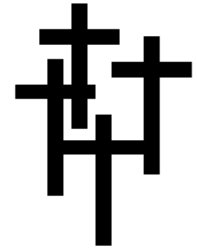


Northside News



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From the Pastor

Last Saturday about 45 of us gathered for most of the day to begin a process of listening to one another and to scripture. Our guiding sentence was this: *The Holy Spirit is among you.*

What we will now do is continue this conversation in “listening groups,” who will meet four times between now and Spring Break to take a very close look at the internal and external workings of this congregation. We are going to be looking for ways in which we are ready for Missional change.

Those listening groups will provide a written report of each of their conversations to the Deacons, and the Deacons will be meeting in April to continue the process even further. The Deacons will work through those reports to identify 2-3 particular challenges we face in order to engage in Missional change.

You need to know that this is not a “Strategic Planning” process. We are not going to be creating a written plan of the future we envision. Instead, we are entering into a process of listening, innovating, experimenting and learning. Our assumption is that the Spirit is at work in us, leading us into a community which has changed a great deal over the last forty years.

We had a good, invigorating conversation on Saturday. If you would like to be part of this crucial next step, please call the office.

God’s future for this church will not be found by experts. It will emerge from the conversations, prayer, scriptural reflections, and innovations of the ordinary members of this church. The Holy Spirit is among you.

Grace and Peace,
Stan

Advent Offering

Thanks for your generosity in exceeding the goal for the Advent Offering. Your gifts will be deeply appreciated by the recipients.

Buddy Wagner, Chair
Missions Committee

Senior Adult Luncheon

Our next luncheon is Tuesday, February 14, at 11:00 a.m. The speakers for this day are our very own church members Buddy and Sheila Wagner: Mission Volunteers. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and don’t forget to bring a warm dish!

Youth News

Our Youth are going to be “Practicing Christianity” this winter and spring. We’re not just going to talk about what it means to be a Christian; we’re going to practice it. We’re going to be making choices, praying, doing justice, playing, sharing food, caring for bodies, and telling the truth. Regular Youth Group starts back tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Dessert Auction: February 12

Youth, please plan on helping out at our Dessert Auction. This year the event will be held at night as part of our congregational meeting. We’ll enjoy great food and desserts, raise money for the Youth Fund, and take a look at our 2012-13 budget proposal.

Passport Sign Up Has Begun!

June 9-15. Wingate University. \$185

This summer we return to Passport Youth Camp, and we are inviting all youth from rising 7th graders up. Sign up in youth group tonight!

We also have an upcoming Camp-out (for guys) and Lock-In (for girls) on February 25-26. Led by Greg (guys) and Judy (girls), look for more information in the days to come.

We Want to Hear From You

Have you noticed the calendar and invitation to join a dream team in the hallway of the education building? You are invited to add your comments and suggestions of what you’d like the church to offer throughout this year. There are post it notes and pens. Write your suggestions and put them anywhere on the calendar. Also sign up to be a part of a dream team for an event already scheduled! Perhaps you’ve wanted to help make the Moravian Love Buns or be involved in planning the Birthday Celebration, or making gifts for babies born into our church. These opportunities and more are available for you to be a part of a dream team! Sign up today!

Opportunity Center

Gloves, caps/hats, and extra pairs of socks to help those at the Opportunity Center would be much appreciated. Please remember these needs and bring them to the basket in the Narthex.

Glass Recycling News

We are pleased to offer glass recycling to Northside members and friends. Glass recycling is an important but difficult process, so a few reminders are in order.

- First, recycle only glass. No lids. No plastic bags. No corks. No cardboard containers.
- Second, please note the difference between the glass recycling bins and the plastic/paper/cardboard bins. The glass bins are the smaller bins. The larger bins are not for glass.
- Third, volunteer drivers are welcome. We take small loads of glass to Rainbow in Jackson and larger loads to another site in Pearl. Anyone with a truck could help by taking one small regular run. Call the office if you would like to help, and we will suggest a time to make a run and give you further directions.

Annual Woman's Retreat March 23 – 25

We will be returning to St. Moses the Black Norbertine Monastery and Retreat Center in Raymond Mississippi for our annual retreat. This time will be a Lenten journey. It will cost each participant \$80.00 and there are only 18 places for those who spend the night. Call or email the church office to sign up.

Church Pictorial Directory

Mark your calendar! We will be looking for volunteers to help us as we prepare for the picture days for our new pictorial directory. The dates are Sunday, April 15, 1:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, April 16, 17, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. Each family unit will receive a free 8X10 photograph and a church directory. There is no fee to the church for this directory! We need four volunteers to help us coordinate this event so join the Pictorial Directory Dream Team!

Educational Team

Have you ever had ideas about seminars or workshops that you think would be good for Northside to host but you did not know how to pursue them? Now is your chance. An education team is being formed to coordinate special education opportunities for Northside. This team will be responsible for recommending and carrying out special studies. This will be different than a committee in that any member of Northside who wants to participate can be on the team for as long or as short a duration as desired. Buddy Wagner will lead the team. If you are interested, come to an informational meeting on Sunday, January 29th after the morning worship service in the bridal suite.

Upcoming Events

Feb 5	Youth Super Bowl Party
Feb 12	Quarterly Meeting
Feb 12	Dessert Auction
Feb 14	Senior Adult Fellowship
March 4	Deacons Meeting
Mar 23-25	Women's Retreat
Apr 15, 16, 17	Church Pictorial Directory

Extended Session Volunteers

Jan 22	
Infants	Lida Stark

Toddlers
Preschool
Jan 29
Infants
Toddlers
Preschool

Amy Williamson
Tim Nicholas

Missy Jones
Joseph Meadors
Shannon Parham

Sunday School Workers for Babies

Jan 22
Jan 29

Deborah Fry
Ruth Randman

Prayer Requests

Don Ainsworth, charter member, cancer
Jean Bond, Babs Stewarts' mother, cancer
Geri Bowie, Thelma Basley's sister
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks
Jether W. Brown, Alzheimer's, friend of Randman's
Shirley Campbell, Jo Ann Pope's sister
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis
Callie Cole, neurologic rehab therapy
Tyler Cole, recovering from car accident
Mattie Cooper, home
Jack DeYoung, the Stambaugh's nephew
Charles Gearhart, Greg Gearhart's father
Marjorie Gore
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard
Lake Jones, Petal, Ms
Max Jones, Carri Chester's brother, cancer
Patrick Jordan
Ann Marquez
Robert McDaniel, friend of Beth Campbell
Emily Michael, family friend of Chisolms'
Dee Newingham, Mark McComb's sister
Donna Nicholson, Lida Stark's cousin
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook
Quentin Peterson, friend of the Brogans
Teina Purser, friend of Michael Williamson
Bernice Rook, charter member
John Sherrod, Michael Williamson's uncle
Lola Shields, Susan Meadors's sister
Carolyn Snell, Linda McComb's mother
Sue Thayer, back pain
Kim Thompkins, Ellen Brewer's friend
Ed Trott, St. Dominic's
Freddie Weeks, friend of Graham Carner
Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks

Those in Armed Service

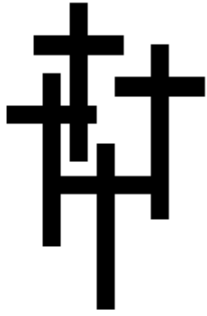
Chris Bush, Kuwait
Johnny Cockrell, Afghanistan
William Drummond, Navy
David Edwards, Coast Guard
Joshua Byrne, Caby's grandson, Afghanistan

Members at Home

Wilbur Carpenter – 501 E. Northside #233
Wilma Cooper – 214 Twin Lakes South
Clyde Hemphill – 1103 Laurelwood Drive
Margaret Hensley – 130 Carribean Cove
Dorothy Palmer – 1206 Manchester
Jim Street – 120 Trace Wood Cove

Sympathy

We extend loving sympathy to Pat Newton in the death of her husband Jim Newton, who passed away January 16, 2012. We also remember their daughters, Kayla and Jana, and their grandchildren.



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