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I frequently receive helpful email messages from members of our church family. Many are too long to share, but a recent message was too timely not to share. I've edited it slightly for content and space. I hope that you will join me and add this to your prayer list. And remember, God loves you; and so do I.

Mac

Whether you voted for Barack Obama or not, you need to pray for him. Here are ways I plan to intercede for him regularly:

1. Pray for Obama's protection. Cover his wife and daughters in prayer. It is not easy to live under constant media scrutiny.
2. Pray that Obama will govern with God's wisdom. God rewarded Solomon because he asked for wisdom instead of wealth, long life or vengeance on his enemies (see 1 Kings 3:11-12). Pray that Obama will prayerfully order his priorities.
3. Pray that God will keep our president humble. Many great American leaders became corrupt after assumed office. The fatal attraction of fame, wealth, and power proved irresistible. May God deliver President Obama from the curse of pride.
4. Pray for wise and righteous advisers to surround Obama. Godly leaders cannot do their job alone. Even the best leaders have failed because they trusted the wrong people.
5. Ask for the spirit of reconciliation. Each new day brings new opportunities. Pray that God will grant forgiveness and healing so that leaders on all political levels can have constructive dialogue, and work together for the good of our nation and the world.
6. Pray that our nation and the world will enjoy God's peace and blessing during the Obama administration. The apostle Paul instructed early believers to pray for all in authority "so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Tim. 2:2, NASB).

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Report by **Toby White**

Christmas Project for Waccamaw Youth Center — The deadline for this project is Sunday, December 7. We want to provide a new keyboard and an art supplies kit for the boys at WYC which would provide two new activities for them. The minimum cost for these items is \$1,100. Excess funds will be used to provide movie tickets, gift certificates to Walmart, and other alternatives as we provided last year. This project is monetary donations only, with checks marked for “WYC Christmas Project.” Donations can be left in the offering plate or in the church office.

Blood Drive — The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, from 9 a.m to 2 p.m.

CAP — Food items needed this month are rice (1#, 2#, and 3# packages preferred) and cereals. The requests for food continue to increase and are expected to further increase as the economic situation continues to decline. Your donations are very much appreciated.

THE SHEPHERD’S TABLE

For the month of December, FUMC’s commitment to the Shepherd’s table is as follows:

Cooking — December 15
2:45 — 5:00 p.m.

Serving — December 30
4:45 — 7:00 p.m.

Please help us help those in need.
Contact **Brad Todd** (488-0234) if you are able to assist with this project.

ADVENT LUNCHEONS

All Luncheons are from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 1

Host Church: Trinity UMC
Speaker: Rev. Mac Kinnett, First UMC

Monday, December 8

Host Church: Kingston Presbyterian
Speaker: Rev. Carl Hunsucker, Trinity UMC

Monday, December 15

Host Church: Saint Paul’s Episcopal
Speaker: Rev. Don Steins, Kingston Presbyterian

Monday, December 22

Host Church: First Baptist
Speaker: Father Tripp Jeffords, Saint Paul’s Episcopal



GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Betty Dew by Myron & Maxine Dunn
Charles Martin by Carolyn Causey; Charles & Sue Dusenbury; Billy & Libby Jones; Britt & Nancy Stiltner
Greg Martin by Elizabeth Wellons, Rick Wellons, and Gray Hansberry; Arbor One Financial; James & Janet Barnette; T. Alec Black; Patsy Buck; Myron & Maxine Dunn; Terry Farmer; First Citizens of SC; Les and Sissy Heaton; Horry County State Bank; L.B. and Betty Hyman; George & Amy Lovell Jenkins; Edgar Johnson; Old Republic National Title Insurance Co.; R. Grant Singleton; Rena Thrasher; Waccamaw Sertoma Club, Ruthie Vaught Warren; George & Vive Wessel
Mary Lee Taylor by Rosalind Barker; Chancel Choir; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Colhoun, Jr.; Mrs. Frances Crawford; Myron & Maxine Dunn; Charles & Sue Dusenbury; Emma Thompson Sunday School Class; Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Epperson; Terry Farmer; Mrs. Patton Galloway; George & Amy Lovell Jenkins; Ann & Reg Johnson; Joe & Myra Jones; Nita Lindsey; Mrs. Nancy Mordecai; Sarah & Jim Moseley; Mr. Haywood Smith; The Lunch Bunch; The Sewing Club; Marte & Mark Thompson; Anne Washington
Robbie Huggins by Myron & Maxine Dunn; Emma Thompson Sunday School Class; Joe & Myra Jones; Billy & Libby Jones; R.B. & Mary Ellen Scarborough; Britt & Nancy Stiltner
Emma “Cece” Collins Boyd by Mary T. Foxworth and Bill Foxworth

WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Mrs. Mary Emma “Ted” Boyd, on the death of her daughter, Emma “Cece” Collins Boyd of Folly Beach, SC, who passed away on November 8.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE BY GOLDFINCH FUNERAL HOME

You are cordially invited to the twelfth annual “Service of Remembrance” at Hillcrest Cemetery on Saturday, December 6th, at 5:30 p.m. Plan to arrive early and enjoy light refreshments. A short worship service will be conducted by Reverend Mac Kinnett. Inspirational music will be provided by Mrs. Kristi Brown Johnson. The service will conclude with the lighting of approximately eight thousand luminaries.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Callie Timbes
2 Jan Kyzer
 David Bennett
3 Susan Jones
 Mary Ward
4 Caroline Todd
 Erin Todd
 Ross Fallaw
5 Ruth Land
 Bobbie Davis
 Lila Myers
6 Sandra James
8 Kathleen McCracken
 Doris Hedgepath
9 Eugenia Benton
 Benjamin Creel

10 Neal Hendrick
11 Sue Howle
 John Case
12 Wanda Huggins
13 Mary Clark
 Lori Cox
 Cole Thompson
14 Doug Roof
 Mattie Hucks
15 John Steen
 John Sunday
16 Gloria Zwack
 Allison Dudley
 Collin Fleenor
17 John McIntyre
18 Nate Nelson
 Sue Ann Green

19 Helen White
 Bill Taylor
 Richard Owen
 Ryan Smalls
21 Julie Land
23 Mary Ann Mehl
 Cindy Harper
 Frank Stilley
24 Skottowe Fox
25 Jesus
26 Wanda Kleine
27 Keith Gawith
 Lee Martin
28 Kathy Richardson
 Teresa Bell
29 Joan Booth
 Melinda Hyman
 Ryan Cox

TRUSTEES

Report by **Spivey Hood**

The leaves that were backed up on the Hut roof have been cleaned off. The door on the handicap bathroom downstairs across from the nursery has been repaired, as well as the light in that bathroom. A dead tree in the playground area will be cut, and a work crew will be organized in the spring to clean up the playground. Both vans have been repaired thanks to **Frankie Hardwick**. We want to thank Frankie for taking care of them for us. The lights in the sanctuary, Family Life Center, and outside on the porch have been fixed.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Report by **Paula Youngs**

The UMW Barbeque and Bake Sale were quite successful. We sold 425 dinners and sold out our baked goods. On December 5, the UMW will have a Christmas dinner in the FLC.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM will prepare and serve dinner to the UMW in the FLC on December 8 at 6:00 p.m.. We will also be preparing some turkeys for Waccamaw Youth around the Holidays.

MUSIC

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FUMC, Conway offers the following programs to the church and community as a time to set ourselves apart from the secular rush of the season:

ADVENT AT FUMC

Sunday, November 30 at 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS HANDBELL CONCERT

(With Carillon Choir and Voices in Bronze) — FREE CONCERT

Wednesday, December 3 at Noon

ADVENT CONCERT

(With members of the Long Bay Symphony) — FREE CONCERT

Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 P.M.

GLORIA by Antonio Vivaldi

(With Chancel Choir and members of the Long Bay Symphony) — FREE CONCERT

Wednesday, December 10 at Noon

ADVENT CONCERT

(With members of the Long Bay Symphony) — FREE CONCERT

Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 P.M.

BOWS OF HOLLY... A Christmas Musical

(With Cherub Choir and Wesley Treble Choir)

Wednesday, December 17 at Noon

ADVENT CONCERT

(With members of the Long Bay Symphony) — FREE CONCERT

Sunday, December 21 at 11:00 A.M.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

(With Lay Readers, Chancel Choir, and members of the Long Bay Symphony)

Wednesday, December 24 at 11:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

CHILDREN'S NEWS

The children have been busy during the past month preparing for Christmas events. On Friday evening, November 21, the met in the Family Life Center and filled shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child project.

Saturday, November 22, was the last Pre-School Play Day. Inflatables were only part of this fun-filled morning activity.

Rehearsals for the Christmas Program have provided some pre-Christmas excitement. The children will be taking part in the play, along with the youth, for the enlightenment and enjoyment of the church and community. HO-HO-HO, Merry Christmas!

YOUTH NEWS

FUMC 8th grade students at Conway Middle School recently inducted into the Beta Club (Honorary) are:

Skottowe Fox
Christine Gangi
Glenn Ross Gangi
Maggie Harper
Chanan James
Dylan Jenkins
Kyle McAda
Matthew Woodward

Congratulations, students!

NURSERY NEWS

Report by **Jan Kyzer**

The Nursery (1 and 2-year-old classes) are growing in number almost every Sunday. Gayle and I are so proud! The Nursery rooms are almost finished being painted, cleaned, and decorated (thanks to everyone who has helped). Thank you parents for bringing the children each Sunday to learn about Jesus, pray, and play. We have so much love and fun to share with each other. Also, many, many thanks to Gayle, April, and all the volunteers who help every Sunday.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Jonathan “Jon” and Melissa “Missy” Hayes joined our church on November 9. They have two children, **Peyton** (four years old) and **Shayla** (3 months old). Jon comes to us from Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Dillon, SC, and Missy transferred from the First United Methodist Church in Mingo, SC.

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The Computers 101 class taught by Jean Timbes concluded in November. “Thank You” Jean for a job well done.

Participants in the class were:

Catherine Causey
Harriet Edwards
Louise Goodwin
Loreese Thomas
JoAnne Weigand
Burroughs Woodward

Congratulations, students!

Let’s start the new year off right with news for January sent in to the office by December 10.

CONWAY CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Dec 8, 2008 —11:30AM to 1:00PM

WESTMINSTER ARP CHURCH
1619 PARKVIEW ROAD – CONWAY

LUNCH (\$5/per person)
RSVP BY 12/03/08
248-4140

Receipts will be donated to
Fostering Hope

PROGRAM: A Christmas Sing Along
DONATION: Food for CAP
BRING A FRIEND!

SERVING FOR DECEMBER

Children’s Church:

Dec. 7 Charles & Kathy Hucks
Dec. 14 Sammy & Debbie Johnson
Dec. 21 Jan & Emily Bitting
Dec. 28 Alicia Harper

Ushers:

Bill Foxworth, Head Usher
Randy Bell
David Bennett
Chris Britton
Philip Davis
Charles Dusenbury
Jimmy Hammond
Andy Hendrick
Hunter Jenkins
Morgan Martin
Charles Myers
Bert Owen
Lavon Singleton

Altar Guild:

Brenda Cutts
Amy Lovell Jenkins
Libby McCutcheon
JoAnn Ray
Betty Smith

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES IN THE HUT

Because of the Advent schedule of programs, there will be no evening services in the Hut from November 30 through the month of December. Services will continue through November 23, then resume January 4.