

# The NEWSLETTER

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## Spring Is Coming...Really

We are coming to the end of a long, cold, wet winter. I have lived in Georgia for 53 years. I obviously do not remember all 53 winters, but of the ones I do remember this has been the worst. There have been very few warm days or days without some kind of moisture. This very unusual winter has been one for the record books. For those who have moved here from some other part of the country, don't be in too big of a hurry to move back to where you came from. This is not something to be expected.

No matter what kind of winter we have, we know that the dark, nasty days will be followed by the glory of spring. We can expect the beauty of the azaleas and dog woods, the bright shades of green of the leaves and the grass, and the warmth that will often last long into the night. Springtime is just around the corner and with it comes feelings of renewed hope.

The same is true of life. There are dark and nasty days in every one's life. There are days that seem as if they will never end. Challenges and obstacles are always present and it often takes every bit of our strength just to make it day to day. We long to be nurtured and to be sheltered.

In spite of all of the realities of life, faith gives us the assurance that better days lie ahead. Just as winter is followed by spring, the grace of God comes and rescues us from our sense of struggle and despair. As the glory of spring is evident by the flowers and the trees, the evidence of God's presence is evident everywhere.

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As we journey through the season of Lent, we relive the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we realize how short we fall of living the Christ-like life we are called to live. We can go two different ways with this realization. We can allow ourselves to wallow in our inadequacies or we can glory in the hope of resurrection.

It might seem like winter is going to last forever, but spring is coming. The dark days of life might seem like a long, cold winter, but the season of hope and resurrection is coming...really! Thanks be to God for both.

In His Service,

Richard



## Our Newest Members

Christine & Phil Neal

1071 Sugar Run

Greensboro, GA 30642

Don & Bonnie Cook

1120 Club Cove Dr.

Greensboro, GA 30642

Wynn & Connie Cline

1410 Anchor Bay Dr.

Greensboro, GA 30642

Grace Mason

1220 Flat Rock St.

Greensboro, GA 30642

Ernie & Susan Horn

1380 Anchor Bay Dr.

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Greensboro, GA 30642

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

It's OK to be human. An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing. So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. Talk to one of our Stephen Ministers (Bonnie Black, Cheri Salisbury, Gary Nicholas, Jan McCormack, Jeannine Williams, Pat Lamb, Richard Cousins, Ron Williams, or Susan Prugh) or call the church office for more information.

**Prayer List...**

Heather Nicholas, daughter of Gary & Marsha Nicholas, pager #1-877-213-3125  
 Brent McGill, son of Paul McGill & Nancy McGill,  
 Harmon Proctor  
 Rhonda Garrett  
 Jan McCormack  
 John Reid Morse  
 Ray Swonger  
 Diane Moldenhauer  
 Cliff Holbert  
 Nancy Hyde  
 Lynn Copeland  
 Don Cook  
 Bub Nipper  
 Gladys Morris  
 Claude Light  
 Del & Jan Francis  
 David Ashley  
 Pat Barton  
 Joyce VanAusdall, mother of Cheri Salisbury  
 Gene Thompson, the Hollrah's son-in-law's father  
 Anne Wilbanks, mother of Linda Morgan  
 Greg Toth, friend of John and Linda Morgan  
 Larry Dulli, nephew of Bill & Lois Phillips  
 Howard & Marsha Thompson, relatives of Joe & Mary Walker  
 Dixie Bowden, sister in law of Pam and Ray Bowden  
 Jack Chillemi, great grandson of Thedeous Johnson  
 Tamara Gianoli, Bill Moore's daughter  
 Timothy McCannon, friend of Anjie Brown  
 Brent Ogletree, son of Lucy Ogletree  
 Jake Nicolopolus, friend of Susan Foust  
 Sherrie Boswell  
 Nancy Masters, friend of Don & Martha Dickey

**Prayer List con't...**

Jackie Dowlen, Jeannine Williams' mother  
 Aliana Cloud, 4 year old niece of Carolyn Channell  
 Ken Elias, Jim & Susan Prugh's brother in law  
 Hoyt Kearns, friend of Nancy & Fred Hunter  
 Mike Lamb, nephew of Danny & Angie Helmly  
 Hank Arvanites, friend of George & Martha Brandon  
 Bill Bryant, Benjie Bryant's father  
 Hayley Hunter, granddaughter of Gloria & Ewing Hunter  
 Marilyn Jackson, sister of Nancy Douglas  
 Cecile Thibault, sister of Paul Guillette  
 Caroline Cranston, Tom & Jacqui Greenwood's grandson's wife  
 Dick Cornell, Tom & Jacqui Greenwood's daughter  
 Donald Brueshaber, grandfather of B. J. Sims  
 Gloria Hughes  
 Frances Cheeley, mother of Wayne Ingle  
 Julie Flanigan and their family  
 Scott Jeffery, friend of Dorothy & Claude Light's daughter  
 Lisa Smith, friend of Fred & Nancy Hunter  
 Dewey Lindsay, friend of Bob & Valerie Thomas  
 Mary Lou Noonan, friend of Joan Swonger  
 George Wree, brother in law of Marge Garrett  
 Brad Permar, uncle of Anjie Brown  
 Cambra Overend, step-granddaughter of Elaine McGinty  
 David Thomas, Bob and Valerie Thomas' nephew  
 Ruth Holy, mother of Jane Phipps  
 Catherine Willie, friend of the JOURNEYMEN & the Mission Team  
 All of the United States Military forces

**Prayer Pager Ministry**

We have a wonderful ministry called the "Prayer Pager Ministry." Here is what it is all about. Our church has six prayer pagers. Prayer pagers can be requested from the church office and typically go to a person or family going through a difficult time. The prayer pager is a way to let someone know you said a prayer specifically for them. After you have prayed, you call the toll free number and will be prompted to dial in a code. This code goes back to the central answering station and sends a page to the appropriate pager. The pager will then either vibrate or have a series of several short beeps depending on the current setting. The pager keeps track of the number of pages it receives. You may call a prayer pager any time of the day or night. This is a wonderful ministry which has brought hope and comfort to many persons during times of crisis. We invite everyone to continue to minister to others through our church prayer pager ministry. As of this article we have one active Prayer Pager - Heather Nicholas - 1-877-213-3125. Please say a prayer and make a call. Please contact the church office to receive a prayer pager.

## March Volunteers for North and South Campus

### Acolytes/South Campus

- 7 Emma Dent
- 14 Carl Fuller
- 21 Peyton Walker
- 28 Clayton Hinspeter

### Acolytes/North Campus

- 7 Jack Thomas
- 14 Bonnie Brown
- 21 Ali Garrett
- 28 Jack Thomas

### Nursery Volunteers/North Campus (11:00 a.m.)

- 7 Need Volunteer
- 14 Pat Lamb
- 21 Jennifer Cousins
- 28 Lynn Dover

### Nursery Volunteers/South Campus

- 7 Kristy O'Neal
- 14 Colby Sims
- 21 Laura Childers
- 28 Kathy Hinspeter

### Children's Church Volunteers/North Campus

- 7 Beth Thomas
- 14 Anjie Brown
- 21 Rhonda Garrett
- 28 Beth Thomas

### Kids Worship Volunteers/South Campus

- 7 Youth/Laura Dent
- 14 Carol Ingle
- 21 Renee Gibson & Sally Bingham
- 28 Kerri Fuller

### Greeters 8:45 Service/North Campus

- 7 David & Peggy Borchelt
- 14 Lewis & Emma O'Neal
- 21 Paul & Liz Guillette
- 28 Jim & Cheryl Laine

### Greeters 11:00 Service/North Campus

- 7 Dale & Elaine Hollrah
- 14 Eloise Cawthon & Marge Garrett
- 21 Bill & Louise Hull
- 28 John & Jeanie Wilson

### Greeters 9:30 Service/South Campus

- 7 George & Kathy Williams; Dean & Juanita McKee
- 14 Tom & Joyce Doss; Jerry & Marci Farnell
- 21 Bob & Jewell Forlaw; John & Kay Hinds
- 28 Steve & Jackie Adams; Chip & Nancy Bell

### Ushers 9:30 Service/South Campus

- 7 Ray & Barbara Alvey; Ray & Elaine McGinty
- 14 Jim & Mary Mahan; Mike & Linda Vogel
- 21 Chuck & Betty Hetzer; Peddy & Cheryl Parker
- 28 Gerald & Nancy Wicker; Dan & Jane Kirby

### Altar Flowers/North Campus

- 7 Lauralee Hunter
- 14 NEED VOLUNTEER
- 21 NEED VOLUNTEER
- 28 The Ashley Family

### Altar Flowers/South Campus

- 7 Mike & Pat Thomas
- 14 Tom & Jackie Greenwood
- 21 Claude & Diane Moldenhauer
- 28 NEED ARRANGEMENT OF PALMS

## Meetings

**TRUSTEES:** Thursday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. at the South Campus Conference Room

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:** Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. at the North Campus Sanctuary



**JOY CLUB** “Just Older Youth” had a great meeting last month with *Dolly* the “Wash Woman”. Thanks *Dolly*, you’re the greatest! In March we meet on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at the North campus for our regular meeting. We will share a covered dish luncheon and have a special Lenten program. On Friday March 12th we will be going to the “On Stage Playhouse” in Monroe to see “Driving Miss Daisy”. The tickets are \$15. If you are interested in going please sign up in the Gathering are at South Campus or the lower vestibule at North Campus. The play is at 8:00 pm but we will leave about 5:00 to stop and eat dinner at the Angus McGee Restaurant.

**Springtime By the Sea for Older Adults** will be at Epworth Retreat Center on beautiful St. Simons Island, Ga. May 17-20, 2010. The theme for this event is “When I in Awesome Wonder”. We will experience many of God’s awesome wonders as we visit the Okefenokee Swamp National Refuge and National Wilderness Area; Take a narrated 2 hour ferry cruise around the Cumberland Island National Seashore, “America’s Most Beautiful Wilderness Beach”; Tour Historic Fernandina Beach and the Amelia Island Museum of History; Listen to a Dramatic presentation of “Peter, the Big Fisherman” by Rev. Lee Weaver; and also Learn about Georgia’s 5 species of Sea Turtles. There will also be an optional lecture on “John Wesley in Georgia” at the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum on the Epworth campus. The cost is \$355. This is for 2 adults in a room. Sign up today in the gathering are of South Campus or the Lower Vestibule at the North campus to reserve your spot. Call Merry at the church for further information if needed

### Wednesday Night Dinner

March 17 at 5:30 p.m.

FUMC South Campus

Hosted by the Youth

*Featuring...*

Mark Ruppelt and the Oglethorpe  
County High School Jazz Band

- Reservations are \$5.



## Women’s Ministry

**Beth Moore Simulcast** Our second Beth Moore Simulcast will take place April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year it will be an all day Saturday event. Lunch will be served. Beth will be broadcasting live from Woodstock, Ga. (On site tickets are sold out). You may purchase tickets from Merry or through the Church office for \$20.

Both of our **Women’s Circles** are growing and busy in ministry. They will share in the March 22nd Spring Fling event at the North Campus. Each of these groups is actively involved in many ministries throughout our community and church. The Nelson circle is a day group that meets at the church every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday morning at 10:00 rotating campuses. The Chandler circle meets every third Tuesday evening at 6:00 at the South Campus in the conference room. They both welcome visitors and new members!

**The Women’s Bible Studies** at the Spotlight Theater and the one at the South Campus have been great this last seven weeks. We will complete our studies in the next two weeks and will begin new ones on Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>. We will swap studies. The Spotlight group will be doing “Pursuing More of Jesus” by Anne Graham Lotz. The church group will be doing “Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed” by Pricilla Shirer, Beth Moore, and Kay Arthur. For more information please contact Merry Grayson, Jane Blume, Pam Luke or Brenda Oulsnam.

### Update on Heather Nicholas...

Heather completed her third cycle of chemotherapy since her initial six week treatment. She will continue to get MRIs every couple of months with the next one scheduled for March. Heather continues to go to physical and occupational therapy at Saint Joseph’s Hospital – East in Greensboro. Thank you for your continued love, support, and prayers! Gary, Marsha, and Heather

*April Newsletter Deadline*

*March 22*

## The Newsletter



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**March 2010**

*Spring Fling Fashion Show—March 22, 11:30 North Campus*

**The “Email Blast”** - The “*Email Blast.*” One of our best administrative communication tools at First United Methodist Church of Greensboro is the “*Email Blast.*” Several times a week we send an email message from the church office to all who wish to receive it. In these messages we provide prayer updates, reminders, and other information useful to our church family. **If you wish to receive these email blasts, please email us at [staff@fumcgreensboro.org](mailto:staff@fumcgreensboro.org)** or use the “Contact Us” page on our church web site [www.fumcgreensboro.org](http://www.fumcgreensboro.org). Out of respect for our church family and friends we only send the email blast to those who request to receive it.



### **NEW!! Become a *fan* of FUMC Greensboro on Facebook!**

Join our Facebook **fan** page. This group is for members, visitors, and those who are curious about the church. On Facebook – search: **First United Methodist Church of Greensboro.**



*Maundy Thursday*

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

**With Communion**

**FUMC South Campus**

**April 1, 7:00 p.m.**

***www.fumcgreensboro.org! Our web site is our home on the internet.***

*PLEASE come home for a visit!* You will find all kinds of exciting information about the many ministries of First United Methodist Church of Greensboro. Please contact the church office for suggestions and questions about how we can continue to improve our home on the internet.

**Church Mailing Address.** Just a reminder that all mail for the church, both the North Campus and the South Campus, is addressed to P.O. Box 216, Greensboro, GA 30642. Only UPS and FEDEX packages are delivered to the physical address at each location. If you should ever need the church address it is on the bulletin, the newsletter, and on the web site, [www.fumcgreensboro.org](http://www.fumcgreensboro.org).

## JOYFUL NOISE...



The **Chancel Choir** is looking for new members. If you love to sing, feel called to this ministry and can commit to rehearsals and Sunday morning singing, please contact Put or any choir member. We rehearse at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings.

The **North Campus Ensemble** is gearing up to provide a choir for the 11:00 worship service at North Campus. We rehearse at 6:00 each Wednesday in the South Campus choir room. We'd love to have you join us.

**Attention Handbells:** Praise Ringers play on Sunday, February 28 and Sunday, March 28.

## We are moving to a new bulletin format in March!

The newsletter will be your main source of information about the life of our church. UMW, UMM, Youth Group, Children's News, JOY Club, Missions Update, Music News, etc. will be in detailed information in the Newsletter. The bulletin will be used primarily as a worship tool, and will only serve as a *reminder* for events listed in the monthly newsletter.

We will have one "Church Activities" insert. On this insert you can sign up for activities (Wednesday Night Dinners, UMM meetings, etc.) as well as submit prayer requests. These can be placed in the offering plate any Sunday. We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we go through this transition. Should you have any questions or comments please direct them to Kathy.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

Would you like to provide flowers for our Sunday morning worship services for either north campus or south campus locations? Please call Lynn to volunteer.

Upcoming Sundays needed are:

- March 14 and 21 for North Campus.
- March 28 (arrangement of palms) for South Campus

## MISSION NEWS

In February our committee has been very busy concluding our January family's home and helping another one in Greene County. The March ministry will be a medical mission for someone. We want to thank everyone that has physically helped or donated items to make these projects possible. Know that your outstretched arms have really made a difference in the lives of many in our own area.

Our committee also visited Trinity on the Hill UMC in Augusta to attend their annual Mission Fair and meet our missionaries from Togo, Africa, the Kipuke family. He is a Methodist minister and we heard a very impassioned and empowering message from him as well as met his wife and children afterwards. They reported that their ministry was thriving. Their school is full and the students are learning and the health related clinic is serving as many people as they can with their facility. The church is growing and many are coming to know Jesus. In addition we have received a new Newsletter called "Follow Me" from the Winkles in Asia. They report that they have graduated one class of 8 pastors that are being sent to many locations.

Three of the eight are going to predominately Muslim countries to share the good news of Christ. They hope to supply minister from Asia to Jerusalem! The other graduates are in different home churches or schools doing the same. Their new class has started and is full of exciting new faces eager to learn how to better share the gospel. As a family they are doing well. The 3 children, 8, 6 & 4 are all learning the language at a rapid rate and doing well in their home school. Please pray for both of these missionary families daily. Pray for their safety, health and ministries.

In addition, our committee presented a program to the morning Men's club about the rewarding and amazing ministry the group is sharing in. We got 15 new people to sign up to help on our local projects. They also are supporting financially. The evening Men's group also had a presentation and was involved with the December family. If there are others interested in helping or if you have items to donate, please call Susan Prugh or Merry.

## Children Ministry

**F.I.S.H.** (Friends In the Saviors House.) is having a wonderful year. We meet each Wednesday at 4:00 at the South Campus and Kid's Choirs start at 5:00. This fun ministry for our Kids 3years-5<sup>th</sup> grade is open to all. Come and have a great time together!



Our **Easter Egg Hunt** this year will be held at the North Campus on Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00. Come and bring friends for a hopping good time!



**North Campus - Xtreme:**  
Sunday's from 4:00-5:30

**South Campus – Impact:**  
Sunday's from 6:00-7:30

This is a time to eat, hang out with friends, and learn about our faith! Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade is invited to join us!

### UPCOMING DATES

3.12.10-3.14.10: SLR @ Camp Glisson

3/17/10: Wednesday night Supper :

*Sponsored by the Youth*

3.28.10: FUSION: 5:30

*Sunday School: South: 11:00*

Xtreme: 4:00-5:30 // IMPACT: 6:00-7:30

*Amanda Garvin: Associate Pastor to Youth*

706.453.7064//

[amanda@fumcgreensboro.org](mailto:amanda@fumcgreensboro.org)

## SEEKERS

Single Adult Ministry for adults 22-30 in the Lake Oconee area. Bible study, fellowship, community service, and recreation are all part of this ministry. All young adults (single/unmarried) are invited to join us every Tuesday night from 6:30-8:30 for dinner and Bible study.

For more information e-mail

[amanda@fumcgreensboro.org](mailto:amanda@fumcgreensboro.org) or 706.453.7064

<http://www.fumcgreensboro.org/ministries/single-adult-ministry/>

## Contemporary Service

A committee has been formed to plan for and later add a contemporary service to our church. Their goal is to have a great service which will attract many newer and younger members. Please speak with any of the members to express your ideas... Ron Lang, Ron Williams, Laura Childers, Kristin Hill, Pete Topken, Joann Blount, John and Corey Crouse, and all the staff clergy. We need your prayers as we enter this important planning phase.

## The Chancel Choir Presents "Praise the God of Resurrection"

Palm Sunday, March 28

9:30 (South Campus)

11:00 (North Campus)



Our volunteer telephone operators program has been a huge help to the church staff.. If you would like to get involved, please contact Ron Williams. There is a place for you!

## United Methodist Men News

The United Methodist Men will meet on Thursday, March 18 at the NORTH CAMPUS at 8:00 a.m. The program will be announced at a later date. Please join us and bring a friend or neighbor to share in food and fellowship. Don't forget to sign up on the "Church Activities" insert that are placed in our weekly bulletins or call the church office so we know how much food to prepare.

## Nelson Circle News

The Nelson Circle met on February 15 at the South campus with 42 members and guests attending. The program was presented by Susie Pressley on the Jewish Passover and the Seder Meal. A very special thank you is extended to hostesses Sally Bingham, Janice Sharp, and Sharon Crosby. Our "Friendship Coffees" for March will be on March 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Emiline Brown and at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Jewell Forlaw. If you wish to attend one of these, please contact Gail Collier at 706-467-1036. Wednesday Night Dinner was enjoyed by 160 plus and tickets sales brought \$875.00 for the Greene County Food Bank along with a lot of food donations. Thank you so much!

Remember—the Spring Fling luncheon and fashion show is March 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall at the North Campus. This is a combined effort of the Nelson and Chandler Circles with proceeds for missions in the community.

## Chandler Circle News

The Chandler Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, March 16th, 6:00 p.m. at the south campus. Remember to bring "Bingo" prizes for the Boswell Parker Nursing home.

We have added some wonderful new members but really also miss our other "Sisters in Christ" who have not been with us in awhile. We need all of you and hope to see you at the next meeting. We now have 31 members on our roster. Let's make next month's attendance the biggest ever!! We are our strongest TOGETHER.



**Daylight Savings Time Begins** on Sunday, March 14. Set your clock one hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday night, March 13.

## Original Amateur Hour

The Original Amateur Hour was a great success! Thank you to all who gave of their time and energy to help the youth with this event. We really do appreciate the support our church family showed us.

## March Birthdays

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Gale Weaver         | 24 Jeannine Williams |
| 2 Lee Rhodes          | 26 Jerome Martin     |
| 3 Bob Timko           | 27 Sloan Rhodes      |
| 4 Tia Brown           | Kamauria Walker      |
| Camden Roper          | 28 Donna Adams       |
| 5 Wes Hunt            | Nancy Douglas        |
| 6 Fred Hunter         | 29 Toni Barnhart     |
| 7 Lisa Milo           | Bertha Lee Turner    |
| 8 Megan Burgess       | 30 Bo Young          |
| 10 Jonathan Evans     | 31 Starr Jarrard     |
| Robin Miller          |                      |
| 11 Clark Carroll      |                      |
| Diane Heavner         |                      |
| 13 Jim Moss           |                      |
| 16 Bob Stevens        |                      |
| 17 Austin Marshall    |                      |
| 18 Larry Bowers       |                      |
| Traci T. Martin       |                      |
| 19 Jim Haydon         |                      |
| 20 Hallie Beth Rhodes |                      |
| 21 Jim Prugh          |                      |
| Henry Shurling        |                      |
| 22 Alyson Bryant      |                      |
| Brooke Carroll        |                      |
| Dennis Crosby         |                      |
| Bill Dover            |                      |
| 23 Betty Hetzer       |                      |
| 24 Robbie Chapman     |                      |
| Laura Childers        |                      |

*If you would like to have your birthday included in our newsletter "Birthday" column, please email or call the church office to let us know. We would love to celebrate that day with you, too!*

