYAN RIDDICK
BRIAN HILL
VINCENT COLEGROVE

MOLLY SULLIVAN
RACHEL FOGLE
AYLES HERRINGTON
STEPHANIE SPRINGFIELD
CAROLINE DUNCAN

COMING SOON

Aug. 7 - 9: YDT Retreat

Meet at the church at 10 am on 8/7 with luggage for the weekend - will be heading to mountains. Pick up is Sunday at 5 pm at the church. Please bring at least \$20 for food and, if wanted, extra for spending. Sign-up for YDT ends Sunday, July 5th!

Aug. 21 - 23: Back to School Bash Retreat at Camp Bethel

Cost \$92

Leave church at 6 pm on Friday, Aug. 21

(if needed, late bus can be provided between 9 - 11 pm)

Paint ball, sports, swimming, zip line, canoeing, games, small groups & challenges

Questions? Call David Clifton at 803.781.3013 or 803.707.0206.

Children's Ministry



July 2009*

7th: Kids movie day at Columbiana Grand – Meet at theater at 9:30 a.m.

14th: Roller Skating—Noon - 2 p.m. - Place TBA

21st: Trip to Myrtle Beach—7a.m. – 9 p.m.

28th: Saluda Shoals— Noon - 2:00 p.m.

August 2009*

6th: Carowinds - 7a.m.— 8 p.m.

11th: Sportsplex - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The cost of each event and more details will be printed in the bulletin and passed out in Sunday School.
Hope to see everyone there!

*Items in **BLUE** are for ALL Children.

*Items in **GREEN** are for Rising 2nd – 6th grades.

*Items in **RED** are for Rising Kinders – 3 year olds.

Parents: We need 1 chaperone per 3 children for all events.

To volunteer contact Jim Magann @ jim.magann@unionunitedmethodist.org.

PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN



August Adventure 2009: Union Preschool will offer August Adventure during the week of **August 3 - 7** from **8:45 – 11:45 a.m.** each morning. Your child will have the opportunity to explore, think and wonder in a relaxed environment. Our theme this year is "Sports Rule at Preschool". Join us as we "ice skate", "swim" on water day, bat like the pros, make a hole in one and more— all while we learn and have fun at the same time. Daily activities include art, water play, music, outdoor fun, learning centers and snack. Classes are offered for children ages three years through rising first grade. The classes are staffed by Union Preschool and Kindergarten staff members. In addition, there will be a youth helper in each room. Children must be toilet

trained prior to enrolling. Pull-ups are defined as diapers; therefore, no pull-ups. Tuition is \$80 for the week. A non-refundable, non-transferable fee of \$40 is due at the time you register. A \$40 balance will be due on Monday, August 3– checks should be made payable to UUMC Preschool. Notices will be sent out concerning classes and teachers after July 4. Registration forms available in the church office or call 781-0630.

ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

Young Adult Minstry (18-24 yrs.)

Saturday, July 18

Let's go to Charleston for a day. Beach, devotional, and shopping.

Picnic lunch provided, bring money for supper. Meet at church at 8am.

RSVP by Sunday, July 12 joel.mcmakin@unionunitedmethodist.org, or 803-781-3013

Sunday, August 2

Cookout, games, and devotional with youth of Epworth Children's Home at their campus.

Time: TBA

RSVP by Sunday, July 26 joel.mcmakin@unionunitedmethodist.org, or 803-781-3013

Thursday Evening Fellowship & and Discussion

6:30-7:45pm. 2nd and 4th Thursdays in July (9th & 23rd) Education Building, Rm. 210

PEP! PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE! (Union's Senior Adult Ministry)

Attention all Union members over 50, come and join the fun! PEP! is a Senior Ministry at Union UMC for members and their guest who are over 50. If you are 50, you are automatically a part of this group. This includes married, never married, widowed, or divorced. The purpose of the group is to encourage friendship through Christian fellowship and spiritual enrichment. If you have questions, please call Llewellyn Hames at 772-4636.

For other Upcoming Events check the monthly Union Connection for detailed information or contact Llewellyn Hames.

PEP! CARD PARTY:

We continue to meet every **Monday at 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Fellowship Hall.** There are games such as Rummikub, Scrabble and Dominoes, as well as cards. July dates: 6, 13, 20 & 27.
Questions? Just contact Carol Van Dine 781-8621 or Fran Gunter at 732-3864.

PEP Game Night on Tues., July 28

5:00 pm in Wesley Center

Cost: \$5

Join us for Greek food, great desserts & games.

Exercise your body as you interact with the Wii, corn toss & golf chip-in.

To boost your mind, PEP! Will have Scrabble, Sequence, Dominos, Checkers, Canasta, Bridge, Family Feud & other games. You are also encouraged to bring a game of your own.

Sign up on July 19th or 26th at the PEP! Table or you can call Ron or Frances Gunter at 732-3864,

You may also contact one of the following committee members: Carol Van Dine, Judy Burgess, Bob and Jeanne Burgess or Jean and Jimmy Munn.

Upcoming Events!

Southeastern Senior Adult Conference on August 10-13, 2009 at Lake Junaluska

We will take the church buses. This is one trip you don't want to miss so mark your calendar now!

Blood Screening on Friday, September 11, 2009 from 7:00 – 11:00 am.

Contact: Herb Hames (772-4636)

METHODIST MEN'S MINISTRY – THE A.C.T.S. OF UNION MEN
(Action, Change, Thanksgiving, Service)

Man-in-the-Mirror

Meets Mondays at 6 am in EB 211. Contact Jim Sharp (749-6009).

Evening "Man-in-the-Mirror"

This group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in EB 210. The 1st Monday of the month we discuss a chapter from the book The Measure of a Man, and the 3rd Monday we discuss an episode of *The Andy Griffith Show*. See what you can learn from Andy, Barney, Opie and the rest of the Mayberry gang! For more information, contact Eric Baskin (732-0487).

MISSION & OUTREACH

SINGLE HOPE, a program for single parents, is an encouraging and informative group that provides opportunities for sharing, networking, and growing through the "journey." Parents discuss concerns, issues in life such as career opportunities, home dynamics, relationships, and much more. Childcare for children and refreshments are provided. For more information contact Teresa Layton, SINGLE HOPE, Inc. at 781-1961. **Regular Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm and begin with a meal in Fellowship Hall or the Wesley Center – July meetings are not on the regular schedule – they will take place on the 16th & 30th.** Registration is \$25 per family. Financial assistance is available for those who so need.

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM - Please join us in congratulating Mark Kyle on being selected for the 2009 Jimmy Leitner Sr. award. *The award was given in special recognition to Mr. Leitner in 2003, for whom the award has been named.* Mark has served our church in many leadership roles such as on Finance, Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, President of UMM, Seekers SS class president, the Scouting program (19 years) and the youth basketball program (17 years), just to name a few. He has been an usher for 20 years, worked on annual grounds cleanup, church dinners, TLCS and Wesley Center functions. Mark currently works with other men at Union who mentor Epworth High School boys. If you want to know a great story about his dedication to his Junior Boys basketball team and how he was able to motivate them to win the League Championship, just ask those boys or Mark about his head and a can of Turtle Wax!!!

Mark is one of those "salt of the earth" individuals who "always seems to be there until the last chair is put away", serving his Lord in a quiet, selfless manner. He is truly a light that shines brightly for others to see and is an example for us all. *Congratulations Mark!*

EQUIPPING MINISTRY UPDATE **The Gift Is So Valuable**

When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus.

In John Ortberg's book, If You Want To Walk On Water You Have to Get Out Of The Boat, he talks about anytime a gift is given, the recipient must choose to respond in one of two ways. The first way says, **this gift is so valuable it can't be risked**. Those who follow the first way realize that when the gift is brought out of the box and into the open, things may not always go well. The gift may be poorly used sometimes. It may not always be admired by others the way we want. It may even get broken. Taking the gift out of the box is always a risk. The second way says, **this gift is so valuable it must be risked**. Those who follow the second way understand that if the gift is not brought out of the box, it will never be used at all. To leave the gift in the box is to thwart the desire of the giver. There is no tragedy like the tragedy of the unopened gift. Peter chose the second way. Peter didn't ask for a guarantee, just an opportunity.

We, too, have been given a gift. Along with the gift, you have been given a choice, just like Peter. Peter took a risk, opened his gift and used it to the glory of God. You, too, must take a risk and seize the opportunity to use your gift for building up the body of Christ.

Since the beginning of 2009, the Equipping Ministry Team (EMT) has coordinated with the Evangelism Team and presented two Pathways programs for new members. EMT has also presented a **NETWORK** study which helps class members discover their spiritual gifts, personal style, and God-given passion for serving the body of Christ. Plans are underway for another **NETWORK** study in the near future. The EMT is now planning a leadership retreat in September to present the **NETWORK** study to the church leaders. The leaders of the various ministries are the front line and backbone of the church. It is vital that our church leaders fully understand the equipping ministry model and share in the value of the ministry. Hopefully, in the fall of this year or early 2010, the EMT will begin presenting the **NETWORK** study to all of Union Church.

MILITARY PRAYER MINISTRY - Union UMC has a prayer ministry for members of the military, serving in the war or other conflict areas. If you would like a loved one or friend in the military lifted up in prayer, please call the church office (781-3013) or e-mail Betty Lorick at lorickbetty@bellsouth.net with the following information: name

of the service member and branch of service, country or post where stationed (if known), and local contact person here at Union (not for publication). We will publish a list of those whose names we receive and update it periodically.

Scott Beeson, Afghanistan
Jimmy Cofield, Iraq
Brad DeLoach, Iraq
Josh Dingler, Iraq
Chris Hadley, Iraq

Robert Lakin, Afghanistan
Matt McCollum, Afghanistan
Ira Plyler, Iraq
Jerry Thomas, Iraq

Nicholas Wells, Afghanistan
Craig Wilkes, Jr., Kuwait
Keith Wingard, Afghanistan

RECREATION

SUMMER YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACTICES

Jr. Boys – Mondays at 6:00 pm in Wesley Center

Jr. Girls – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in Wesley Center

MEN'S BASKETBALL, Wednesday's at 8:00 pm in the Wesley Center.

OUR SERVICE

Welcome New Members

The following families joined our fellowship in the months of May & June:

Nate & Linda Crocker by transfer from Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC;

Danny & Marianne Smith by transfer from Gateway Baptist Church, Irmo, SC.
They have two children, Drew (age 9) & McKenzie (6);

Nick Haigler by transfer from McGregor Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC
and his wife, **Lauren**, by transfer from Bethel UMC, Spartanburg, SC;

Sonny Dickey on Profession of Faith;

Russ Marchese also on Profession of Faith;

Durham Harrison by transfer from Williston UMC, Williston, SC
and his wife, **Beverly**, on Profession of Faith;

Jeff & Susan McLane by transfer from Main Street UMC, Columbia, SC.

New Member Sundays

The 4th Sunday of each month has been set aside to receive new members at the end of each worship service. If you are interested in becoming an 'official' part of Union UMC, please contact Gwen Parnell at 781-3013, Ext. 122, to find out more about New Member Sundays.

Prayer Requests Welcomed! Everyone is invited to join this intercessory prayer group on Monday mornings in LL14 or by lifting your prayer requests to GOD between 9:00-10:00 a.m. Thomas Cowart and a group of devoted followers of Christ gather at Union for prayer. Your prayer requests can be shared with this group. Call the church office and submit your requests for prayer. Your prayer requests can be submitted to: <mailto:dick.holliday@unionunitedmethodist.org> or drop them in the offering plate on Sunday.

Those who serve this Sunday

Ushers	8:30	Team 1
Lay Reader	8:30	Janet Zentz

Ushers	10:45	Team 1
Lay Reader	10:45	Jim Buck

July Scripture Readings:

July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Financial Update 6/28/09

Last Week's Revenues	\$ 17,166
YTD Revenues	\$ 632,319
Last Week's Expenses	\$ 27,872
YTD Expenses	\$ 724,189

Vital Signs for

Attendance	Worship	537
	Sunday School	440

Inclement Weather Note: If inclement weather should occur that causes conditions to be unsafe for the members to attend worship services or other church functions, information will be obtained from the Sheriff's Dept., S.C. Highway Dept, and the Weather Station. Then a decision will be made. Cancellation information will be placed on the TV report, our website at www.unionunitedmethodist.org, and the church phone message at 781-3013. If the church line is busy when you call, please try again.

HIPAA Law Reminder

Union UMC, like every church, is a family of faith. We love one another and are concerned about one another. When someone is distressed, sick, or having a difficult time with various situations and circumstances, we share that information with one another and pray for them. HIPAA laws have made ministry much more complicated by complicating the sharing of personal information. When we remember the chief concern of those laws was to ensure the dignity and privacy of individuals and their families during times of sickness, I am sure we can (although we may not agree with all aspects of the law) all understand.

The information age has made it possible to e-mail and post the most private intimate health issues. Our emotional concern and desire to share can sometimes hurt others. When posting e-mails and sharing health information about others, let us please remember to use generalities and non-specific descriptions of illnesses and let the families choose to share the most intimate details with other family members and friends.

How to Reach Us

Summer Office Hours (June 8 – Aug. 7, 2009)

Monday—Thursday 8:00 am—4 pm
Friday 8:00 am—12 pm

Regular Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:00 am—5 pm
Friday 8:00 am—1 pm

Main Office

803.781.3013

Our Ministry Team

Senior Minister – Ext. 102

[Rev. Dr. William H. Phillips](#)

Minister of Visitation

[Rev. Paul Van Dine](#)

Associate Minister for Young Adult Ministry – Ext. 103

[Rev. Joel McMakin](#)

Minister for Senior Adult Ministries

[Rev. Dick Holliday](#)

Director of Music – Ext. 108
[Suzanne Ringer](#)

Director of Church Operations – Ext. 101
[Debbie Wood](#)

Director of Children’s Ministries– Ext. 107
[Jim Magann](#)

Administrative Assistant – Ext. 122
[Gwen Parnell](#)

Nursery Coordinator –345-2401
[Michelle Woods](#)

Custodians
[Jerry Addison & Emily Corley](#)

Preschool & Kindergarten Office Hours (When in Session – September through May)
Monday—Friday 8:30 am—2 pm
803.781-0630
Preschool & Kindergarten Director
[Barbie Creswell](#)

Director of Youth Ministries
[David Clifton](#)– Ext. 106

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