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Easter Greetings, and may God's grace and peace be with you!

As we continue to live out our daily life in 2013 and hopefully anticipating warmer weather, much like the Christmas season—Easter can be a time when we are emotionally on cloud nine...whether it be at church or with family and friends! As many look to settle down from the busy schedule, with children getting back into the routine of school, we are once again reminded that regardless of the season...whether we are up or down...having a great day or battling temptation—**God is always the same!**

I recently received a devotional email which prompted me to think that maybe this is a great time and opportunity for us to remember—**God is always in our corner!** The article is titled “Knowing Who Will Catch Us” and goes like this...

“In a book titled *Sabbatical Journeys*, Henri Nouwen wrote about the special relationship that trapeze artists have with one another when performing.

He had some friends known as the *'Flying Roudellas'* and they described to him what goes on between the flyer and the catcher. They told Nouwen that the flyer is the one that lets go, and the catcher is the one that catches. As the flyer swings high above the crowd on the trapeze, the moment comes when he must let go. He arcs out into the air. His job is to remain as still as possible and wait for the strong hands of the catcher to pluck him from the air.

One of the Roudellas told Nouwen, ‘The flyer must never try to catch the catcher. The flyer must wait in absolute trust. The catcher will catch him, but for the catcher to be able to do that, the flyer must let go and completely trust that he will be caught.’”

I understand that some do not feel the same way...but Easter, like Christmas, has always been an easier time for me to grow in my faith! Maybe it is all the attention being paid to those seasons...maybe it is because of so many other topics in the Bible to hear about throughout the rest of the year...or, maybe it is just me! But especially during challenging times in my life, I can always count on being lifted up and growing in my faith during those seasons!

That is why the devotion about the *'Flying Roudellas'* is such an important reminder! Because whether it is during Easter, Christmas or any other season or time...it is vital we remember—while God IS always there...we do not have to catch God! Rather, we must “let go and completely trust that we will be caught” by God...any day...any time...anywhere --- because God's promise is—GOD WILL...and God is faithful to His promises, as we just celebrated on Easter Resurrection Sunday!!!

So as we continue to live out our daily life in 2013...let us strive to “let go and trust” in God daily...knowing that **God is always the same...and there to always catch us!**

What an awesome God we serve! Amen?

May God's grace and peace continue to be with you...each and every day!

Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill



**NATIVE AMERICAN
MINISTRIES SUNDAY, APRIL 21**
Breaking Barriers of History and Culture

There are six Sundays in the year that a conference wide offering is taken, and Native American Ministries Sunday is one of them. We support this mission through our Advent offering. "Celebrating Native American gifts and contributions is the focus of Native American Ministries Sunday. This observance on the second Sunday after Easter is an opportunity—through a special offering—to nurture mission with Native Americans and provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

A scholarship recipient said, "My hope for my children is to know who they are as Native people, to know those core values that were taught to them and to know God created them and it's OK to be who God created them to be." Thank you! --Adapted from an article by Michelle Harvey Erpenbach, *Dakotas Connection*



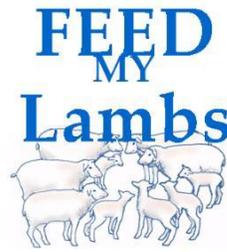
There will be a CPR class on Saturday, April 20th beginning at 9:00am as an integral

part of the Safe Sanctuary policy. Several individuals have been identified and required to take the class as a part of their job description. The instructor is able to teach 20 people in the class, so this opportunity is being opened up to the congregation. If you are interested in taking the class please let the church office know, so adequate materials can be available. This is free.



**MOTHER'S DAY FLORAL
ARRANGMENT**

If you would like to purchase one or more Carnations for Mother's Day, May 12, please complete the insert and drop it in the offering plate, mail it or bring it by the church office. The cost is \$2.50 each or 3 for \$6.00 Please make note that this Sunday May is the last day for purchasing carnations for Mother's Day. You may take your carnation home after worship. The proceeds will go to the Children's Ministry. (see back page)



"Feed my Lambs". That banner in our church says it all. While helping prepare for the recent 2nd Blessings Fashion Show and

Luncheon, I kept telling myself it wasn't really about the fashions or the luncheon. It was about Benevolence and Backpacks.

When I walked into the delightfully decorated fellowship hall prior to the big event, I felt a real sense of peace. The theme of nature with plants and birds and clouds (!) was refreshing. When I observed some women joyfully serving behind the scene, I silently praised God. When the music began and the master of ceremony spoke, I knew we were blessed with additional talents. And when I saw the models and overheard some young women looking at the fashions and wishing for them, I felt grateful for the presence of God's power in bringing the event all together!

Thanks to all who participated in any way during this fundraiser. Your donations of clothing, service and/or attendance will help to feed God's lambs. May you feel renewed and rejuvenated during this special season.
Marion Stowe

~~~~~**Men's Study Group**  
**Tuesday night's 7pm in Parlor**~~~~~



**PRAYERS**  
*for our*  
**CHURCH**

**PRAYER TIME**

Join us as we share and pray for our families, our church family, our nation and our world. Prayer is a special part of our relationship with the Lord. Join us in the Prayer

Room on Sunday, April 21st at 5:00pm. If you have special prayer requests that you would like to share, please contact the church office, Mrs. Minnie Lee Winborn 753-4236 or Suzanne Edwards 753-7844.



**ATTENTION SENIOR ADULTS**

A Spring outing is being planned. Watch for details in upcoming church bulletins.



**UMW  
News**

It's finally April and maybe spring is here.

We have had all kinds of weather- cold, few snowflakes, rain and wind. I would like to thank each and every one who helped with the "2<sup>nd</sup> Blessings Fashion Show and Luncheon". I think it was a successful event and will be able to help the Back-Pack for Kids and Farmville Benevolent Ministries. We have at least \$2000 and maybe a little more, with one small bill not yet in. I'll let you know what the final total is next month. The clothes that were not sold were donated to "My Sister's Closet". I am so proud of all the United Methodist

Women in our church.

Dates to Remember:

- April 20 – Mission Study "Poverty" at Woodington UMC in Kinston
- May 20 / 24 – Meals on Wheels; Circle IV

Thank you again and remember it takes everyone!

In Christian Love,  
Darlene Gaynor



March was another great month for the Youth. We spent a lot of time with the Easter festivities and

discussing the wonderful meaning of this holiday. Looking ahead at April, we will continue to gear up and plan some more fundraising events to help support our trip to Lake "J" this summer! Thanks to everyone who came out the soup and sandwich supper, it was a great success and will very much help us toward our goal! If anyone is interested in sponsoring a youth to Lake "J" please see me! Happy Spring to all!

Schedule

- April 7th- Combined Youth Meeting **6:00-7:30**
- April 14th- Jr High (5:00-6:30), Combined Dinner (6:00), Sr High (6:00-7:30)
- April 21st- Combined Youth Meeting **6:00-7:30**
- April 28th- Jr High (5:00-6:30), Combined Dinner (6:00), Sr High (6:00-7:30)



Just a reminder to those who participate in the Fellowship time between the Early Service and Sunday School: please sign up to provide refreshments for a Sunday in April or May. The calendar is located by the coffee pot in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to those who have already done this several times this year.



- April 14: Paula Tugwell
- April 21: Brandon Carraway
- April 22: Mary C. Moore

- April 24: Billy Baker
- April 27: Beth Hardy



Andrew , Jacob Parks and family, Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Edna Erwin (healing), Minnie Lee Winborn (health),

Kirsten Baker (healing), Alex Alvraez, Jr. (healing), Vickie Herring (health), Billy Baker (healing), Paul Grimes (healing), Kailey Eaton (healing), Jeff Albritton (healing), Michele Wells & family (in Algeria, cousin of Ann Rodgers), Frank Hemmingway (healing) Jo Ann Lang (recovery), Dorothy Wilson (healing) Edgar Cardana (healing) Alec and Mission Team (Jonathan's nephew), Scuttie, Coley and Graceleigh Harper Hood (daughter, Graceleigh , newborn with major complications) Lynnette Williams (healing), unspoken request.



~~HANDICAPPED PARKING AREAS~~

Please do not park in the "handicapped parking" areas as they are designated for those in need. Also, please do not use the loading areas for long term parking because it prevents those who need to make deliveries, from having a place to unload.  
Board of Trustees



**CARNATIONS FOR MOTHER'S DAY**



You may purchase one or more carnations to be placed in the Mother's Day Floral Arrangement on May 12 by completing this form and placing it in the offering plate, mail it to or bring it by the church office. The last day to purchase carnations is Sunday, May 5. The cost is \$2.50 for one or 3 for \$6.00. The proceeds will go toward our Children's Ministry.

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