



Cullowhee United Methodist Church

A Christ-Centered Community -- Growing together

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April/2009 Newsletter

Cullowhee United Methodist has an active Stephen Ministry!



If you or someone you know is currently facing one of life's demanding challenges, **please consider turning to a Stephen Minister for support, comfort, and/or guidance.** This is a valuable resource and it is offered at no cost by church members who have been well trained and believe that God has led them to be of service to you. Our services are completely confidential.

**If you are interested
please contact :**

David Reeves
Jim Wallace
or Dale Cox.

What is Stephen Ministry?

The Stephen Ministry is a group of our lay people who have received extensive training and on-going education designed to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around our congregation.

If you are hurting, going through a tough time, struggling for understanding, or need a compassionate ear Stephen Ministry offers this unique gift:

- Quality, Christ-centered, confidential care for your hurts and needs
- Hope, healing, and a new sense of self-worth through the support of a Stephen Minister
- Know that you are remembered and supported by your congregation in times of personal difficulty
- Offers ongoing care for continuing needs long after the onset of a crisis, when it seems that others may have forgotten about them
- A chance to grow a deeper relationship with their Lord as they experience God's unconditional love for them through their Stephen Minister

We'd like to get started
helping you today.

Annual Silent Auction – Sunday 26 April 2009

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Foster Parents Needed:

You Can *Change a*

Lifetime!



All children deserve a safe, happy life — including the 513,000 American youth in foster care today. **The Children’s Home** is in need of new foster parents. Our communities are taking custody of more and more children and we have not been

able to respond to this need with the current foster families we have. As in the past, we are hoping our Methodist Churches will “respond to the call!” You have always been a wonderful source of individuals, couples and/or families who share our values. Young people right here in our own communities are in dire need of nurturing adults because their own families are in crisis and unable to care for them. 24 hour support, financial reimbursement, and excellent training provided. Contact The Children’s Home, Inc. at (828) 349-6002. FREE training classes will begin in mid-April. Enroll now to give back to your community and make a difference in the life of a child.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 Patricia Weekley Lee
Caroline Cowan
- 6 Julie Barnes
- 8 Camden Myers
- 10 Austin Londo,
Cody Miller
Wyatt Miller
- 11 Glenn Hardesty
- 12 Ruth Underwood
- 13 Lillian Crites
- 14 Jayson Madill
Penny Graham
Arnie Nielsen
Myrtle Schrader
- 15 Betty Jean Ashbrook
Ashley Cook
- 16 Sona Norton
- 18 Roy Osborn
- 17 Steve White
- 18 Heather Teague
- 20 Ben Smoot
Wanda Corwin
- 22 Bonnie Claxton Jons
Lamar Haney
- 25 Karen Walston
- 27 Mary Medlin
- 28 Heath Hensley

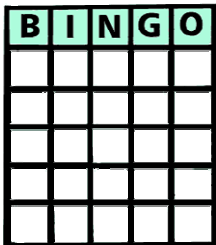


Construction Update

During March the trenches for the downspouts were dug and hooked into the drainage pipes. Excavation in the front of the church began and footings set for the pylons in readiness for the Walkway between the new Wesley Center and Central Drive. More HVAC is being done. Tile setting and drop ceiling installation continues. Little by little we work toward the finishing of this building project.



Plant Sale Weekends, the Youth will hold their annual Plant Sale the weekends of May 2-3 & 9-10, Sat. 9:00 a.m.-noon, Sun. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico in July.



The **Jackson County Village Board** sponsors bingo prizes for the residents. They are in need of small bingo prizes. If you have something they could be used as a prize, please leave it in the church office.

- 13 Darold & Anne Londo
- 15 Jason & Karmon DuPree
- 18 Toby & Larissa Miller
- 22 Charles & Pam Schrader
- 24 Lloyd & Juanita Phillips



Starship Schedule

April 1 - April 8 - Regular Rehearsal 6:00-6:35

April 15 - NO STARSHIP School Spring Break,

April 22 - Visiting Shut-in

April 29 - Visiting Shut-ins & end of the year party

Hope to see everyone for a meaningful and action packed 45 minutes of fun and music. In April we will be working on music to sing to the shut-ins and also with children who would like to do a solo during the 11:00 worship service before the end of the school year.

Special thanks to all of the STARSHIP kids who participated in the skit and music with the chancel choir Sunday, March 22. You did a wonderful job and everyone loved it! Ms Penny

Cullowhee Kids Says "Thank You"

Cullowhee Kids Preschool earned over \$800 at the lasagna luncheon. The money will be used to scholarship children. Thanks to all for your generosity!

To scholarship a child for the half day preschool program for one year costs \$2,050 (\$205 per month) and for the full day program the cost is \$3,800 (\$380 per month). If you would like to give to the scholarship fund, contact Sandy Railsback, 293-5624.

Donations for United Christian Ministries in Lieu of Lilies for Easter Sunday

In lieu of lilies for the sanctuary this Easter, we are asking for donations for United Christian Ministries. Checks may be written out to the church and designated for UCM. Please also indicate if you would like make the donation in memory or in honor of someone. In the April 12 church bulletin, we will list those names. This information may be sent back to us by email, www.cullowheumc.org or dropped off in the church office.

I would like to make a donation to United Christian Ministries

In Honor of: _____

or

In Memory of _____

Your Name: _____

Cullowhee United Methodist Church Family Responsibilities for April/2009

The following is the list of nursery workers. If you cannot serve on the day assigned, please contact Bonnie Stephens at 293-1154 as soon as possible. Please review the procedures policy both for workers and for parents. We want to make every effort to keep our children as safe as possible. **Thank you for your willingness to serve CUMC in this way.** If you have any questions or concerns, contact Bonnie Stephens.

AGE CRITERIA: Infants & Crawlers – newborns through children who have not begun to walk.

The regular attendant is Wendy Murtagh

Toddlers - children who have begun to walk through young threes.

The regular attendant is Nina Webb

Preschoolers - Age 3 through children who have not begun kindergarten.

The regular attendant is Jamaisha Faison

	Infants & Crawlers	Toddlers	Preschoolers
April 5	Betty Farmer	Linda Haney	Lamar Haney
April 12	Danielle Haney	Candence Railsback	Shannon Cowan
April 19	Juanita Phillips	Lloyd Phillips	Sheri Turk
April 26	Leigh Ayling	Bonnie Stephens	Betty Tweedy

PAGERS for our NURSERY!! Restaurant-style pagers are available for our nursery. If you would like to use one, just stop into the infant room and the attendant there will help you. If we need to contact you to come back to the Nursery area, the pager vibrates. The nursery workers will not have to enter the Sanctuary during church to look for you.

Children's Message for April

4/1 Sandy Railsback
4/12 Sandy Railsback
4/19 Christy Rowe
4/26 Sandy Railsback

Acolytes for April

4/1 Domanique Haney
4/12 Brittany Haney
4/19 Lindsey Turk
4/26 Aaron Hensley

Greeters for April

4/1 Gail Debnam
4/12 Lili Acheson
4/19 Gloria Wallace
4/26 Susan Mackenzie

Head Usher for April – Steve White

Children's Church for April

4/1 David Reeves
4/12 Lisa Bacon
4/19 Kathy Wooten
4/26 Sheri Turk



Sanctuary Flowers for April

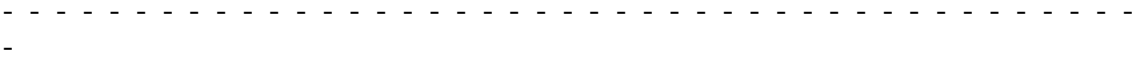
4/1 Miller Family in honor of Dillon's baptism
4/12 open
4/19 open
4/26 open



Youth April Schedule

The Junior Highs meet 6-7:30 p.m. on Sundays unless otherwise noted.
The Senior Highs meet 5:30-7:30 pm on Sundays unless otherwise noted.

- April 5 Regular Meeting Time - WCU History Professor, Dr. Jim Lewis will talk about Puerto Rico's culture and history.
- April 12 Easter No meeting
- April 19 Regular Meeting Time
- April 26 Silent Auction and Luncheon, set up in Wesley Foundation @ 10:00 a.m. No meeting in evening.



Youth Group Service Projects

A vital part of the Cullowhee United Methodist Church Youth Groups is service. We are looking for ways to serve our church family. There are a variety of services we would be able to provide. Just a few of the many things that we could provide are yard work, painting, cleaning, shopping, etc. To help in this endeavor, please fill out the form below if you or someone you know is in need of a little bit of help to get a job done. Once the form is received you will be contacted to schedule a day and time. Thank you for all your love and support.

- CUMC Youth Group

Name:

Phone

Number: _____

Description of job (please include location):

Silent Auction Sunday, April 26, 2009, 10:00-12:30 p.m.

Items for the Silent Auction are coming in. Some of the favorites are offered again. There is one major change. For the beach house and cabin rentals, sealed bids will be taken during the Silent Auction, April 26, 10-12:30 p.m. And as before, only people affiliated with CUMC will be able to bid on the beach houses and cabin. If you have something you would be willing to donate (art, antiques, new or slightly used items, a service you can perform, monthly desserts, a dinner, beach house or mountain cabin rental or any other attractive service or merchandise) please let a youth know or call the church office. The youth are very appreciative of all the support during past Silent Auctions. *All proceeds will go toward the Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico, July 7-15, 2009.*

Items that have been donated so far:

- **“Surf and Turf “meal** at the Briggs’ home
- **Dinner for 8** at Carolyn and Norman West’s
- **Pontoon Boat Ride** 3 hours on Fontana Lake, for 4, includes lunch by Susan Bogart
- **Handyman Services** (4 hours only) offered by Earl Black
- **2 Certificates for Pest Control Service** by Clegg’s Termite and Pest Control
- **Oak Island Beach House Rental** “Callowhee Landing” at Oak Island, NC offered by the Friesners.
Available for our church family only under sealed bid. Rental available during the fall.
- **Lawn service** two 2 hr. lawn service or one 4 hour, by Paul S. Heckert,.
- **Lawn mowing** one average size lawn by Steve White
- **Plumbing**, 4 hours, by Jason Carter
- **Personal Training Session** by Betty Farmer, a nationally certified aerobics instructor and personal trainer.
- **Entertaining, tutoring, babysitting**, 3 hours, age 10 and under, offered by Penny Graham.
- **NOC rafting trip for Six** offered by Marcus Metcalf
- **Will and Estate Planning** by attorney Eric Ridenour
- **Landscape Consultation Service:** Service is for an onsite evaluation/observation of your landscape. This can include maintenance concerns/issues or landscape design ideas/suggestions for your home landscaping. A written report will be provided with suggested recommendations from the visit. This service is provided by Roger Turk, a North Carolina Licensed Landscape Contractor with 30+ years of experience and the Grounds Superintendent at WCU
- **Chemistry Magic Show**, offered by Carmen & Scott Huffman
- **Batch of Chocolate Chip Cookies**, offered by Barbara Starnes
- **Italian Crème Cake** offered by Susan Fouts
- **Yard Plant Survey** offered by botanist Dan Pittillo. Dan will identify plants in your yard and give suggestions for new plantings.
- **Soccer Skills with Jay Hinton**
- **Stargazing Party** with astronomer Paul Heckert
- **Quilted Wall Hanging/Table Topper** quilted by Sue Heckert
- **Dessert Surprise** by Cadence Railsback
- **Babysitting** for 4 hours by Sandy Railsback
- **Pet Sitting** offered by the Buskeys
- **Airplane Ride** around Jackson County, 1 hour, 1-3 people, offered by Jim Rowell
- **A Piece of Rustic Log Furniture** offered by Kelly Rowe
- **Pottery** by Ed Taylor
- **Framed Photo** by the Stones
- **Clay Figures** by Spencer Stone
- **WCU Soccer Camp Scholarship**, full day, boy or girl, ages 4-11, August 3-7
- **WCU Soccer Camp Scholarship**, half day, boy or girl, ages 4-11, August 3-7
- **Cat/Mouse Ear Umbrella from China** from Cornelia Cree
- **Custom made ornament that features a photo of CUMC**, offered by Yesterday’s Tree & Shannon Berrey Designs
- **A vintage inspired picture frame**, offered by Yesterday’s Tree

Wesley Foundation Walkway Brick Order

HELP US TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A NEW WESLEY FOUNDATION BY BUYING A COMMEMORATIVE BRICK FOR THE WALKWAY.

Bricks can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$100. They include up to 3 lines of text with 18 characters per line.

All brick orders are tax deductible.

Deadline May 31, 2009

Example:



Ordering Information

Name: _____

Bricks: _____ @ \$100

Total: \$_____

Please send checks to: Wesley Foundation
PO Box 2345
Cullowhee NC, 28723

Inscription: Please provide inscription exactly as you want it to appear on your brick. All inscriptions will be centered on the brick. If you want your brick in memory/honor of someone please indicate below. This will take the place of line 1 on your brick.

___ In Honor of

___ In Memory of
