

INFORMER

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Vanderburg United Methodist Church, (704) 663-1690

Dear Church Family,

I am writing this on my way to Oklahoma to spend Thanksgiving with my family. I hope all of you have had wonderful family celebrations and didn't overdo too much.

We are fast approaching Christmas and the Advent season. Now more than ever we need to put our focus on the sacredness of this time. It is so easy to get caught up in the consumer culture that is always trying to sell us what we don't need. It's possible to give gifts at Christmas without going overboard if we constantly remember God's unsurpassed gift to us in Jesus. Remember also the needs of our church.

We have much to look forward to this Advent season: the Children's program on December 4, the Choir Cantata in December 18, and the Candlelight Christmas Eve service. Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year we will have one worship service at 11:00 with Communion and Carols, no Early Worship or Sunday School that day.

It has been a year of great blessing and great sorrow. We have seen God at work changing lives and drawing us closer to Christ and one another. We so miss those who have passed on to Glory.

I thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor. I am blessed to work with a committed and gifted staff. I can honestly say they truly love the Lord and wish to serve Him with all their hearts. You are a wonderful congregation and God is using you in marvelous ways to advance the Kingdom. We are all growing up in Christ. Thanks be to God.

Sincerest blessings for a blessed and happy Christmas.

Susan

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Our Mission: Follow Jesus Make Disciples Transform the World

SUNDAY SERVICES

Early Service 8:45 Sunday School 9:45

Worship 11:00

Join us for coffee, snacks and friendly conversation in the Fellowship Hall between the two services.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your support during the loss of our dad. Your prayers, cards and visits were a comfort to us all.

May God Bless,
Susan Fogleman & Family

OUR RECENT NEW MEMBER



Rick Owens
704 Circle Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115
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ACOLYTES

4 - Julia McClain
11 - Joey Erwin
18 - Morgan Ketchie
25 - Jeremy Erwin

USHERS

4 - David Edmonds, Payne & Rex Edmond
11 - Dwight Neill, Caleb Weddington & Paul Neill
18 - Paul McClain Family
25 - Tony Fogleman, Randy Woodward, and Irvin Cannon

BY MY PRESENCE

Attendance Totals Oct. 30 -Nov. 20

Early Service	89
Sunday School	368
Worship Service	486

NURSERY WORKERS

4 - Kevin & Amy Winecoff
11 - Karen Peltier & Angela Edmonds
18 - Julie Wyatt & Janice Brawley
25 - James & Shannon Waggoner

KIDS I.A.M. WORKERS

4 - Shannon Waggoner, Julie Wyatt, Paul & Mary McClain
11 - Stephanie Johnson, Stephanie Neill
18 - Stan & Kelly Stutts, Ron & Sherry Armstrong
25 - Stephanie Johnson & Charmaine

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS IN DECEMBER

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

Trustees Meeting..... 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal..... 11:00-1:30

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Children's Christmas Play 11:00 am

Council Meeting..... 6:00 pm

MONDAY, DEC. 5

UMW Meeting..... 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

Friendship Club Meeting..... 10:15 am

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

UMM Breakfast Meeting..... 7:00 am

Blood Pressure Check..... 9:45-10:45 am

MONDAY, DEC. 12

Scout Committee..... 7:00 pm

UMW Meeting..... 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

Preschool Meeting..... 6:00 pm

Youth Council Meeting..... 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

Friendship Club..... 4:30 pm

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

Preschool Christmas Program..... 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

Joy Club..... 10:00-2:00

UMM Christmas Bar-B-Q..... 3:00 pm

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service..... 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EARLY SERVICE 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

Pack Meeting..... 6:00 pm

Happening at Vanderburg

SUNDAYS

VUMC Basketball

TUESDAYS

Prayer Group..... 10:00 am

WEDNESDAYS

Praise Team Practice 4:45 pm

Youth Group Meeting..... 6:00 pm

Cub Scouts..... 6:30 pm

Choir Practice..... 7:00 pm

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Given to General Budget in Memory of:

Lorene Mundy by:

Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Neill

Jack Overcash by:

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Armstrong

Sonja Beaver

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Neill

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Wayne Ketchie

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Coleman

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Brawley

Mr. & Mrs. Ron McMillian

Bob Combs Class

Mr. & Mrs. John Freeze

Frances Lyesly

Harold Beaver by:

Sonja Beaver

Veronica Tutino by:

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Wayne Ketchie

Adrian Evans by:

Mr. & Mrs. Ron McMillian

Hubert Barnett by:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Neill

Christian Outreach

Mr. & Mrs. John Freeze

Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Belk, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Mayhew

Patty Carriker by:

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Belk

Franklin Belk by:

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Belk

Given to the General Fund in Honor of:

Mary Brawley, Johanne Stoltz, Bill Benfield, Bradley Mills by:

Bob Combs Class

Given to Sherrill Scholarship in Memory of:

Hubert Barnett by:

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Smith

Evelyn Smith

Veronica Tutino by:

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sherrill

Lorene Mundy by:

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sherrill

Given to Compassion Fund in Memory of:

Jack Overcash by:

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Smith

Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Belk, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Neill,

Evelyn Smith

Lindsey & Willis Co.

Ashland Construction

E. F. Belk & Son

O'Anna Mintion and Girls

Key Searce

Mr. & Mrs. Grady Alexander

Patricia Echerd

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Stutts

Don Parker

Jimmy Stogner

Susan Kenley

Paul Walters

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Neel

Myrtle Harkey

Russell Harkey by:

Myrtle Harkey

Hubert Barnett by:

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Smith

Given to the Compassion Fund in Honor of:

Mark & Katherine Brawley by:

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Stutts

Bob Combs Class by:

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Whitfield

Dolph & Frances Moor's Anniversary by:

Evelyn Smith

Given to Lowder Scholarship in Memory of:

Veronica Tutino by:

Mary R. Brawley

Mr & Mrs. Richard Lowder

Hubert Barnett by:

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Whitfield

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lowder

Jack Overcash by:

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Whitfield

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lowder

Tony Sherril by:

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lowder

NURTURE

The Nurture Committee would like to make the addresses of the military and the college student addresses available to anyone who would like to send them mail. If any other college student would like to be added, please see Dena Younts or email me at Whizzer628@aol.com. Please send cards or notes, upper rooms etc. to let them know you're thinking of them. **Please forward us addresses for Matthew Moore and SPC Richard Funk.**

Alex Younts Unit 336-A 2110 Avent Ferry Road Raleigh, NC 27606	Caroline Bottoms 5939 West Friendly Ave Apt. 64C Greensboro, NC 27410	Jessica P. Josey Wingate University Campus Box 2347 Wingate, NC 28174
Sgt. Sam Whitman HHC 2-18 INF, SNIPERS FOB KINDUZ APO, AE 09368	Stephen Bottoms 2805 Isabella Drive Raleigh, NC 27603	Tyler Brooks Montreat College Box 310 PO Box 1209 Montreat, NC 28757-1209
Tyler Hill Montreat College Box 239 PO Box 1209 Montreat, NC 28757-1209	Zeke Brawley University Village 1727 Walker Ave Apt. 206 Greensboro, NC 27403	

** Please, if you have any additions, changes, or updates let Dena Younts know at Whizzer628@aol.com so we can have a correct list. I want to be in better contact with our college students and those in the military. Also, if you would like me to have their email addresses for myself or to add to the list please indicate in writing to me by email. Thank you.*

We Need Addresses for Dustin Belk, Kristen Belk, Matthew Moore, Dalton Pierce, and Chuckie Naas

MISSION PROJECT

We will continue to collect items for Shepherd School throughout the next few months. Thanks to those of you who have already donated many items to provide tools for students who cannot afford them. We still need tissues, white out tapes, and especially plastic sheet dividers with pockets (the plastic is much more durable than the paper ones). Any cash donations to provide unforeseen needs throughout the year would also be much appreciated. After collecting for the fifth grade it was learned that they must share with the fourth grade classes, also. This spreads the supplies much thinner and any and all donations are received gratefully.

100 two inch three ring binders	100 three ring zipper pencil Pouches
100 five subject spiral notebooks	100 two subject spiral notebooks
100 one subject spiral notebooks	100 bound composition notebooks
100 sets of dividers with pockets	100 pkg. colored pencils
200 pkgs. Wide ruled notebook Paper	100 pkg. #2 pencils
100 pkg. red pens	100 pkg. highlighters
100 pkg. pencil top erasers	100 pkg. expo marker erasers
100 pkg. expo markers	200 canisters of Clorox wipes
100 (100) 3 x 5 blank index cards	200 rolls of paper towels
300 boxes of tissues	100 bottles of expo cleaner
200 bottles of hand sanitizer	100 white out tapes
200 pkg. black or blue pens	

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

Alice Brawley, Amy Winecoff, Belk Family, Bill & Lois Benfield, Brenda Waugh, Caroline Hayes, Cindy Rodden, David Blair, Don Sherrill, Donna Arnold, Dwight Neill, Dylan Palladino, Ed Carriker, Emily Overcash, Greg Whitfield, Jean McIntyre, Jennifer Benfield, Jim & Betty Winecoff, Jimmy Brooks, Jocelyn Weddington, Keith Nance, Linda Sell's sister, Louise Stoltz, Maralyn Wood, Mark Bottoms, Marjorie Mecomber, Martha Overcash's daughter-Debra Neill, Matt Black's mother, Evelyn, Mike Bowers, Myrtle Harkey, Nancy & Zonnie Belk, Nancy Brawley's Mother, Patsy Honeycutt, Rick Owens, Shirley Key, Steve Heslop, and the family of Ginny McLean

**Please inform the office of any changes that need to be made.*



Members in

Military Service:

Anthony Miller
Canaan Stanley
Daniel Davis
Michael Kaufman
Richard Funk
Sammy Whitman
Timothy Doster

Our Members in Care

Facilities:

Genesis Center, Mooresville

- Mary Harwell
- Pat Douglas

Heritage Place, Statesville -

Evelyn Day

Summit Place, Mooresville

-Eunice Waugh
-Ruth Overcash

Homebound Members:

April Ritchie
Harry Moore
Helen Neel
Margaret Melchor
Martha Overcash

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

1 Randy Peltier
3 Terry Pardew
7 Elaine Evans
Brian Johnson
John Rogers
8 Chris Stutts
Lori Settlemyre
10 Don Byrd
Irvin Cannon
11 Judith Terrell
12 Mike Bowers
Bobby Bradshaw
Marguerite Beyerle
13 Dianne Neill
15 Robert Compton
Sarah Harwell
Russell Benfield
17 Jessica Evans
18 Ethan Wyatt
Parker Wyatt
Frankie Sue Coleman
Amy Crisp
21 Billy Benfield
Barbara Hunsucker
Bill Benfield
23 Kelly Stutts
Lauren Trimble
24 Karen Barbee
25 Evelyn Day
26 Ed Miller
Andy Neill
27 Mary R. Brawley
Kathy Meyer
29 Rick Owens
30 Mike Crisp
Gordon Donaldson
Jackie Schronce
Evelyn Smith

DECEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

4- Karen & Edward Barbee
5 - Kevin & Amy Winecoff
9 - Butch & Dawn Bailey
10 Ronnie & Kelly McMillan
Clyde & Jacqueline Bailey
12 Dana & Joy Blalock
14 Dee & Joe Setzer
16 Zonnie & Nancy Belk
18 John & Mary Rogers
20 Edwin & Veronica Crispell
21 Jerry & Katy Smith
24 Matthew & Melissa Fulbright
27 Darnell & Ernest Stewart
30 Ashley & Jason Pulver

MEMO

If you are not getting **phonetree** messages, please be in touch with Charmaigne for some trouble shooting.

MINISTRY NEWS / SMALL GROUPS

CHORAL NOTE

A CD of the cantata will be available on Dec. 18 after the service for a donation. All monies received will be given to "Rick's Ride".

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will be hosting a Christmas Bar-B-Q fundraiser on Dec. 17th. You can purchase a prepared 8 lb. Hickory Smoked Butt for \$25.00. Order forms are in the Narthex.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet at the home of Linda Overcash on Dec. 12th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring finger foods to share.

The UMW will be collecting for the Marine Corps League's Toys for Tots to benefit children of Iredell County. Please bring unwrapped toys and place them on a table in the Fellowship Hall from now until Dec. 18th. These will be taken to the collection site at Lake Norman Pediatrics.

J.O.Y. CLUB

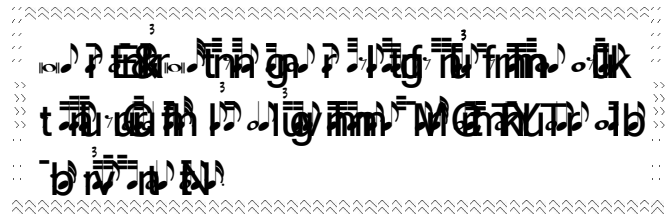
Women of all ages meet once a month to work on various knitting and crocheting projects. Beginners are welcome to come and learn! Our next meeting is on Saturday December 17, 2011, from 10am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and or snack, we would LOVE for you to join us. If members are aware of a need for a prayer shawl, baby blanket or infant hat, please let the ladies know by sending an e-mail to the office at vumc@windstream.net.

SHEPHERD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Shepherd Friendship Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 4:30 pm. After a short meeting we will eat at a local restaurant and ride around to enjoy the Christmas lights.

HAPPY HATTERS

On Oct. 25, 2011, the Happy Hatters went "Trick or Treating" and delivered fruit baskets to nine (9) shut-ins who are members of Vanderburg UMC. The members visited were Margaret Melchor, Martha Overcash, Helen Neel, Rachel Carson, April Ritchie, Myrtle Harkey and Harry & Frances Moore. We also went to Genesis to visit Pat Douglas and Ginny McLean. Barbara Riter joined us as a guest and served as photographer. Then we enjoyed dinner and fellowship at O'Charlies.



IS THIS YOU?

Are you interested in becoming a Sunday School Teacher?

"I cannot be here every Sunday." Consider being a Substitute! We have a need for YOU.

Please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Susan Fogleman if you feel this is your time.

Susan can be reached at sfogleman@windstream.net.

Rick's Ride Fund

Tickets for the Quilt Raffle are available for \$1.00. All proceeds go towards "Rick's Ride". See Beverly or Janice for tickets.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Preschool

Hello Church Family,

I want to thank the church family for all their support at the chicken Port-A Pit. God is truly working in this church. So many of you came out to support this event! Not only did you come out and eat a great meal and join in fellowship. Many of you also helped in working to prepare and serve the meal. I would like to especially thank the children and the youth for their help! Austin, Madison and Morgan for help in serving and setting up. It became challenging for them for a while, but they stuck with it! Caleb, Harley, Joey, Aaron, and we can't forget NB, looked spectacular in the chicken costume waving at cars to bring them in. Thank you to everyone who made desserts, they were delicious as usual. We made \$1525.00, way to go! One way the preschool plans to use some of the funds, is to replace the banner out front to say "Vanderburg Preschool". Because of God and the people of this church, the fundraiser was a success. Thank you again!

The preschool will be performing a Christmas program, "Tip Toe To Bethlehem". We've been working very hard to learn Christmas music and we would like to extend an invitation to welcome anyone who would like to join us. The program will be on Friday, December 16th at 6:00 pm, with a Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration directly following. All of us at the preschool would like to wish all of you a blessed Christmas season.

Blessings,
Veronica Naas

Cub Scouts

Once again Pack and Troop 332 will be selling Christmas Trees. We are located at 1848 Charlotte Hwy.

Thank you for supporting Scouting.

Youth News

C2SX

Adult youth workers and four Youth traveled to Hendersonville on November 18 to attend Choose to Share Christ, in short C2SX. This is a weekend retreat for high school students that develops their skills to share Christ. Bishop Goodpastor was the opening speaker. Jennifer Davis from the Board of Discipleship ended the weekend with an INCREDIBLY funny and heart wrenching talk. We heard powerful testimonies throughout the weekend from teenagers and young adults about their struggles in their faith.

Anyone that has ever attended this weekend continues to go back year after year as long as they can and then they apply to staff. That tells you what it means to teenagers. We are already looking forward to the next C2SX that will be at Lake Junaluska Nov 2 - 4, 2012. Youth members should start saving their dollars!

Amy said, "This weekend we got the chance to learn about how our faithline can change over a lifetime. Everyone's faithline will be different and no one should apologize for what is on your faith line."

Youth Calendar

November 30th *Word Hop*

December 7th *B.L.A. [Advent]*

December 16th *Youth Booth*

December 21st *Christmas Celebration* [details will follow soon]

Parent assistance and encouragement might be needed, so please let any of the adults know if you are available.

December 28th *"Reflections"*

January 4th, 2012 *Game night "Ready Set Go!"*

All youth members that would like to go **caroling** should keep their eyes on the bulletin for an announcement. This will be a VUMC outreach and not a Youth event, even though we would LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

30 Hour Famine

The Youth group is planning to do a 30-hour famine to help relieve hunger. Our goal is to raise \$2400. We will start fasting after lunch on February 24, 2012. We will meet at church at 6:00 pm and stay until we end our fast with a feast at 6 pm on Saturday, February 25th.

We would like to give the youth the opportunity to do some outreach work that Saturday morning. Please be in contact with me if you know of someone, or you have a need for some assistance. Any offers of help in preparing the feast are welcomed. Again, please just let me know.

And then, please support this effort of the youth by praying that their compassion will grow, that they will stay on task with their fundraising and creativity. Sponsorships and donations are of course, MOST WELCOME.

I would like to wish everyone and very blessed and merry Christmas. My prayer is that it will be a true Christ feast and the blessing to be able to say Merry Christmas on Christmas Day!

And thank you for the hard work and love that is making our Youth Ministry the blessing it is.

Peace be with you during Advent,

Charmagne