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

A brother & sister in Christ, graciously offered their condo at the beach for Jean and I to get away for a few days! As we unpacking and settling in, I noticed a devotional book on the nightstand...titled, "Devotions for the Beach...and days you wish you were there" by Miriam Drennan.

It is an interesting devotional because it connects its readers with the common place things found at the beach (and sometimes even in Farmville)--like driftwood, flip-flops, dolphins, buoys, jellyfish, hammocks, clear nights, etc., with of course God, biblical stories, life's challenges, blessings, etc. As you might expect, many caught my attention. However one really stood out for me... and hopefully for you as well! It is entitled, "Mysteries"...and talks about the mysteries and attention getting stories which are a "part of the beach's folklore." It goes on to say--many times we view God in that way (in addition to our commitment)... as folklore too! We love to hear beach stories handed down from generation to generation, and tales that make our hearts race and stir our imagination! Yet, "we yawn at the beautiful mysteries and miracles of God—accounts that reveal His character and set forth truth and promises for each one of us." So Ms. Drennan asks, "How real is God to you?"...or is God more like folklore? It is a question that should stir our imagination and make our hearts race as well, as we think of **Jesus being raised from the dead...being alive...and living in us**—even as we read this article! Yet brothers and sisters in Christ...does it stir you? So again, how real is God to you...right now this moment?

I hope as you read those words, especially of **Jesus being raised from the dead...being alive...and living in us**, you maybe had goosebumps...felt the Spirit of God move within you...or SOMETHING! Otherwise, God just may be---becoming like folklore...wherein it may be nice to have a God who listens and answers our needs when we want...but in the end—Jesus is just a nice guy...and the stories in the Bible are simply nice to hear!

It is these type of battles, as Christians, we face (and are going to be discussing in a sermon series for the next several weeks). The Apostle Paul reminds us that our struggles are not with flesh and blood...but against evil, the dark spiritual forces which surround us and strives to confuse and separate us in our relationship with God, through His Son Jesus!

Brothers and sisters...God the Father, Jesus Christ/God the Son and God the Holy Spirit may be a mystery in some ways to us...but they **ARE NOT** folklore or myth!

As some point in our life, you and I have proclaimed Jesus resurrected and alive...so even in the midst of confusion or wondering, we need to continue to trust in God and stand up for Jesus! What an awesome God we serve, that even in our confusion...God still loves and accepts us right where we are! Amen?

May God's grace and peace be with you...as we journey together in the mysteries of God!

Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill



Circle III News - Circle. III will meet May 19 in the church parlor. The program is by Nancy Jessup. Her guest speaker will be Carol West who will speak about the importance of the

recycled eyeglasses mission program associated with the Lions Club International. We thank all the Methodist women who worked together to make the Lenten Monday lunch a success.

Circle IV News – We had our regular meeting on April 21st. Catherine Tugwell had our program. We all enjoyed and appreciated her program very much. It was wonderful to have a young person to join us. Thank you again, Catherine. Our May meeting will be on May 19th at 7pm in the Chapel, this will be our last monthly meeting until September as we do not meet in the Summer months. Hope everyone will try to come.



UMMen will have their monthly supper meeting on Monday, May 12 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.. All men of the church are United Methodist Men. Come join us for great fellowship and good food.



Summer is upon us! I know it feels like spring only just begun, however, soon the Youth will be out of school and well on their way to Gatlinburg in July. I wanted to thank you all again for

attending our Youth Sunday and for all your support so far for the Mission Trip. The Youth will continue to meet throughout the summer and prepare for the trip in various ways. We will most likely be hosting a couple of more fundraisers as we still have around \$1500 to raise for the trip. If you would like to keep up with the progress of fundraising and any other needs we might have for the upcoming mission trip, please check out the Mission Board outside the fellowship hall doors. I pray you all have a blessed month and enjoy the beauty that God has surrounded us with. Be blessed. Jonathan Lemmon



Children & Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Children's Choir and Chancel Choir Rehearsals will continue

through Wednesday, June 11 at the regular times. The Children will sing on Mother's Day and Father's Day. After June 11, the Chancel Choir will have rehearsals each Sunday at 10:00am



.Hello All,

I just wanted to say Thank you all for coming out and supporting the Children at the FUMC Easter Egg Hunt two Saturdays ago! We had a wonderful turn out and the kids had a lot of fun! I will be sending out an email by the end of the week at the latest with a list of dates for our Sunday afternoon children's ministries activities which will last about an hour each and snacks will be provided at the end of each activity! I look forward to all the fun events we will be doing now and throughout the summer!
Thanks, Player Eason



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Weird Animals" Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-kind ~ First Baptist Church, June

16-20, from 9:00-12:00 for ages 4 thru 5 grade. Registration forms are on the information desk. Cost is \$5.00 through May 15.



STUDY

~ "LOVING GOD": SUNDAY MAY 4 TO SUNDAY JUNE 8, 6:30-7:45pm

Our emphasis shifts to "Serving God" by using our hands, time and gifts to serve others and share Christ! The focus is on core traits of a committed Christian which paints a picture of what it's like to live as a passionate and dedicated follower of Jesus! Participants Guides, costing \$5/per study part, will be ordered. **Sign-up form is on the information desk by the Fellowship Hall.** Each Sunday evening session lasts about 75 minutes. For further information please talk with Pastor Bill or the Church office.

COMMUNITY MEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Community Men's Study Group will not meet on Tuesday, May 6th. Instead we ask you to consider attending the movie "Irreplaceable", a documentary on the family. It's a one night showing at 7:30pm at the Greenville Grande. For more information go to the movie website.

<http://www.irreplaceablethemovie.com/index.html>

The Men's Study Group will continue to meet through out May.



OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST WITH TORNADO RELIEF

On Monday, April 7, and Friday, April 25 tornadoes touched down in eastern North Carolina. Many of the homes that were damaged or destroyed were not insured or under-insured. The NC Conference Disaster Response team has been working with homeowners in securing supplies and volunteers to make necessary repairs. Persons wishing to volunteer are asked to contact Ann Huffman at disasterresponse@nccumc.org or call [888-440-9167](tel:888-440-9167) or [919-610-8018](tel:919-610-8018). Persons wishing to help financially can place a check in a local UM church offering plate marked for NC Storms/Advance #S-00176 which can then be forwarded by the church to the conference on the monthly remittance form. Persons can also make online donations by clicking [NC Storms Response](#).



THE UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT HOMES MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

The United Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization related by faith to the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Although affiliated with The United Methodist Church our communities welcome persons of all faiths and spiritual beliefs. Our entrance age is fifty-five. Mother's Day has become important to the United Methodist family of North Carolina Annual Conference as caring persons in all districts combine effort to assist retirement community residents whose financial resources have been depleted. The Mother's Day offering provides an opportunity for each of us to have a part in providing a "more abundant life" for residents who need financial support. **On Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day, we will be taking an offering for the United Methodist Retirement Homes.** There are three retirement homes, Croasdaile Village, located in Durham, Cypress Glen, located in Greenville, and Wesley Pines/Wesley Ridge located in Lumberton. Please make your check out to FUMC, on the Memo line: Mother's Day Offering.



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY, May 4

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/Lent 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 to nurture mission with Native Americans and provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.



COME MEET MILLI -

11AM - MAY 15 ~The Joyful Hearts (Adult Seniors) will meet at the church on Thurs., May 15 at 11:00 to meet and greet Millie. She is a sweet Therapy Dog and will make your heart joyful! Her master is a member of Therapy Dogs International. Bring a friend and come have fun with Millie at this free event! You'll be happy if you do!



19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Farmville Benevolent Ministries will be holding their **18th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 16** at the **Farmville Golf and Country Club**. This is a four-person superball tournament. The shotgun starts at 8:30am and 1:30pm. Catered lunch served from noon until 1:00pm. **The entry fee is \$70 per person or \$280 per team.** The entry includes green fee, cart, lunch, goody bag, two mulligans, red tee bister, and door prizes and raffle. An entry form is enclosed and there are entry forms at the church on the credenza in the hallways. For more information contact Rev. Rick Bailey at the First Baptist Church. (see flyer).



Message From

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is still concerned about electric bills. It has been a harsh winter, but we are \$7,000 over where we were last year at this time. We'd like to ask everyone who uses the church to be mindful when leaving and turn off the lights. If you adjust the thermostat, please reset it up or down to save a little. We have also chosen a Stewardship Campaign and you will be hearing more about that in the coming months.

Randy Erwin



"FIRST CHANCE FOR WHITE PANTS"

This note is to let you know about a new Greenville event called "First Chance for White Pants" (for an explanation about "White Pants" see letter posted on Library door) which will be held on May 29 to help us build local awareness of our mission of serving vulnerable children and families in Pitt County and across North Carolina. For more than 100 years, Methodist Home for Children has nurtured children and families in North Carolina. We provide community-based youth homes, foster care and adoption, substance-abuse and mental health services, family-based counseling and early childhood education. We serve vulnerable children and families regardless of their religion, race or economic status. "First Chance for White Pants" is a dance party to welcome summer with music by "Liquid Pleasure" and a silent auction. We need your help in procuring items from your area. We can use themed gift baskets (basket ideas posted on library door), restaurant or lodging gift certificates, artwork or anything you feel might draw bids at the silent auction. We welcome business or individuals who might be interested in being a sponsor for this event. All of us at Methodist Home for Children appreciate your help in this and every other way. Hope to see you on Thursday, May 29! You can purchase tickets at www.firstchance.mhfc.org, contact Jennifer cooper at 888-305-4321, ext. 305, or contact me at 242-717-6505. For further information contact Irene Pollard at 252-315-6555 or by e-mail, ipollard@empargmail.com. Cindy Trip Development Officer, Methodist Home for Children



Scholarship

ROLAND LANG SCHOLARSHIP

Roland Lang Scholarship is available for seniors graduating from a high school located in Pitt County, a member of the Farmville United Methodist Church and plans to attend a school located in Pitt County. See Nan in the church office for an application. All application must be returned by May 25.



DONATE GLASSES – CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE

Every day, recycled eyeglasses help someone read, succeed in a job, keep their independence, provide communities opportunities to grow and much more. Circle III is collecting old eyeglasses. You can drop them in the basket on the information desk through May 18. Carol West will be the guest speaker for our May meeting, and will talk about the importance of this project. This project is associated with the Lions Club International. For more information please contact Nancy Jessup.



- May 4: Ian Warren
- May 5: Joy Fields
- May 14: Duke Edwards
- May 15: Kirkie Williams

- May 16: Logan Sutton
- May 19: Maggie Williams
- May 20: Evangeline Cochran
- May 22: Jean Cuthrell, Casey Johnson
- May 23: Staci Garn
- May 24: Horace Allen
- May 26: Randy Pollard
- May 28: Eloise Carraway
- May 29: Michael Tugwell
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PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR...

Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), **Tracey Smith** (health), **Minnie Lee Winborn** (health), **Kirsten Baker** (healing), **Alex Alvarez, Jr.** (healing), **Billy & Gray Baker** (health), **Kailey Eaton** (healing), **Jeff Albritton** (healing), **Graceleigh Harper Hood & Family** (healing), **Lynnette Williams** (healing), **John Sherman** (recovery), **Victims of Disasters, Carroll Oakes** (recovery), **Jesse Braxton** (recover), **Gladys Dail** (healing), **Frank Hemmingway** (healing), **Frank Powell** (recovery) **Diane Speight Rhue** (recovery). **Young men, women and adult Christian witnesses in the Holy Land** (safety and courage), **Pam S. Adams** (healing), **Dylan Riggs** (recovery), **Horace Allen** (healing), **Savannah Pollard** (healing) **Jan Cannon** (healing friend of Paula Tugwell), **Ronnie Wainwright** (healing)

To keep our prayer list up to date, please let the church office know, if a person may be removed. Thank you. Reminder – Prayer Journal is at the back of the church.



CARNATIONS FOR MOTHER'S DAY



You may purchase one or more carnations to be placed in the Mother's Day Floral Arrangement on May 11 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 4. Cost: \$2.50 each or 3 for \$6.00. The proceeds will go toward our Children's Ministry.

IN HONOR OF _____

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