



# THE BRADLEY BEACON

## Bradley Memorial United Methodist Church Newsletter

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The Western North Carolina Conference met June 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Rick Powers, our lay delegate, and I attended the sessions and worship opportunities in a hot and sometimes packed Stuart Auditorium. Bishop Goodpaster noted some of the good things happening in our Conference. Namely, he was encouraged by the increase in professions of faith, confirmation classes and transfers of members into our United Methodist Church. He celebrated over 3000 mission teams, building teams, etc., that had been set as one of our Power of 3 goals. Bradley Memorial helped with this goal with our strong support for the Habitat home built by Gaston County United Methodist Churches.

Two of the discussions were spirited with the Conference turning down a recommendation to hold the Conference in Greensboro, NC, for 2011. The Conference voted to return to Lake Junaluska next year. The other discussion was concerning the budget. The funding of the Children's Home was retained at the 2010 level of \$120,333 and scholarships for Students at Pfeiffer University and Greensboro College was set at \$89,095.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the ordination service. One of our own, the Rev. Angela Barr Hollar was ordained an elder in our United Methodist Church. (A number of folks claim Angela and we do too.) Her father, the Rev. C.B. Barr participated in her ordination.

One of the sad moments for me and the Bishop was the time the conference had to close churches. He took time to speak about how this was not a thing we wanted to do. But communities change and sometimes there are no members left to support a church. One of the churches closed was on my first charge, John's Creek United Methodist Church in the Caney Fork community of Jackson County near Cullowhee, NC.

John's Creek is a beautiful white frame church with tongue- and-groove walls and large clear glass windows you could look out and see the beauty of creation. John's Creek was a one room church and the membership had wanted to do an addition and I didn't have sense enough to say no. It was a community project with help from a number of sources. Just a few memories:

Because the church was on a hill we had to pour the footings using wheelbarrows full of concrete. We pushed the wheelbarrows to the truck and they dumped the concrete in and off we would go. I think my tire was flat. One time when we were at a stop and discussing the next move, Jack Wimberly, one of the members spoke and said, "We're building this for the Lord so someone might come and know the Lord Jesus Christ." Those words were a blessing to me and have been since.

Another memory I had occurred after the inspection. Before we could move into the new fellowship hall, the inspector noted there was dry grass under the building. This was a fire hazard. I had to crawl under the building and scrap out all the dry grass. I give thanks for these precious memories.

I'm grateful the Bishop has appointed me as your minister for the coming year. I look forward to the challenges and ask for your prayers as we continue to serve our Lord together.

Sincerely,  
*Pastor Eric*

## SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS

**Assisted Living:** Irene Huskins, Arzelia Hicks, Chuck Hutchins, Lena Wright, Lawrence Holland, Norma Jean Grayson, Elene Dodgen, Eloise Nesbitt, Raymond Bradley  
**Other Needs:** David Holland, Brenda & Dwight Grimsley, Junior Greely (cancer -Pat Adams' nephew), Lora Karabatsos, Linda Deal (cancer), Jake & Ruth Kellar (friends of Herman & Judy Dalton), Diane Wood, Jack Brown (bone cancer), Cathy Maynard (friend of Frieda Tate), Lois Moore (Cathy Boshamer's mother), Jamie Jenkins (Jim & Ada Mae Jenkins son), Marough Gardner (3 yr. old with cancer-distant relative Herman & Judy Dalton), Lisa Medlin (cancer-neighbor of Leonard & Darlene Dalton), Maj. Darren W. Rhyne (U.S. Air Force), Eileen Martin (cancer-Michael Hunter's mother), Larry Carpenter (friend of Sherri Sparrow), Riley Conner Burgess, Sarah Barone (friend of Leslie Wyatt), Harry Ormand (cancer), Dennis Morrison, Kelly Medlin's mother, Sadie Absher, Jean Surbeck, Larry Crenshaw, Robert Spencer, Terry Propst, Cindy Hensley (co-worker Amy Powers), John Dunivan (friend of Rick & Amy Powers), Harry & Debbie Spencer, Mildred Coker

## Meetings

The Staff Parish Committee will meet Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the library.

### Special Announcements

Welcome to High Seas Expedition, where kids will explore the mighty love of God! Get ready for a swashbuckling adventure through God's Word, and discover that God shows his powerful love throughout Scripture.

High Seas Expedition is awash with fun for kids, teenagers and adults. Everyone involved in *this* VBS will dive into God's Word...and never be the same again! Not only do kids experience amazing Bible adventures but they'll also watch for God in everyday life through God Sightings. Kids discover that God is active in our lives and that his fingerprints are *everywhere!*

You can register or volunteer for our VBS at [www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Bradley](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Bradley). Also, you can visit our online giving site at:

[www.fundraising.group.com/site/highseas/BradleyVBS2010](http://www.fundraising.group.com/site/highseas/BradleyVBS2010)

This site gives information for needed supplies for VBS.

## Children's Summer Activities

- **June 29 - Wet and Wild Trip**  
(this is a rain-date from last year-if you don't have a ticket, the cost is \$32.99 if purchased on-line)  
**Meet at the church at 7:30 am. Bring money for lunch.**
- **July 7 - Kid Senses**  
**Admission is \$5. Bring money for lunch.**  
**Meet at the church at 9:00 am.**
- **July 21 - Lake Lure**  
**Admission is \$6 for kids and \$8 for adults. Bring money for lunch. Meet at the church at 8:00 am.**
- **July 26 - 30 VBS at Bradley**
- **August 4 - Bowling at AMF**  
**Cost is \$3.00. Bring money for lunch.**  
**Meet at the church at 10:00 am.**  
For more details or questions call Kim @ 704-691-2513 home or 704-214-7796 cell.

## Honorariums & Memorials

### In Memory Of:

**Jack Burroughs** by Juanita Spencer, Jake & Mary Lou Hord

**Clyde Wright** by Lena Wright & Family

### In Honor Of:

**Janis & Victoria Justice** by David & Nancy Boyd

**Norman Jenkins** by Normaline Phillips

**Clyde Wright Class** by Leonard & Darlene Dalton

**All Veterans** by Robert, Kris & Erin Metcalf

**Banks Bradley** by Charlie & Kathy Gray

**Kenny Ballard** by Russ & Joyce Clark, Juanita Spencer, Helen Honeycutt

**Terry Propst** by Cornelia McCarver

**Bob Spencer** by Cornelia McCarver

**Jean Surbeck** by Juanita Spencer, Sam, Kelly & Kylie Whitesides, Herman & Judy Dalton, Clyde & Barbara Whitlock, Cornelia McCarver

## **NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH**

### **From United Methodist News Service**

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#### **Churches struggle with debt load**

NEW YORK -- A new report shows the congregational debt load of local churches rose from approximately \$260 to \$420 per member between 2000 and 2007, growing about 6 percent faster than the annual inflation rate. Overall, the Sustainability Advisory Group's report suggests some tough solutions may be necessary to help The United Methodist Church remain financially viable as membership continues to decline.

#### **Mission fields expand across the globe**

EDINBURGH, Scotland — In today's world, Christian mission flows in all directions. The rapid growth of African, Asian and Latin American missionaries and the evolution of Western Europe into a mission field are two of the major changes that have occurred in the hundred years between a historic World Missionary Conference of 1910 in Edinburgh, Scotland, and a global mission conference this month in the same city. About 40 per cent of The United Methodist Church's missionaries, for example, are from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

#### **Singer launches 50-state 'spiritual healing' tour**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Josh Oldaker dreamed of becoming a country music singer. But he heard another calling. Oldaker decided to use his singing talent to spread the message of God, more specifically a song that touched his heart and became the name of his 50-state tour: Heal Me. "God leaned on my heart that I needed to share this song with the United States," he said.

#### **Church distributes food aid in Zimbabwe**

HARARE, Zimbabwe – From March to May, the United Methodist Committee on Relief partnered with the United Methodist Church of Zimbabwe to distribute 408 metric tons of maize meal to more than 16,300 households in the church's 12 districts.

#### **United Methodists 'net' \$2 million for Sierra Leone**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Through [Imagine No Malaria](#), a tangible expression of the Global Health initiative, the people of The United Methodist Church have contributed \$2 million to distribute long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets in Sierra Leone, where malaria is a leading cause of death.

#### **United Methodist professors win awards**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--Forty professors at United Methodist-related schools, colleges, and universities have received the Exemplary Teacher Award from the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry. This program, a partnership with United Methodist-related educational institutions, expresses the church's support of and appreciation for outstanding teaching on our campuses.

#### **North Carolina conference names chapel for Dixon**

GARNER, N.C.--The chapel and meeting room of the new headquarters of the United Methodist North Carolina Annual (regional) Conference was dedicated June 6 to the memory of the Rev. Sam Dixon. A clergy member of the conference, Dixon was head of the United Methodist Committee on Relief when he died of injuries suffered in the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti. The new headquarters building opens this month



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**During the months of July and August, the Mary Martha Class will meet for Sunday School at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to come.**

**Summer Schedule for the Clyde Wright Class - July 4<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:15 am – 9:45 am. Everyone is invited to come.**

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Sandi Rhyne	7/1
SaraKate Ryan Falconi	7/1
Pat Lensgraf	7/2
Tia Bradley	7/2
Samantha Bradley	7/2
Nell Connor	7/3
Michael Ledford	7/3
Helen Styers	7/6
Phyllis Corn	7/8
Mary Coley	7/9
Jackie Gaddis	7/9
Katelyn Bradley	7/9
Beverly Reece	7/10
Penny Barker	7/10
Amy Lambert	7/12
Barbara Whitlock	7/14
Ruthie Howe	7/15
Dana Griffin	7/15
Blake Griffin	7/15
Nelson Riley	7/19
Ethan Barker	7/20

Extra copies of The Lay Delegate Annual Report are available in Lena's Corner.

Mike Peters	7/23
Eloise Nesbitt	7/23
David Honeycutt	7/23
Wes Styers	7/23
Rob Tate	7/24
Hariett Hardee	7/24
Betty Bradley	7/26
Brenda Barker	7/28
Banks Bradley	7/28
Hannah Howe	7/28
Neil Smith	7/30
Eliza Badger	7/30
Thelma Threatt	7/31
Gregg Hoffman	7/31

Congratulations to Bill and Faye Finison for being honored at the Annual CAM Volunteer Luncheon. Faye was recognized for ten years of volunteer service and Bill for fifteen years.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

"Undies Sunday" is August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. Contribute new underwear and socks for the homeless and needy in our community. All ages and sizes.