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The Grapevine
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*"I am the vine, you are the branches
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."
John 15:5*

Kurt's Corner

As the year 2012 comes to an end and a new year begins, I have taken time to pause and reflect upon what has transpired in my life and the life of our church. Most of the print and television media will surely do the same if they have not already.

One of my favorite things to do growing up was to read the year end reflection compiled by my hometown paper, *The Charlotte Observer*. It was always a mixture of celebration, speculation, and news that was humorous but all too true. There was always a list of celebrities and the famous that had died during the calendar year. At times I would wonder, "Are they really gone from our midst?"

This past year three of our church's saints went home to be with the Lord, Lois Bomar, Sara Parsons, and Steve Miesbauer. These individuals made an indelible mark upon countless lives. Sara was the quiet "rock" of faith who loved her family, her church family, and God. Lois lived out her faith in a life of service and helping others. Steve loved skiing, his teams (Clemson and Green Bay), his family, and good food. These unique individuals lived life to the fullest and believed "to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

I miss Sara, Steve and Lois. It doesn't seem the same around Mt. Zion without them. But I will continue to honor them by remembering them and the influence they had on my life.

In Christ,
Kurt

From Bishop Jonathan Holston

As we lean into a New Year filled with opportunities and possibilities, I offer these suggestions for your reflection:

1. Learn how to live one day at a time. Life does not force itself upon us all at one time. It comes in little pieces-seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years. Even tomorrow is not ours until it becomes today.
2. Prepare, pray, work and plan for the best. Be open to learn from the experiences of each day.
3. Stop borrowing trouble. Finding the joy in your life daily brings forth the will to live.
4. Put God at the center of your life. Take time each day for spiritual reflection, meditation and devotion.

(January 2013 South Carolina United Methodist *Advocate*)

MOUNT ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMITTEES—2013

AGE/LEVEL FAMILY COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs :

Libba Carson, Elizabeth Bowman
Wayne Coffman, Jan Miller,
Jane Jones, Elizabeth Finley,
Catherine Ferguson, Janet Crenshaw,
Ann Wilbanks, Lillie McPherson,
Heather Cumbie, Ginger Allen,
Ashley Gelder

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Chair – Kurt McPherson

2013 – Sharon Chandler,
Ron Nonnenberg

2014 – Helen Singleton, Ansel Miller

2015 – Dean Finley, Steve Lee,
John Reeves

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Chair – David Connor

Isaiah Mullinax , Randy Martin,
Elizabeth Bowman, Dot Wilbanks,
Paige Evatt, Ashley Gelder, Elizabeth
Finley

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Chair - Sherrie Youngblood

Myra Armistead, Karen Smith,
Sheila Malmgren, Bonnie Littrell

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Chair—Pam Baker

Terry Handegan, Elaine Bullock
Eileen Nonnenberg, Wes Witcher,
Miriam Coffman, Ginger Allen

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Chair—Mary Handegan

Scott Smith, Bill Carson,
Drew Gelder, David Amidon

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Chair—Ed Martin

2013—Ed Martin

2014—Drew Gelder

2015—Karen Smith, Jill Sims,
Lane Miller

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair—TBD

Benji Cumbie, Gail Wingard,
Chandler Coffman, Chris O'Dell,
Elizabeth Fiinley

Flower Coordinator -

Kristine Reeves

Communion Coordinator -

Vicki Miesbauer

BIRTHDAYS:

January: Irene Buchanan (3); Buddy Evatt,
Kurt McPherson (13); Julie Sarasua (17);
Bobby Garrett (18); Charles Baker (19); Nancy Rice (21);
Heather Cumbie (23); Quint Cumbie (25);
Amanda Mullinax (26)

February: Peggy Bodie, John Youngblood (2);
Bill Carson, Katie Ferguson, Will Mullinax (3);
Cherylene Amidon ((10); Grayson Bowman (11); Jeremy Sarasua (14);
Logan Rice (16); Trent Allen (20); Virginia Norwood (22); Lamar Gibson (28)

ANNIVERSARIES:

January: Les and Jane Jones (10), Larry and Gail Wingard (26)

February: none



Vicki Miesbauer and family in the death of her husband, Steve.

Frances Snipes and family in the death of her brother, Harold Stephenson.

Kristine Reeves and family in the death of her father, Merle Hooper.

Our shut-ins:

Lillian Begley— Manna Health Care, Pickens

Shirley Kolp—The Residences, Seneca

Christine McAlister—Oak Village Health Care, Lake Jackson, Texas

Frances Rice—Hawthorne Inn, Greenville

Miriam Griffin and Sara Kelly—At home in Central

Isaiah 41:10 *fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

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Harvest Luncheon

The second annual Harvest Luncheon was held on November 3, 2012 at Mount Zion. The purpose of this church-wide event is to extend the hand of fellowship to our neighbors, family and friends. Hosted by the United Methodist Women, ALL members of Mount Zion are encouraged to share the bounty provided by our Lord by preparing food and sharing the recipes that enable us to provide this wonderful harvest luncheon.

The proceeds from this year's event have been designated for UMW Missions. At the last accounting, a total of \$525 had been earned.



Upcoming Events:

- **Men's Club Breakfast meeting—Sunday, January 6, 8:30 a.m.** in the church dining room.
- **Anderson District United Methodist Women Officer's Training Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m. until Noon at Arial UMC in Easley.** No cost and no reservation required.
- Mount Zion's UMW will host the **Anderson District UMW Executive Committee** meeting on **Monday, February 4th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the church dining room.
- United Methodist Women of Trinity UMC, Anderson, invite all to attend a short **mission study on Poverty, Saturday 9, 8:30 a.m. until noon.** No cost. You do not have to be a UMW member in order to attend.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair—Charles Baker

Lay Delegate, Annual Conference—
Miriam Coffman

Chairperson, Administrative Council -
John Malmgren

Chairperson, PPRC—Vicki Miesbauer

Chairperson, Trustees—Ed Martin

Lay Leader—John Youngblood

Treasurer—Miriam Coffman

Pastor—Kurt McPherson

At Large Member—Larry Wingard

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (PPRC)

Chair— Vicki Miesbauer

2013—Vicki Miesbauer, Karen Martin,
Al Cumbie

2014—Gail Wingard

2015—David Bullock, Trent Allen

Lay Leader—John Youngblood

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference—
Miriam Coffman

LAY DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE—Miriam Coffman

ALTERNATE LAY DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE—

Sharon Chandler



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson—John Malmgren

Recording Sec.—Virginia Norwood

Lay Leader—John Youngblood

Chair, PPRC—Vicki Miesbauer

Chair, Finance—Charles Baker

Chair, Trustees—Ed Martin

Treasurer—Miriam Coffman

Lay Delegate to Ann. Conf.—
Miriam Coffman

Pres., UMW—Elizabeth Finley

Pres., Men's Club—Benji Cumbie

Chair, RAPPERS—Ann Wilbanks

Co-Chairs, Age/Level Family -

Libba Carson, Elizabeth Bowman
Chair, Hospitality—

Sherrie Youngblood

Chair Evangelism—David Connor

Chair, Worship—TBD

Youth Representative—Mason Sims

Young Adults Rep.—Kris Bowman

Membership Secretary—

Vicki Miesbauer

Chair, Parsonage—Pam Baker

Chair, Grounds—Mary Handegan

Music—Virginia Norwood

At Large Member—Sonny Sims

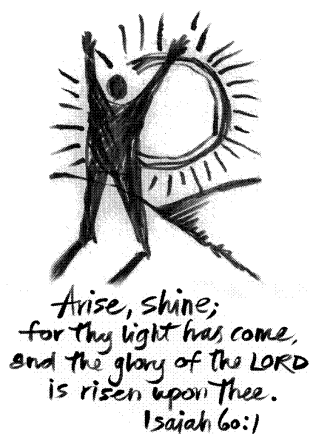
Pastor—Kurt McPherson

THANKS TO ALL THOSE who helped supply the ARK. The Heifer Project donation total was \$551. Also thanks to those who provided shoeboxes (22) for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Dave and Cherylene Amidon and Ansel and Sharon Miller volunteered at Samaritan's Purse's Boone, North Carolina OCC processing location December 4th and 5th.



Anderson District Lay Leadership—Sunday, January 6, 2:30-5pm, Trinity UMC, Anderson. Workshops on finance, worship, UMWIM/ADVIM Missions, small group ministry, children's ministry, and moving from membership to discipleship. Workshops for youth leaders, lay leaders, and trustees.

"Meet the Wesley's" - February 24-28 at Epworth by the Sea Conference Center, St. Simons Island, Georgia. This event is intended to help you get to know the fathers of Methodism. Registration (\$392.08 per adult staying 2 adults/room) includes all meals, lodging, seminars, guided tours of significant Wesley sites around St. Simons and Savannah and the opportunity to tour the Wesley museum. Registration forms and a detailed agenda are available from 912-638-8688 or at www.epworthbythesea.org. Brothers John and Charles Wesley were Anglican ministers who emigrated to Georgia in 1736.



New Cancer Association

The Pickens County Cancer Association has been formed to improve the quality of life of cancer patients and their families in our community. It is currently made up of three primary volunteers who receive no salary. There is no means of testing and up to \$1,000 per year/patient is allowed. Recipients must be a Pickens County resident and an active cancer patient. Money may be used for assistance with treatment-related expenses, including prescription medicine and gas to get to medical appointments. They also provide new and gently used wigs, hats and loan of medical equipment. Their address is Pickens County Cancer Association, PO Box 2611, Easley and their website is www.pccancer.org. Another point is that as important as the American Cancer Society is, and other organizations designed to do the actual research to find a cure for cancer, very little is actually making its way to help individual cancer patients in our own community. Submitted by Al Cumbie

Asbury Slept Here

An 18th-century two story log cabin known as the Burdine Lodge has been donated to the Pickens County Cultural Commission. Currently it is stored in a county warehouse awaiting reconstruction on the Hagood Mill site near Pickens. Asbury memorabilia is being collected to place in the cabin. Journals of Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury record specific visits with the Burdines in 1800 and 1802. Asbury traveled thousands of miles as a circuit rider in his 45-year ministry to spread the Gospel throughout America. (January 2013 *Advocate**)

Jonathan Holston is new Bishop 2013-2016

Bishop Holston, age 53, comes to the South Carolina Conference from the North Georgia Conference and most recently was senior pastor of St. James UMC in Atlanta. Prior to this, he was superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District, 1997-2005. He and his wife, Felecia, have two children. (August 2012 *Advocate**)

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