



SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 28, 2010

Miss Leigh Anne's Children's Class

Three Simple Rules Group in Pastor's Study

The Study of the Practice of the Presence of God
in the Conference Room

Handchimers Practice at 10 AM

Sunday Evening Bible Study—5 PM

Lay Reading for
February 28
Philippians 3: 17-21

Our Weekly Offering

Weekly income needed to meet the
operating budget is \$3927.08

Our Weekly Offering for 2/21/10
\$9048.00

Attendance for 2/21/10

8:30 AM — 70 / 11:00 AM — 83

CHURCH CALENDAR

- February 25 Thursday Bible Study
Patsy Jones' BDay
Grayson Wood's BDay
- February 26 **Betty & Dale Crutchfield's**
Anniv.
- February 27 **Clean-Up Day at 9 AM**
- February 28 **Wayne Beddow's BDay**
- March 2 Staff Mtg. @ 9:45 AM
Boy Scout Leaders @ 7 PM
Mildred Marshall's BDay
- March 3 Choir Practice @ 6:30 PM
Pam Riggs' BDAY
- March 4 Bible Study @ 10 AM
- March 5 Emmaus Group—Early AM
Chris Wood's BDAY
- March 7 Third Sunday in Lent
Worship and Study
Sandy Natterer's BDay
- March 8 **Hershal Porter's BDay**
- March 9 **Glen Hart's BDay**

Christian Arts Academy Planning Meeting

It's time for us to begin our planning for the 2010 Christian Arts Academy. A planning meeting will be held on Monday, March 15th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

All persons interested in working with the Christian Arts Academy are urged to attend. Lots of hands and ideas are needed. So, please come with ideas and ways that you would like to serve.



A white rose will be placed on the altar on Sunday, February 28th in loving memory of John Carl Lamb, brother of Mary Wyant. Mr. Lamb died on Thursday, February 18th.

We praise God for the life of Mr. Lamb and commend the family to the loving care of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who will comfort and sustain.

Prayer List

Brandon Bunyea
Foster Hunt - Serving in Afghanistan
Elizabeth Joyce
Helen Kandle
Jack Kilgus
James King - Serving in Afghanistan
Madeline Haga
Bill Haupt
Lindsey and Scott Hayes
Steve Herndon
Lorie Hunt
Lennie Leake
Lyman Morris
Tucker Smith
Nick Washburn
Patricia Wilczek

To add or delete a name to our Prayer List, please use a Prayer Card found in the pew rack; complete and drop in offering plate.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Please notify Norma Mills of all Prayer Chain requests. Her contact information, 978-3886 or rodandnorma@cs.com.

Assisting in Worship for February 28th

Acolytes:

8:30 AM Andrew Rosson
11:00 AM Benedict Burgess

Reader:

8:30 AM Bob Pattison
11:00 AM Leigh Ann Schiebel

Greeters:

8:30 AM Stephen Gardner
11:00 AM Jesse Cornwell

Ushers:

8:30 AM Clark Wyant
Frank Powell
11:00 AM Gary Cornwell
Jesse Cornwell

Nursery:

8:30 AM Norma Mills
11:00 AM Patty Milici

Tellers:

Scott Stone and Bev Head

SEASON OF LENT - One Minute Meditation

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me” (Ps 50:12).

The young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said, "My cross is too heavy to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you cannot bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open another door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief. "Thank you, Lord," he sighed, and did as he was told. As he looked around the room he saw many different crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that's the cross you came in with."

Sip and Chat

“Priscilla Harrington will be coordinating sign-up for Coffee Fellowship following the 8:30 a.m. service for the months of March through May. (She is away during June-October). The clipboard sign-up sheet will be placed on the food/juice table during that time. We are encouraging the provision of simple treats to accompany the juice and coffee. We will also be placing a basket by the coffee pots for your donations to defray costs for coffee, creamer, etc. This fellowship time is an important part of our Sunday worship experience and hope you will support it with your participation.”



Frank and I would like to express our appreciation for all the acts of kindness that came our way during the death of Frank's sister - Irene Carver. The prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns were greatly appreciated. We are so thankful to belong to such a caring church family.

Frank and Dolores Powell



Jefferson Area Board for Aging

JABA is looking for volunteers to become Ombudsmen who work to improve the quality of life for those in long-term care facilities and provide support to their families. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to learn more about this unique program, contact Beth (bhochstetler@jabacares.or) at 817-5271 or come to an Open House at 674 Hillsdale Drive on March 11, 2010 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM.

Basket Weaving

Patricia Woodard is looking for someone in the church who makes baskets as she has one she was working on years ago and would like further instruction on its completion. It is an egg basket. If you know of anyone, please have them contact Patricia at (757)575-0902.

The Mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

This is simple enough on face, but the question is begged...What does a fully committed disciple/follower of Jesus Christ look like as a result of being disciple in my church?

Making this kind of disciple should be the target of all we do here at Ivy Creek.

This is my answer to the question, “What does this disciple look like?”

One who more than anything wants to be like Jesus as evidenced by:

Having a passion for the text (the Bible).

Having their life formed by the text...by spending time in the Bible.

Wanting to be with Jesus by reading the text, praying, and serving others.

Being immersed in a community of believers (church, small groups, etc).

Having a life surrendered to the holy Spirit, which results in visibly bearing fruit...

Fruit of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, generosity, and self-control.

And the fruit of making of other disciples.

Becoming and making this kind of disciple is the destination toward which we all should be striving, and to which we should, as a church, be working. I will be addressing this more fully in my teaching and preaching as we journey together this year.

In His Service,

Pastor Jim

PACEM

A Pillow for Every Head

Important PACEM Meeting!!

PACEM is the shelter of last resort for homeless men and women in Charlottesville. PACEM provides this service by organizing and assisting local congregations to provide shelter and food in their churches for one or two weeks at a time. For the past several years, Ivy Creek has worked with PACEM to provide hospitality to our homeless neighbors. It has been a rich experience for our church as we have had the opportunity to see Jesus in our neighbors and hopefully we have been able to BE Jesus to them.

It is now time for our congregation to make some decisions about our future involvement with PACEM. One of our main decisions is regarding whether we will continue to function as a “partner congregation,” (where we support another church as they house the homeless) or whether we will return to being a “host congregation” (where we actually house and feed the homeless in our fellowship hall). The largest factor influencing this decision is how much commitment we have from our congregation for this cause.

This needs to be a church-wide decision. Please come to a brief meeting in the fellowship hall at 10:00 on Sunday, March 7th to discuss our future involvement with PACEM. The number of people who attend this meeting will be one indicator of our level of commitment to PACEM. Therefore, if you cannot attend the meeting, please email (kimcrater@ths85.net) or call Kim (296-4764) to share your thoughts about PACEM.

February Council Corner



Without any snow in sight we had our second council meeting of 2010. After a short devotional we got right down to work.

Budget Update

Knowing that in today's society, God's work requires a little cash, our church treasurer gave us our first report. And what a glorious report it was!!! Agnes Garver reported that despite missing two Sundays in February, we had a surplus of \$2686 for 2010. As you recall from Keith Woodard last month, this surplus is hugely important since we trimmed our budget for 2010 to truly reflect our essential needs and missions. Indeed we are in need of such surpluses to create a capital fund for several potential concerns that our Trustees have brought to our attention, namely the gravel repairs to our parking lot, our Church roofs and the HVAC units. We are indeed grateful that our prayers this year continue to be answered through our generous members and visitors to Ivy Creek. Thanks be to God!

Education Spotlight

Our spotlight team this month almost has to be our Education team, now co-chaired by Sue Smith and Leigh Anne Schiebel. The Education team shared that they are facing many challenges and had to prioritize at this time regarding what needs our attention the most. Right now that seems to be our Sunday Schools for our children, youth and adults. The Education team will be actively reviewing study curriculum with Pat and Don McNicoll of First United Methodist Church to gain new perspectives and ideas on how to proceed. Pressing needs include age appropriate classes with consistency in teachers, and assistants willing to step in to provide breaks for a core group of teachers. In addition, a welcoming fun space for our children continues to be a very real concern for us. As you can see, the team is working very hard to set priorities and get the education program on track. They continue to be in prayer as to our paid youth director position.

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Worship and Missions

Betty Wingfield and our Worship team were also very busy this month. Members attended a special session of the Five Talent Academy which focused on worship. Our Worship team continues to glorify God by providing all of us each week with a beautiful, solemn, and welcoming sanctuary. Kim Crater reports that this snow has provided some unexpected challenges in scheduling our upcoming summer mission events. Seems it would be nice to have the kids out of school for going to Projects Crossroads and the Christian Arts Academy, so this small little hiccup may need to be addressed through a little tinkering with some calendars. Within the Weekly Reader you will read more from Kim about our Missions.

Action Item: 5th Sunday Blessings

The Council voted to have our 5th Sunday combined services this year. We appreciate there are pros and cons to a combined service, but on the whole we felt it was imperative for us to come together as one congregation of Ivy Creek on these Sundays to celebrate the large combined group of God's people that we are. We need to meet each other and this is a great way to worship together and enjoy a potluck lunch with each other as a truly special Ivy Creek event!

Also in the Weekly Reader

You will see several additional reports and concerns in the Weekly Reader from members of the Church Council. We understand that Bob Pattison and the Building Team have a meeting soon (weather permitting) and we look forward to hearing from them at our March 29th meeting.

Tending to Our Spiritual Growth – Pastor Jim

In closing, we were all blessed as Pastor Jim shared with us his perceptions of “What does a disciple at ICUMC look like?” Indeed all activities of the church should point toward discipleship. Pastor Jim will be sharing more about Ivy Creek disciples with all of us over these next weeks. I for one am looking forward to those discussions.

Joyfully,
Kathy Haugh

DEEPENING YOUR EFFECTIVENESS

On Saturday, March 6th, the District Academy will offer training on the book Deepening Your Effectiveness. Registration will begin at 9 AM and we will go till 4 PM. Lunch will be provided so we need your reservations. The training will be held at Hinton Avenue UMC.

Please contact Evelyn to reserve your lunch. I hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Pastor Jim