

We Witness...

By Our Prayers

Marcia Martin-GMH

By Our Presence

June 20, 2010

Sunday School	132
8:30 a.m.	128
<u>10:55 a.m.</u>	<u>179</u>
Total	307

By Our Service

Sunday, June 27

Greeters: Earl and JoAnn Tindol, Mark and Holly McIntosh, Pat Quinn, Eleanor Wixson

Doorstopper: David Stultz

Scripture Readers: 8:45 a.m. Pat Quinn
10:55 a.m. Bill Kaser

Summer Sabbath

Summer is here and your ministers are excited to lead you in worship each Sunday. During June, we will continue in our regular fashion with 2 services and Sunday School in between.

During **July**, as we have for the past several years, we'll change things just a bit. ***We'll still meet in the Sanctuary, however there will only be one service at 10 a.m.*** Dr. Jim Westmoreland will preach the first two Sundays of July and Rev. George Freeman will preach the last two Sundays. There will be music by the special Summer choir in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be no youth or children's Sunday School in the month of July. Adult classes will decide for themselves to meet or not.

August will move us into the Fall and back into the regular services and Sunday School. Our third Divide n' Serve is scheduled for Sunday, August 29.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped us with Camp Sunshine Celebration Sunday: Jesse Caldwell, Matt Smith and Cross/Fire, Jay Oden, Don Turner, Jim Ware, Cheryl Loggins, Giles Horne, Hope and Holly McIntosh, Daniel and Julia Underwood, Will Neinast, Erin Ingle, Scott Cruickshank, Tom Soderstrom, Mike Johnson, Amanda Cole, Pam McSwain, Becky Greene, Angela Burris and George Freeman. Thanks to you and the members of our committee, it was a great success.



Come sing with us

Summer Choir Sundays in July

Come sing with us this Summer. We'll **rehearse** in the **Choir Room** at **9 a.m.** then sing in the service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **There will be one introductory rehearsal on Wednesday, June 30, 7:30-9 p.m.** This choir is open to all adults, college aged and older.

We're at Music Week @ Junaluska

LightShine choir members and adults from our Music ministry are participating in Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska, June 20-25. **The closing concert is in Stuart Auditorium Thursday, 7:30 p.m.**

For more information, contact Saxon, 704-864-4371, ext. 233 or sscarborough@fumcgn.org.

Thank you study leaders

Thank you to Anne Mallonee and Cheryl Loggins for their leadership with the Wednesday night Sabbath group.

This summer, Lisa Albright Jurs is offering *Downtime* for Mid Hi moms and daughters on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in various homes. In August, Wanda Rauch will offer a similar program for Sr Hi moms and daughters.

Watch your newsletter for start-up times for our Fall Women's Sabbath groups, which will include a new morning group led by Theresa McIntosh. We'll also continue the Wednesday night and Thursday night groups in the Fall.



CONGRATULATIONS!
College Graduates

Recent College Graduates

First UMC expresses congratulations to the following graduates:

Meredith Lisle
Jason LaCourse

Wake Forest University
Tufts University of Dental
Medicine

The Camp Sunshine Committee

Youth Connections

Sunday, June 27, 2010

8:30 a Worship
9:45 a Combined Sunday School
10 a **Sr Hi Mission Trip Mandatory Meeting
for Youth and Parents, Chapel**
10:55 a Worship

Summer Schedule

Combined Sunday School in June, no Sunday School in July, one worship service in July 10 a in Sanctuary, no regular UMYF.

Watch for special Summer activities in Eblasts, fliers and on Facebook.

Sr Hi Mission Trip Meeting

All participants and parents should plan to attend this meeting on **Sunday, June 27, 10 a.m.** in the **Chapel**. All payments and forms are due at this time.

Downtime for Mid Hi moms and daughters

This group will not meet this Wednesday, June 23 due to Music Week. The study resumes Wednesday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. @ Debra and Kathryn Harwell's, 3416 Araglin Dr., 704-866-9058 or harwelldebra@yahoo.com

Congratulations ...

To **Claire Neinast**, who received the Art Student of the Year at Cramerton Middle School.

To **Hans Johnston**, who was recently inducted into the Beta Club at Forestview High School.

To **Will Long**, who is one of four golfers from NC (out of 90) to qualify for the 63rd US Amateur Golf Tournament in Grand Rapid, MI later this summer.

Thank You ...

To **Meredith Lisle, Caitlin Gault, Ramsey Davidson, Haley Conner, Evan Martin, Erinn**



Summer Sunday School has started!

Kindergarten through 5th graders will meet in the Canteen with Caitlin Gault, Laura Beatty and Ms. Yvonne. The theme this summer is "Caretakers of God's Creation"

Preschoolers are meeting in Room 102 for WOW: Exploring God's World of Wonder. This week's leader will be Rev. Sarah Davis.

Camp Sunshine Donations

Please bring in 'half-pint' waters and any extra party plates or napkins you may have before July 1! Bring those to the Hospitality Room.

Wonderful Wednesday information is out!

Thank you to Dana Adams for coordinating this great summer fun and to parents helping out each week! To make your reservations, drop off your form on the table outside Sarah's office or contact Dana at adamsdirtbike@yahoo.com or 704-861-1349. Please remember to complete and return the permission forms as it has emergency contact information!

Bowling Bonanza June 23 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$10
Meet and pick up at Textile Lanes in Belmont for a morning of bowling and an early lunch! Don't forget socks!

NOTE: Our tickets and transportation for the play A Year with Frog and Toad, 9a to 12 noon at CPCC on June 30 is extremely limited! Cost is \$8. Contact Dana to make your reservation ASAP. If you want to go on your own, you may call the CPCC box office directly at 704-330-6534.

Ways to Spread the Sunshine

Ahhh...summer is here.

And that means Camp Sunshine can't be far behind.

This year's camp is scheduled for July 5-9 at Camp Rotary. There are 3 easy ways you can help:



Donate bottles of water (small "kid"-size please) and your leftover unused party plates and napkins

We use approximately 240 plates and napkins per day at camp, so this is a great way to put those random leftover party supplies to use. Donated items can be left in the church reception area.

Pray for Camp Sunshine campers and volunteers

Please commit to praying for safety, good weather and that everyone at Camp would feel God's presence during the week. Thank you for helping spread the Sunshine again this summer!

First UMC Green Team

To improve our environment:
Create a wildlife habitat by planting native or drought resistant plants.

Week at a Glance



<p>Sunday, June 27 8:30 a Worship 9:45 a Sunday School 10 a Sr Hi Mission Trip Mandatory Meeting for Youth and Parents, Chapel 10:55 a Worship</p> <p>Monday, June 28 9 a Workout, Gym 7 p Communications Comm.</p> <p>Tuesday, June 29 5:30 a Salvation Army Breakfast 7 a Volleyball, Gym 10 a First UMC Staff Meeting 6 p Forgiveness Bible Study, Wesley Center</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 30 9 a Workout, Gym 10 a Wonderful Wednesdays 7:30 p Downtime</p> <p>Thursday, July 1 10 a Sit n' Knit</p> <p>Friday, July 2 9 a Workout, Gym</p> <p>Saturday, July 3 8 a Fitness Bootcamp, Lineberger Park 9 a Youth Sports Training, LP</p> <p>Sunday, July 4 10 a "Casual Worship begins One Service, Sanctuary, no children or youth Sunday School in July"</p>
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CW3 Shaun Breth (Nan White's grandson)
 USMC Larry Harrington (Olivia Davidson's nephew)
 MSGT Martin "Bo" M. Henson (Louise Henson's son)
 CAPT Parker Gray (Jimmy Gray & Lynn Lamb's son)
 SGT Nathan Sicheloff (David & Libby Sicheloff's son)
 SFC Bo Beam (Ernie & Rosemarie Nivens' son-in-law)
 SSGT Zach Gray (Donna McPhail's son)
 ENS Andrew Hendricks (Walt Hendricks' grandson)
 SGT David Frederick (Amanda P. Frederick's husband)
 SSGT David DeBerry (Chris DeBerry's son)
 A1C Jessica DeBerry (Chris DeBerry's daughter-in-law)
 SSGT Ryan Malloy (David Nanney's cousin)
 CPL Donald Hamrick (Charlie Greene's cousin)
 SSGT Jonathan Cole (Amanda Cole's stepson)
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Friendship Connections

Where Friends Connect and Reconnect
 It's Summertime! Tip #2 for staying young!
 Keep Learning: Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever... Never let the brain get idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop" And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!

It's not too late! *Join the Forgiveness Study...*
 Tuesday evenings FUMC Wesley Center 6 p.m.– Fellowship 6:30 p.m.– Teaching by Hope Parks
 Contact Betsy Forbes, mforbes@carolina.rr.com

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