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"SIGNS AND WONDERS"

This Lenten season I chose to fast from one night of TV. Confession time: I am a night-time crime drama junkie. I find it a temporary escape from the stress of life. For just a couple of hours, I get to view the drama of someone else's life and escape from my own. Instead of watching crime dramas on Thursday nights, I chose to add time with my family. Although I'm writing this before the end of Lent, here are just two ways I have spent time with my family on Thursday nights: Josh and I made chocolate chip cookies and Keith and I have been to see the musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". In John 15, Jesus commands us to abide in him (not in the TV set). He goes on to say that those who remain in-him will produce much fruit, but apart from him, we can do nothing. My TV viewing habits had been negatively influencing my effectiveness for Christ - as well as my carbon footprint. I decided to change a few of my habits this Lent and hopefully for a long time to follow. (Check out the Stewardship Nuggets later in this newsletter. You will see a startling statistic.) Though the first few weeks were a struggle, I found eye-opening laughter in the following poem:

"The 23rd Channel"

The TV is my shepherd, I shall want.
It makes me lie down on the sofa.
It leads me away from the Scriptures.
It destroys my soul.
It leads me in the path of sex and violence,
For the sponsor's sake.
Yea, though I walk in the shadow of my
Christian responsibilities,
There will be no interruption,
For the TV is with me.
Its cable and remote, they control me.
It prepares a commercial before me in
The presence of worldliness;
It anoints my head with humanism,
My coveting runneth over.
Surely laziness and ignorance shall
Follow me all the days of my life:
And I shall dwell in the house
Watching TV forever. - Author Unknown

I am with you always, Sharon

WORSHIP

Holy Week Worship

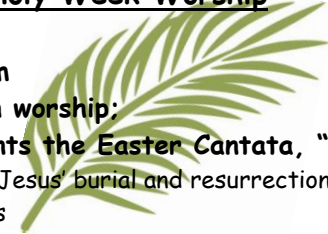
Palm Sunday

Worship; 10:35am

Children singing in worship:

NMV Choir presents the Easter Cantata, "Majesty".

Come and celebrate Jesus' burial and resurrection through these powerful songs



Palm Sunday 3/28

Prayer Walk; 5:30-8:00pm

The Prayer Walk is a meditative prayer journey with activities along the way that will help you focus on your spiritual journey with God through yourself, your families, your church, your community, and your world. Your walk will end with prayers for healing and wholeness with anointing oil and Holy Communion.



You will be guided along the walk by a Prayer Guide. The Walk will occur within the walls of NMV. Your journey on the Prayer Walk will take approximately 25 minutes to complete. You may arrive at the Fellowship Hall anytime between 5:30pm and 8:00pm. As you arrive, you will be gathered in small groups and given instructions to begin your walk. Groups will begin the walk approximately every 10 minutes.



Maundy Thursday Service 4/1; 7:00pm

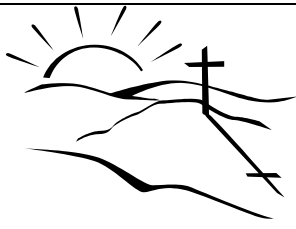
"Take This Cup from Me," service of remembrance led by women of New Mount Vernon. A tumbler, a Communion chalice, a mug ... every cup tells a story. This unique service uses Jesus' impassioned plea in the Garden of Gethsemane, as the basis for this slice-of-life episodes. Come share in Jesus' acceptance of his Father's will for him even when it involved pain. We pray you will leave with a word of hope.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 4/2 at 7:00pm

Presented by the NMV Youth. Step back into the darkness for an extended meditation on the passion of Christ.



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Easter Egg Hunt 4/3 from 2:00-3:30pm.



Sponsored by the Kidz Design Team. Begins in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to bring your Easter basket for hunting eggs!

Easter Sunday Worship 4/4 at 10:35am.

Come and celebrate the risen Christ!

All worship experiences will be held in the Sanctuary unless otherwise noted.



WE UPHOLD THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS:

Prayer Concerns and Praises (Family Altar)

Our Church and Its Ministries Francisco Arguello, Sue & Raleigh Addair, Shirley Addington, Garrett Anderson, Addison Biesecker, Ann Booth, Georgia Burton, Taylor Butler, Mary Chambers, Suzette Charles, Carlos Childress, Charlotte Collins, Family of Louray Crowell, Maxine Delcambre, Johnnie Dulin, Warren & Grace Fairchild, Xenia Ferris & sister Cebu, Frances Glascoe, Cindy Hastings, The family of Kay Holland, Brian Huffman, Emory Johnson, Ron Johnson, Max Jones, Tammy Lambeth, Anita Love, Betty Rae McAlpin, Lois McGee, Barbara Mape, Luella Marvin, Nash Family, Jake & Maureen Orbock, Helen Poindexter, Kitty Presley, Dovie Preston, The Art and Steve Roberts' Families, David Roberts, Gavino Ruiz, Harry Sapp, Jennifer & Charlie Squires, Catherine Stanley, Beverly Tharpe, Kate Thornton, Cindy Tucker, Alayna Ward, Bob Yokeley, Harriet Yokeley, Thelma Yokeley, **all disaster victims**, leaders of our country, our police officers, our troops, and the unemployed. **Our Missionaries**-Nicola Appelbe, Russia; **Shut-ins**: Eddie Anderson, Rev. Giles Bowman, Sr., Vernon Collins, Virginia Craven, Jack Eller, Margaret Hawks, Mary Spurgeon, Catherine Thomas, Betty Vile

FLOWERS FOR GOD'S ALTAR

4-04 In honor of Danny & Cindy Bower's 21st Anniversary on April 8, 2010

- 4-11 In honor of Paul Ferris' birthday by Xenia Ferris
- 4-18 In honor of Taylor Burke's 16th birthday.
- 4-25 In memory of John & Blanche Pritchett & A.W. Glascoe by Janet Glascoe
- 5-02 In memory of our mothers by Benny & Sandra Yarboro
- 5-09 In honor and memory of all mothers by UMW
- 5-16 In memory of Linda Marie Ferris by Paul & Xenia Ferris
- 5-23 In honor of Tyler Yokeley's 7th birthday by Dean & Marcia Yokeley
- 5-30 In memory of A.W. Glascoe by Deanna Brown & Frances Ann Nichols

BY OUR PRESENCE:

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

February 21, 2010	96
February 28, 2010	93
March 7, 2010	87
March 14, 2010	81

BY OUR GIFTS:

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS

"Did you know that the average U.S. parent spends over thirty-eight minutes per week actively engaging their children?" **Want to turn off your TV?** Try one of these educational alternatives to channel surfing: **Creation scavenger hunt.** Create a list of natural things that can be seen outside where you live-pinecones, acorns, flowers, leaves, feathers, insects, rocks. Have your children search for each item on the list.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Year to Date 2/28/2010

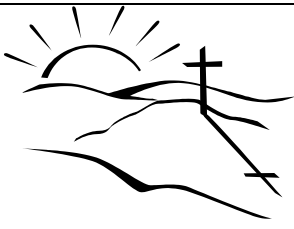
Total Revenues	\$28,353
Total Expenses	\$28,634

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

February 21, 2010	\$3,123
February 28, 2010	\$3,928
March 7, 2010	\$3,458
March 14, 2010	\$2,264



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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OFFERINGS:

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering - \$296

BY OUR SERVICE:

If you are unable to serve on the Sunday assigned, we ask that you find your own replacement.

ACOLYTES/APRIL

4-01 Sarah Collins
Maundy Thursday

4-02 Joshua Wright
Haley Yokeley - Good Friday

4-04 Kailyn Porter & Matthew Snider

4-11 Tyler Yokeley

4-18 Caleb Morgan

4-25 Lane Johnson

ACOLYTES/MAY

5-02 Joshua Wright

5-09 Haley Yokeley

5-16 Matthew Snider

5-23 Sarah Collins

5-30 Tyler Yokeley

USHERS/APRIL

Barbara Cline
Janet Glascoe
Jerold Teague
James Wright

USHERS/MAY

Hunter Johnson
Harold Lawrence
Howard Ruark
Jim Taylor

LAY READERS/APRIL

4-04 Jewel Amos

4-11 Donna Smith

4-18 Steve Roberts

4-25 Barbara Ruark

LAY READERS/MAY

5-02 Danny Teague

5-09 Mother's Day

5-16 Confirmand

5-23 Barbara Ruark

5-30 Steve Roberts

NURSERY SCHEDULE - IN WORSHIP—up to 3 yrs old

4-04 Katie Morgan

4-11 Sharon Wagoner

4-18 Marcia & Dean Yokeley

4-25 Katie Morgan & Charlotte Chambers

5-2 Howard & Barbara Ruark

5-9 Mary Roberts

5-16 Cindy & Miranda Bowers

5-23 Marcia & Dean Yokeley

5-30 Kelly Porter & Emily Collins

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - PRESCHOOL TO 2ND GRADE

4-04 Kelly Porter & Emily Collins

4-11 Chrystal Mock

4-18 OPEN

4-25 Keith Lee & Jackson Lee

5-02 Cindy & Miranda Bowers

5-09 Betty Mock (Donna Smith-subbing)

5-16 Marcia & Dean Yokeley

5-23 OPEN

5-30 No Children's Church

KIDZONE LEADERS

4-04 No Meeting

4-11 Cindy and Danny Bowers

4-18 Xenia and Paul Ferris

4-25 Donna Smith and Martha Darnell
(final gathering until Fall 2010)

"Passionate Disciples in Mission"

Our ongoing missions at New Mount Vernon are: **Sugar** for the Crisis Ministry, collecting **Campbell's Soup Labels** for the Red Bird Missionary Conference, and empty **pill bottles** for Faith Ministry in McAllen, Texas.

FAMILY SHELTER MEAL SPONSORS

(3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH)

April 19 - UMW Team #2

May 17, 2010 - UMM

Please take the sugar boxes when you go and bring them back empty!

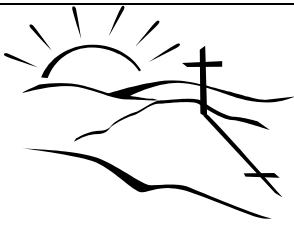
Call 248-5930 on Saturday or Sunday (closed from 10-1pm on Sunday) to determine the number of people to serve.

"Open your hands to the poor and needy in your land..." Deuteronomy 15:11

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There were 16 in attendance for the March meeting. Jewel Amos had the program on prayer and self-denial and Easter. The Spaghetti Supper will be on April 7. The Boy Scouts and parents will be furnishing desserts and tea. Our regular meeting is on April 13 at 7:00 pm with Betty Mock and Bobbie as Hostess. Team 11 will serve the shelter meal on April 19. The Day Apart/Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 24 at Central UMC in Denton, NC. Time is 9:00 am. We will meet





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and leave at 8:00 am. The Hands on Mission Project is canned meats.

ON May 11, 2010, we will have a demo on making jams, jellies and preserves. This will begin at 6:00 pm. This will be done by the Davidson County Extension Service. Everyone is invited.

On Wednesday, June 9, we will be going to Mayberry's on Miller Street at 6:30 pm. Bobbie Lawrence

BOY SCOUT TROOP 207 FUNDRAISER



\$7.00 ½ BBQ Chicken, Beans, Slaw, Roll, Dessert, & Drink

\$4.00 2-Hot Dogs, Chips, Dessert & Drink

For tickets call Chris Wall 775-9089 (home) or 486-5235 (cell). Would like to pre-sale orders because we keep limited quantities of extras for walk-ins beyond pre-sale amounts. **Pre-Sale concludes on Monday April 5th at 9pm.**

Chris will have a sheet at the front door with your name on it with your tickets on that Saturday. It will work like a Will Call at a theater or concert. If you want the tickets ahead of time I can put them in a sealed envelope in your door. I will also leave your tickets in your door Monday night.

BY OUR WITNESS:

CHANGE THE WORLD

April 24-25, 2010

What if... on one weekend all around the world, 11 million United Methodists came together to work in their local communities?

What if... we unite globally to fight a preventable, treatable disease that kills one child every 30 seconds?

Would You Help?

What is New Mount Vernon doing? Our work project on April 24 is to have our first Adopt-a-Highway clean up of Mt. Vernon Church Road and other connected roads. We will begin at 10:00am. We are planning to create a more welcoming environment for those visiting our neighborhood and those who are guests at New Mount Vernon.

Do I need to be trained? Yes! Because our project is part of the North Carolina Department of Highway, all who participate

must have been through the training video provided by the State of NC. At our training session on March 21, the video and related materials lasted less than 20 minutes. It was easy and informative. Please do not let this training keep you from participating. We need all hands reaching out into the community this day. If you signed up to participate in this project and did not attend the training, please contact Eddie Cooley, our ministry coordinator for this effort. Eddie will need to ensure we have enough materials from the State as well as ensure that you are trained that morning before you can go with a group to help with the clean-up.

Is NMV planning other projects this weekend? Yes! We plan to have a group canvassing our neighbors with those cleaning up along the route and placing IMPACT Community door hangers invite them to help us serve those in need at the IMPACT Community Event on June 5 planned for all the churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. Other plans are in the works for small ministry projects with our tweens and children. **Build community locally. Fight malaria globally.**

SAVE THE DATE!

6.05.10

MAKE CHURCH A VERB!



We are making progress in the planning of this mission day across the Western North Carolina Conference. The North Davidson sub-district of the Lexington District has been gathering and exchanging ideas with the other churches in the Lexington District. Your pastor, Sharon Lee is the North Davidson sub-district coordinator and Jennifer Squires is New Mount Vernon's church coordinator. We are confirming the location and the various mission stations where each of us can plan to serve in packing meals, health kits, beauty kits, and to serve those who will be coming to the Clothes Closet for Christ. There are so many ways in which each of us can participate beforehand and that day.

Our UMW has already stepped in to help with the baked goods that will be needed that day. Shortly, Jennifer will begin contacting you, putting up donation boxes and helping to organize our efforts along with the efforts of the other 11 churches in our Sub-district. This is an amazing way for us to continue to step outside the church walls and meet our community needs where they are. Stay tuned!



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