



News of Boger City United Methodist Church

"A Church Whose Vision is to be United in Discipleship to Love, Lead and Serve."

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 6

7:30 am UMM Breakfast
9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00pm Cantata Rehearsal
5:30 pm Finance Cmte.
6:30 pm Church Council
6:00 pm Children's Choir
6:20 pm UMY

Monday, March 7

8:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Mother's Morning Out
6:30 pm *Change the World* Study
7:00 pm Cubs & Scouts

Tuesday, March 8

8:30 am Preschool
4:30 pm Weight Watchers
7:00 pm UMW

Wednesday, March 9

8:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Mother's Morning Out
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 10

8:30 Preschool

Friday, March 11

8:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Mother's Morning Out
Girl Scouts

COMING UP

Mar. 12, Move Your Clocks Forward

Mar. 14, 10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Circle
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
Mar. 26, 8-11:30 am Sts. & Sinners Yard Sale
Mar. 27, 11:30 am Community Luncheon
Mar. 28, 10:00 am Prayer Shawl
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry

In Mark 8:31-38 (please read), Jesus and Peter carry on a conversation. Jesus tells the disciples that He must undergo great suffering and eventually be killed. Peter rebukes Jesus, because Jesus was not going to be the teacher and Messiah that Peter wanted Him to be. Maybe Peter wanted a mighty warrior who would lead the nation of Israel back to power and prominence. Maybe Peter wanted Jesus to stay around for twenty or thirty more years, teaching, preaching, healing, and ministering to all. In any case, Peter rebuked Jesus or as Webster's would put it, "to criticize sharply, to reprimand."

Somehow Jesus did not quite fit into the mold that Peter wanted. I wonder sometimes if Jesus is the Messiah we want him to be. We want a Savior who gives us all that we ask for on a silver platter, not hardships, pain, or suffering. We want a Messiah who will tell us that obtaining self-fulfillment at any cost is fine, that we do not have to put God and the Church first in our lives. We want a Messiah who talks only of love, mercy, and forgiveness without saying anything about judgment, accountability, service, and discipleship. Somehow we expect Jesus to always be what we want Him to be, not what God calls Him to be.

Peter found out what Jesus had to say about who He should be. It was not a nice pat on the back or a positive affirmation. It was a stern rebuke or reprimand. Jesus plainly tells Peter to get his mind off of human things and start setting his mind toward Heaven. Jesus wanted Peter to look to God for the answers, not humanity. Jesus is also reprimanding us for trying to package Jesus in a nice neat, pretty little package. Jesus is telling us to let Him be the Savior He has been sent to be. He is telling us to follow Him as He is, not as we want Him to be.

Lent begins in just a couple of weeks. During Lent, may we take quiet time to meditate on who Jesus really is, not what we want Him to be. May we see where Jesus is calling us to serve, to reach out, and to love. Also, may we see that even on the cross, Christ was reaching out to save us because he loves and cares for us no matter what we do. Our task is to repent and turn from expecting Christ to be who we want, to following the Christ that God has sent.

Blessings to you all. See you on Sunday. In Christ, Allan

BCUMC "TREE OF LIFE"

We would like each member to contribute to this project to celebrate our 90th birthday.

We need a button or small piece of jewelry to represent someone in our church or someone that has been a member in the past 90 years.

Each button or jewel needs to be placed in a small plastic bag along with the name of the person to be remembered. A basket will be placed in the narthex to collect these items.

In October these items will be placed on the "Tree of Life", framed and hung in the narthex at Christmas time.



You are invited to a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower for Jordyn Devine - Bride Elect of Joe Fletcher

When: Sunday, March 13, 2011
Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Boger City UMC Fellowship Hall
2320 E. Main St., Lincolnton, NC

Registered at: Belk, Target,
Bed Bath & Beyond

Given by: Amy Farley, Dianne Finger,
Fran Cagle, Patsy Cashion, Linda Lawing,
Susan Michael, Rosalyn Ervin, and Patti Richard

Boger City United Methodist Church History Note

As was printed last month in our newsletter, the history committee wishes to share much about our church history throughout this year, our 90th year in existence. Any member of the church who would like to share recollections in the church newsletter is invited and welcomed to do so. If you need a nudge, a push, a shove, a stenographer, or a recorder, Betty Allen would be happy to help you in this regard. Please share your writings with us, or dictate your memories to others to share. This year we hope to collect much information about our beginnings, as well as our activities and accomplishments since 1921. (The more information we collect this year, the more we will have available to us when we celebrate our 100th year ten years from now!)

Reminder to Sunday school classes, UMW, UMM, UMY, Choir, Handbell Choir, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. etc. etc.: This would be a great year to update and organize your group's history here at BCUMC. Also, it is a great time to plan celebrations or special events for the 90th year of our church.

Any members of the church who have church history information you would be willing to donate, or you would be willing to let us copy, please let the church office know. We would welcome including your information in the collection of our church history.

By the way, it is not too late to get on board with the history committee to work on collecting and organizing the artifacts and information we have. We will meet most Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information contact: Bob or Gert Wood, Jane Finger, Jean Dellinger, or Betty Allen.

PRAYER LIST

All non-members names submitted will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days. Please notify the church office if names need to be added again or taken off.

Nursing Homes: Humpy Howard, Brighton Gardens, Charlotte; Geneva Proctor@ Carillon Assisted Living
Nell Willis & Dot Keener @ Cardinal Care
Doris Finger & Helen Turner @ Carolina Care Center, Cherryville

Other Prayer Concerns: Jessie Kennedy, Betty Ross, Charles Hornbuckle, Reba Goodson, Bill Kiser

Head of the Church	Jesus Christ	Pastor.....	Rev. Allan Van Meter
Pastor Emeritus & Visitation.....	Rev. Joe Ervin	Minister of Music.....	Brian Jackson
Administrative Assist.....	Joann Gantt	Sexton.....	Charles Reep
Organist	Brenda Kuster	Church email:	bogercityunited@bellsouth.net
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HESED HOUSE OF HOPE



Hesed House of Hope Volunteers are still needed to cover the following days at HHH. March 2, Female Owl, Male and Female Roosters. March 16, Female Owl, Male Rooster. If you can help please call Mary at 704 736 9872, or write your name on the board in the library. God Bless

INFORMATION MINISTRY

March 6, Bonnie Edwards
 March 13, Ann Kyles
 March 20 Libby Fletcher

SAINTS & SINNERS ANNUAL YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 AM—11:30 AM

Please bring your donated items to the Fellowship Hall Wednesday through Friday, March 23 - 25th. Class members will set up tables Friday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists; rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times in life. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised in their ministry. If you are going through a tough time and could use a caring friend, contact Betty Allen, Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator, at 704-735-1740, to see if you could benefit from this ministry.



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011
BEGIN SERVING AT 11:30 AM
EVERYONE IS INVITED
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March	3	Amy Farley Lynn Wilmoth
	4	Tim Finger
	7	Rebecca Abernethy Tracy Smith
	9	Madison Harkey
	11	Dyer Farley Gene Walker
	12	Chris Garner
	14	Bryan Loomis Ben Wolfe
	16	Dianne Finger
	17	Roy Sides Austin Harris John Hill
	18	Luryleen Lawing
	19	Jason Smith
	20	Kelcy Finger Caroline Mosteller Tammy Bynum
	21	Brenda Kuster Caleb Sigmon Sara Hill
	22	Rebecca Hollis
	23	Craig Jackson
	25	Mac Burris
	26	Josh Nichols
	27	Matthew Wolfe Brian Jackson Campbell Bynum
	30	Kassidy Lineberger Jessica Kuster Jeff Taylor Jim Gilbert

Nursery, March 6, 9 am

Bo & Tammy Bynum

Nursery, March 6, 11 am

Kim Ferneti, Becky Abernethy

Nursery, March 13, 9 am

Kelly Edwards, Patti Richard

Nursery, March 13, 11 am

Amanda Andrews, Libby Fletcher

Nursery, March 20, 9 am

Dean & Caroline Mosteller

Nursery, March 20, 11 am

Charlie & Hayley Reep

Nursery, March 27, 9 am

Jeff & Susan Taylor

Nursery, March 27, 11 am

Laura Ruby, Kelcy Finger

Greeters March 6, 9 am

Jeff & Karen Hurt

Greeters March 6, 11 am

Becky Abernethy, Linda Edwards

Greeters March 13, 9 am

Milton & Patsy Cashion

Greeters March 13, 11 am

Wayne & Betty Jones

Greeters March 20, 9 am

Jonathan & Brenda Barber

Greeters March 20, 11 am

Jimmie & Deanne Sigmon

Greeters March 27, 9 am

Louis & Libby Fletcher

Greeters March 27, 11 am

Terry & Dana Gates

Ushers March, 11 am

Tracy Lanier, Dean Mosteller,

Kelcy Finger

Ushers April, 11 am

Don Ballard, Terry Gates,

Jerry Park

Ushers May, 11 am

Darrell Lail, Nick Kommas,

Tony Worley

Ushers June, 11 am

Tracy Lanier, Dean Mosteller,

Kelcy Finger

Remembrances from Jean Dellinger

Jean Dellinger, a lifelong member of BCUMC who has a tremendous love for her church as well as its members and its history. She shared some of her recollections with us so we could add them to our celebration of our church history during this our 90th year.

Some of her fondest memories are of attending Sunday school, especially as a child. She looked forward to it and lovingly remembers the teachers as well as the Bible stories they taught. Each Sunday the children received their own copy of the lesson with illustrated pictures as well as the Bible story. Some teachers that stand out in her memory are Cleo Finger, Mrs. Buchanan, Leona Williamson, and Betty Goodson.

Jean feels it is hard to single out any one thing about Sunday school and church. There were so many things she loved and treasured, and she treasures them still. She learned the books of the Bible. The children were given a New Testament when they learned all of the books of the Bible. Jean still has the New Testament that was given to her at that time. Leona Williamson was her Sunday school teacher, as well as her 4th grade teacher, the year she received her New Testament.

Everyone in the church met in the sanctuary before Sunday school for an assembly led by the Sunday school superintendent. Announcements were made and birthdays were recognized. If it was your birthday, you brought pennies to give to the church to be donated to charity. After the morning assembly, everyone went to their classes for their Sunday school lesson.

After Sunday school, everyone gathered again in the sanctuary for the morning worship service. Sometimes the worship service lasted past twelve o'clock, but no one seemed to mind. Even after the service ended, they did not rush to get home. People stayed and socialized, sometimes staying until after 1 p.m.

As children, the Sunday school classes (children and teachers) sometimes visited the residents at the county home. Jean remembers sometimes riding her bicycle to the county home.

Jean loved Vacation Bible School, which met for a week in the summer, usually from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Each day at the end of VBS the children may have been given a cookie. In addition to their studies at VBS, they also made crafts. The children played games on the church grounds. Jean remembers playing horseshoes, dodge ball, and volleyball in the backyard of the church.

When Jean was a sixth or seventh grader, she went with others her age to Camp Tekoa. When she was in high school, she went with others to Lake Junaluska. There were usually two or three teens from the church that went to Lake Junaluska. The church paid their way and they stayed two or three days. They were driven to Hickory where they caught the train to Lake Junaluska. Once there, they were picked up at the train station and taken to the camp. The last night at Lake Junaluska, the cross was lit and they had communion. It was a most impressive and meaningful service that Jean still remembers fondly today.

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