

MARCH 2010

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"SIGNS AND WONDERS"

As we see the church launched in the first chapter of The Acts of the Apostles, the risen Christ instructs the disciples to be "be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, all of Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." It's clear that in responding to Christ's call, there is one message of redemption and transformation; but there are many ways to communicate the message to those around us? Do we have new ideas? We can begin to think of this in the context of Jesus' commandment to be witnesses to Jerusalem, Judah, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. What is one way to bring the Gospel to the despised and unchurched of our day?

It began with a phone call to me one morning that several arrests had been made just down Mt. Vernon Church Road. Concern was expressed about the safety of our neighborhood. Yet what resonated more was the thought: we need to be part of reaching out to our neighbors just down the road, cleaning up our neighborhood and making it a safe and welcoming place for our neighbors, community, and guests of NMV.

With these thoughts in mind and the concern for our neighborhood and community, what is our plan to create a more welcoming church and make our neighborhood and community a more welcoming place? The answer was for NMV to participate in Davidson County's "Adopt-a-Highway" program. We at New Mount Vernon could adopt the section of Mt. Vernon Church Road from Gumtree Road to the intersection at Friendship-Ledford Road, which is a primary access route to our church.



Thanks to the research of Eddie Cooley (global missions co-leader), the Missions Team, and other church leaders were able to determine that NMV could be part of this

program adopting Mt. Vernon Church Road along with Rex Road, Raye Road, and Dell Lane.

We hope that you all will join us on March 21 at 4:00pm to learn more about participating in this program and be part of the short training session. The Samaria in our world that Christ calls us to take our witness to is in our own front and back yard.

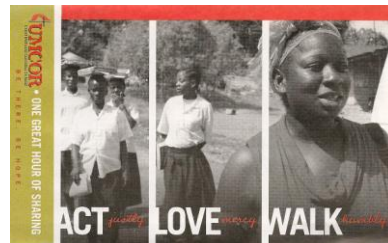
I am with you always, Sharon

WORSHIP

Girl Scout Sunday March 14



Come support Daisy and Brownie Troop 116, Junior Troop 385, Cadette Troop 126, Senior Troop 126, and Ambassador Troop 126.



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering March 14

"And what does the Lord require of you? To Act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with

your God." Micah 6:8. Be There. Be Hope.

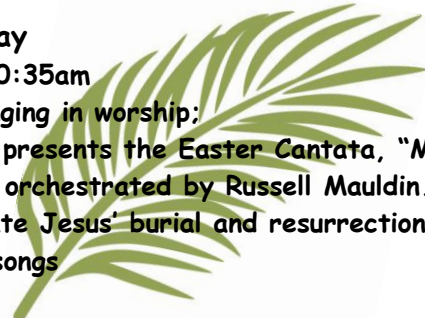
Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday

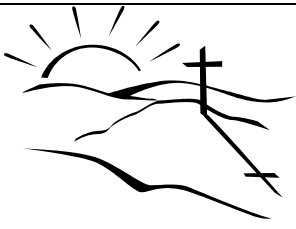
Worship: 10:35am

Children singing in worship:

NMV Choir presents the Easter Cantata, "Majesty", arranged & orchestrated by Russell Mauldin. Come and celebrate Jesus' burial and resurrection through the power songs



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Palm Sunday 3/28

Prayer Walk; 5:30-8:00pm

The Prayer Walk is a spiritual tool that dates back to the European cathedrals of the Middle Ages through labyrinths. With the resurgence of interest in this form of walking meditation and prayer tool in recent years, the New Mount Vernon Prayer Team has decided to host a Prayer Walk on the evening of Palm Sunday to begin our journey through Holy Week together.



PRAYER WALK

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.

The Prayer Team prays that you will be part of the journey of letting go of the busyness of life, to be still, and to listen to yourself and to God.

Prayerfully, NMV Prayer Team

"Your life is a sacred journey. And it is about change, growth, discovery, movement, transformation, continuously expanding your vision of what is possible, stretching your soul, learning to see clearly and deeply, listening to your intuition, taking courageous challenges at every step along the way. You are on the path...

exactly where you are meant to be right now... And from here, you can only go forward, shaping your life story into a magnificent tale of triumph, of healing, of courage, of beauty, of wisdom, of power, of dignity, and of love."

(Caroline Adams)



Maunder 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.

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



Sponsored by the Kidz Design Team. Begins in Fellowship Hall.

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.

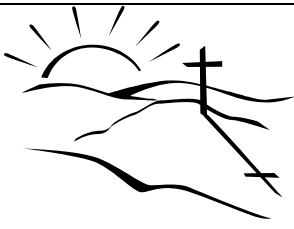


REMINDER

Newsletter articles and information are due the 15th of the preceding month. Bulletin announcements are due no later than noon Tuesday before the Sunday to be included in current Sunday's bulletin.



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WE UPHOLD THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS:

Prayer Concerns and Praises (Family Altar)

Our Church and Its Ministries Sue & Raleigh Addair, Shirley Addington, Garrett Anderson, Addison Biesecker, Shaun Bledsoe, Ann Booth, Georgia Burton, Mary Chambers, Suzette Charles, Carlos Childress, Maxine Delcambre, Johnnie Dulin, Brady Lee Dunford, Warren & Grace Fairchild, Xenia Ferris & sister Cebu, Cindy Hastings, Family of Kay Holland, Brian Huffman, Emory Johnson, Ron Johnson, Max Jones, Tammy Lambeth, Luella Marvin, Nash Family, Jake & Maureen Orbock, Rob Paul, Kitty Presley, Dovie Preston, David Roberts, Gavino Ruiz, Harry Sapp, Catherine Stanley, Cindy Tucker, Alayna Ward, 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

- 03-07 In honor of Ollie Taylor's Birthday by James & Renee
- 03-14 in honor of Barbara & Howard Ruark's Anniversary
- 03-21 In honor of Teresa Wright's 40th Birthday by James & Joshua
- 03-28 In memory of Wayne & Donald Yokeley
- 04-04 In honor of Danny & Cindy Bower's 21st Anniversary on April 8, 2010
- 04-11 In honor of Paul Ferris' birthday by Xenia Ferris
- 04-18 In honor of Taylor Burke's 16th birthday.
- 04-25 In memory of John & Blanche Pritchett & A.W. Glascoe by Janet Glascoe

BY OUR PRESENCE:

Worship Service Attendance

January 24, 2010	100
January 31, 2010	0 (canceled-inclement weather)
February 7, 2010	84
February 14, 2010	90

BY OUR GIFTS:

Stewardship Nuggets

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25 NLT

Save Green

Did you know that the average shopper who celebrates Easter (nearly 80% of Americans) spends \$135.07 on the holiday? He or she spends the most on a new spring outfit (\$26.03) and food for the Easter meal (\$37.56). Other popular Easter purchases include candy (\$18.53), gifts (\$20.61), flowers (\$9.63), and decorations (\$7.63).



This year, consider reusing your plastic eggs and instead of Easter grass, use a scrap of green fabric, a pretty green scarf, or shredded paper. Instead of "excessive" candy and cheap plastic toys, consider gift cards, books, or coupons for rewards like "Pick and help make your favorite dinner. Also, plan to make decorated Easter cookies to take the place of at least one bag of individually wrapped Easter candy. This will eliminate packaging waste and reduce the money you spend on candy.

And, if in the end, you find that you have saved half of what you usually spend, drop it in the offering plate in celebration of the risen Christ!

(excerpt from Go Green, Save Green by Nancy Sleeth)

Financial Stewardship

Year to Date 1/31/2010

Total Revenues \$11,697

Total Expenses \$13,654

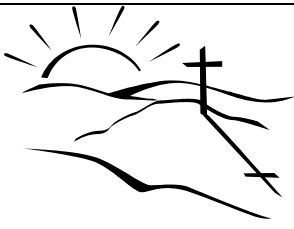
Weekly Offerings

January 24, 2010	\$2,099
January 31, 2010	\$0 (service canceled due to inclement weather)
February 7, 2010	\$7,087
February 14, 2010	\$2,155



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Special Contributions and Offerings:

- Human Relations Day Special Offering - \$150
- Youth Souper Bowl Offering-Pastors Pantry-\$126
- Haitian Relief Efforts - \$770
- Health Kits - \$75
- Love Offering-Hope for Tomorrow-Nicola Appelbe-\$213
- Knitted Hats-Hope for Tomorrow-Nicola Appelbe-73

BY OUR SERVICE:

ACOLYTES/MARCH

- 3-07 Joshua Wright
- 3-14 Girl Scout Sun
- 3-21 Haley Yokeley
- 3-28 Matthew Snider

ACOLYTES/APRIL

- 4-04 Kailyn Porter & Matthew Snider
- 4-11 Tyler Yokeley
- 4-18 Caleb Morgan
- 4-25 Lane Johnson

USHERS/MARCH

- Harold Lawrence
- Miranda Bowers
- Renee Taylor
- Danny Teague
- 3-14 - Girl Scouts

USHERS/APRIL

- Barbara Cline
- Janet Glascoe
- Jerold Teague
- James Wright

LAY READERS/MARCH

- 3-07 Ralph Amos
- 3-14 Girl Scouts
- 3-21 Danny Teague
- 3-28 Youth- Palm Sunday

LAY READERS/APRIL

- 4-04 Jewel Amos
- 4-11 Donna Smith
- 4-18 Steve Roberts
- 4-25 Barbara Ruark

NURSERY SCHEDULE - IN WORSHIP—up to 3 yrs old

- 3-07 Howard & Barbara Ruark
- 3-14 Mary Roberts
- 3-21 Cindy & Miranda Bowers
- 3-28 Dean & Marcia Yokeley
- 4-04 Katie Morgan
- 4-11 Sharon Wagoner
- 4-18 Marcia & Dean Yokeley
- 4-25 Katie Morgan & Charlotte Chambers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH-PRESCHOOL TO 2ND GRADE

- 3-07 Teresa Wright & Tina Snider
- 3-14 Howard & Barbara Ruark
- 3-21 Chrystal Mock
- 3-28 OPEN
- 4-04 Kelly Porter & Emily Collins
- 4-11 Chrystal Mock
- 4-18 Xenia Ferris
- 4-25 OPEN

KIDZONE LEADERS

- 3-07 Xenia & Paul Ferris
- 3-14 Pastor Sharon & Katie Morgan
- 3-21 Donna & Gary Smith
- 3-28 Betty Mock & Tina Snider
- 4-04 No Meeting
- 4-11 Cindy and Danny Bowers
- 4-18 Xenia and Paul Ferris
- 4-25 Donna Smith and Martha Darnell

MISSIONS

Our ongoing missions at New Mount Vernon are: **Sugar** for the Crisis Ministry, collecting **Labels** for the Red Bird Missionary Conference, and our mission fund for the **Home Mission/Visitation Committee** for our shut-ins.

FAMILY SHELTER MEAL SPONSORS

(3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH)

March 15 - Small Group

April 19 - UMW Team #2

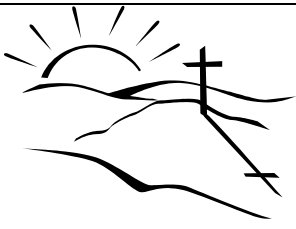
Please take the sugar boxes when you go and bring them back empty!

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



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BY OUR WITNESS:

KIDZ DESIGN TEAM NEWS

Please get out your calendars and write down the following children's ministry events that will be happening during 2010.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 3 from 2:00-3:30pm
Fellowship Hall. Please bring a basket for the egg hunt and come prepared to have lots of fun. Don't forget to invite a friend!

Vacation Bible School for children and youth
Sunday June 20 thru Friday June 25.

Each night is from 6:00-8:30pm with a light supper offered each night. Friday night will conclude with a cookout and program. The theme is Galactic Blast! If you would like to help with VBS, please contact our VBS Leader, Lois McGee.



Grandparents Day, September 12

Join us in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00am for coffee and donuts to go.

Trunk or Treat, October 31 from 5:00-7:00pm
Fellowship Hall parking lot. Come bring a decorated trunk filled with treats!

Children's Nativity, December 12 during worship.
Following worship, the children, parents, and grandparents are invited to a covered dish lunch and fun for all ages. Please contact Cindy Bowers if you would like to help.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The chance of wintry weather caused us to cancel the February UMW meeting. We begin March by helping the UMM with the Spaghetti Supper. We will provide desserts and other help as needed. Our meeting will be Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm. Hostesses are Xenia Ferris and Ollie Taylor. The program will be on the call to prayer and self denial.

Also, don't forget that the UMW will be having a bake sale in conjunction with the UMM's March 3 Spaghetti Supper. The men will provide dessert for the supper so please bring baked goods to sell.

Bobbie Lawrence

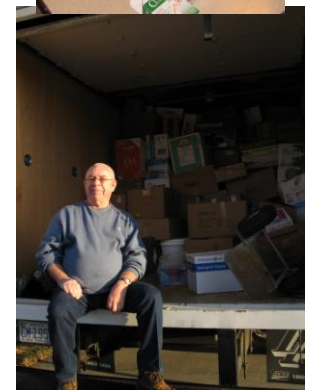
RESPONSE TO HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE

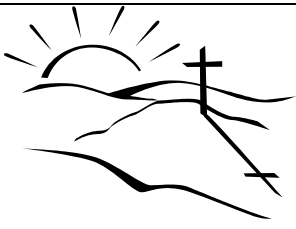
In response to the Haitian earthquake, NMV jumped right in and began assembling health kits for the United Methodist Mission Response Center (MRC) in Mooresville, NC. Adults, children, and our Confirmation class assembled kits in time to have the picked up Ralph Amos, Disaster Response Chairperson. Ralph made many a trip picking up boxes filled with health kits. It was a blessing to see the quick response by everyone.

Two groups have now gone to MRC in Mooresville to help sort and pack the kits to make them



ready for transport to various cities and countries in need of our assistance. See just a few pictures of joining hands together in service and witness with one another.





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SAVE THE DATE!

6.05.10

MAKE CHURCH A VERB!

Imagine thousands of United Methodists across the Western NC Conference moving out beyond the walls of their churches into their communities, offering signs of love and hope through service on one single day. This is a dream that will become a reality on **Saturday, June 5**, as each district in the conference sponsors **Impact Community** events.

These events offer not only United Methodists, but others who will be invited, to make a difference in their communities by volunteering for local outreach organizations or participating in other outreach projects sponsored by their districts.

The purpose of **Impact Community** is to put into action the philosophy of the Rethink Church media campaign, which inspires United Methodists to look at church as being a verb. Geared to 18-34 year olds, both **Impact Community** and **Rethink Church** serve as catalysts that move the denomination, and those we hope to reach, into dialogue -- and ultimately, into transformative, collaborative action.

Our Lexington District Steering Committee is already at work planning the events based on our sub-districts. New Mount Vernon falls into the North Davidson sub-district with 11 other churches.

What is our calling related to Impact Community?

We are called to go out into the highways and byways of our community to meet Jesus and to be Jesus. Why? **Because we are loved.**

Who do we hope to participate?

Bishop Goodpaster expects 100% participation from all churches across the WNNC. The Steering Committee has set an initial vision of each church bringing in 10% of their worshipping congregation to take part either in planning or collecting items before the event or participating in some way on June 5th.

What is the focus for the Lexington District?

To impact the needs of vulnerable children in our communities.

How do we hope to meet the need and raise awareness?

Each sub-district will design an event (or events) in their area to impact the areas of hunger, nakedness, and pain related to . Ideas of what the events should include are

- health screenings,
- Hands on Mission Opportunities like a free yard sale for people in need, collect books for summer reading to distribute to local schools, Pack meals for the summer to address the needs of free/reduced lunch students during the summer
- Fun Fair activities for children-face painting, pony rides, story time.

How will we pay for this?

United Methodist Communications is taking care of all the publicity. They will also match our giving to support these events up to \$1,000. We will solicit donations and corporation sponsors to help provide funds for the events.

What we need from you?

- Volunteer to coordinate within your sub-district.
- Volunteer to support the efforts in which New Mount Vernon will be supporting.

Jennifer Squires has already volunteered to be part of the 10% goal and has attended a Steering Committee with me. I am so excited to part of a church that is responding to the needs of others in our community and world in so many ways. I know we can make an Impact on June 5.

Pastor Sharon