

# INFORMER

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Vanderburg United Methodist Church, (704) 663-1690

I wanted to share with you our lay leaders' Charge Conference report in answer to the question, "where have you seen God at work in the life of the church?"

Vanderburg UMC is alive and well...Praise God!! We humbly give Him all the honor and praise!

We have been very busy at Vanderburg UMC over the last several years. Under the leadership of Rev. Susan German, her family and staff, and many dedicated lay people, who have so graciously shared their spiritual gifts, many wonderful things have been accomplished. Following are a few of the highlights:

1) After several years of fervent praying, planning, fundraising and preparation by our Preschool Committee, the new "Vanderburg UMC Preschool" opened its doors during the last week of August 2011. Under the qualified direction of Mrs. Veronica Naas, the Preschool opened with a beginning enrollment of 21 students. Veronica has been a very dedicated member of Vanderburg UMC and a Sunday School teacher for many years. Veronica has a heart for children and she has truly felt called by God to lead this new Preschool program as an outreach to little ones in our community.

2) Our U.M.Y.F. program continues to expand. Under the leadership of our Youth and Children's Director, Mrs. Charmaine Van Rooyen, and several extremely dedicated Lay Volunteers, the Youth program has grown from only a few young people five years ago to an attendance of 25-35 youth at any given meeting. Our UMYF has been involved in several outreach and mission trips in the past year including 'SPIRITUS' and "Illumination", as well as local outreach projects for the elderly and needy in our own community.

3) Our Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops continue to be very active. They meet on Wednesday nights at the church and it is always a blessing to see so many scout uniforms filling our fellowship hall. Many of the scout families are not members of our church (yet). Vanderburg has sponsored this Boy Scout Troop for many years and it continues to reach out to many young boys and their families in our community. Thanks to several extremely dedicated volunteer Scout Leaders including Tommy Carriker, LouAnne Steelman, Laura Rust and others, this program has continued to be a vital outreach in our community.

4) We have had almost 20 members attend the Walk to Emmaus, at Emmanuel Emmaus in Casar, NC over the last eighteen months. This weekend of spiritual renewal has been a tremendous blessing to all who have attended and the members have come back ready and willing to serve God with an obviously renewed dedication to Christ. This program has definitely served to strengthen the faith and passion to serve God for all those involved.

5) Our church has truly pulled together over the past year to raise money for one of our handicapped members in order to purchase a handicapped van. We have called the project "Rick's Ride" and the willingness by the congregation to help with all of the fundraising projects has been phenomenal. During one BBQ fundraiser, we had many more volunteers than we had jobs available. What a blessing! To date, we have raised over \$12,000 to go toward this most worthy cause.

6) Our Sunday morning fellowship time continues to be a blessing to all who stop by for a cup of coffee and some homemade friendship bread. Just last Sunday, we had a very hungry guest who stopped by after walking for hours and he was very appreciative of the food and drinks that we had to offer him. This ministry is being led by our Lay Person of the Year, Mrs. Brenda Byrd. Brenda and her group of volunteers do a wonderful job in encouraging fellowship with our own members as well as any guests who drop in.

7) We have a core group of dedicated "Prayer Warriors" who meet each Tuesday morning and pray for the needs of our members, our community and our world. We know that God hears these petitions, and we feel like the Prayer Group is a very vital part of our church.

8) We continue to offer a Sunday morning Children's Church called "KIDS J.A.M." during the 11:00 service. This is geared toward children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The children really seem to enjoy their time together, and look forward to learning more about Jesus in a fun and interactive way.

These are just some of the highlights of all that God is doing at Vanderburg UMC. When you ask us where we have seen God in the life of our church, we can very humbly say with sincere thankfulness...almost everywhere we look.

Ron Armstrong, Layleader.

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# FINANCE NEWS

This month we celebrate the joy of giving thanks. I think we all probably reflect a little more on what we have been given and how blessed we are. We as families and also the church reflect on this by sitting down and having a meal at Thanksgiving.

I want to share with you how much we as a church have to be thankful for and what we have done in missions even though our finances are not what they should be right now.

Through our budget you have shared in giving to the following this year:

Christian Mission, Mooresville & S. Iredell High School Bible Class, Hospice of Iredell County, Soup Kitchen, Health Reach Community Clinic and Dove House.

Through the apportionments we pay to the district (which also comes from the budget). These are some of the missions we contribute to: Africa University, Black College Fund and World Service Fund.

Our Compassion Funds continue to give to Christian Mission individual needs on a monthly basis and also to our church members who are in need of assistance.

We started in January to raise funds to start our Preschool and Rick's Ride Fund. All this has been done without funds from our budget. How amazing we can be when we have God on our side and everyone in prayer to make these events happen.

I think you will agree when you see this that we as a church are committed outside of our walls to do God's work and we pray we will be able to continue to do this for a long time to come. I ask each of you to pray for your church, its leaders, and let's all pledge to make a difference in some way to fulfill God's wishes for our work.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Janice Brawley  
Finance Chairperson

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

### **Given to General Budget in Memory of:**

*Leon Cannon* by:

M/M Dwight Neill, M/M Roger Ketchie,  
Shepherd Friendship, M/M Phil Coleman

*Olivia Davidson* by:

M/M Roger Ketchie, Vanderburg Adult  
Bible Class, M/M Lloyd Smith, Myrtle  
Harkey, M/M Gene Brawley, Shepherd  
Friendship, M/M Eddie Neel

*James & Marjorie Settlemyre* by:

Myrtle Harkey

*Kim Medley* by:

Myrtle Harkey, M/M Phil Coleman

*Veronica Tutino* by:

M/M M. H. Belk Jr., M/M Eddie Neel, M/M  
Roger Ketchie, M/M Phil Coleman, M/M  
Mitchell Mayhew, M/M Gene Brawley,  
the Adult Choir

*Lorene Mundy* by:

M/M Eddie Neel, M/M Roger Ketchie

*Tony Sherrill* by:

Patsy Honeycutt

### **Given to Compassion Fund in Memory of:**

*Ralph Mennie* by:

Vanderburg Adult Bible Class, Evelyn  
Smith

*Veronica Tutino* by:

M/M Lloyd Smith, Evelyn Smith  
Vanderberg Adult Bible Class,

*Lorene Mundy* by:

M/M Lloyd Smith, Evelyn Smith

### **Given to Sherrill Scholarship in Memory of:**

*Leon Cannon* by M/M Jerry Smith

*Olivia Davidson* by Evelyn Smith

### **Given to Lowder Scholarship in Memory of:**

*Kim Medley* by M/M Richard Lowder

*Olivia Davidson* by M/M Richard Lowder

# NOVEMBER

## **ACOLYTES**

6 - Madison Ketchie  
13 - Austin Davis  
20 - Sherridan Fulbright  
27 - Garrett Jones

## **BELL RINGERS**

See David Edmonds if interested.

## **USHERS**

6 - David Edmonds, Payne & Rex Edmond  
13 - Paul McClain Family  
20 - Dwight Neill, Cameron Waggoner, Aaron Weddington  
27 - Tony Fogleman, Randy Woodward, and Irvin Cannon

## **NURSERY WORKERS**

6 - Lynn Neill & Stephanie Neill  
13 - Kathy Neel & Ashley Pulver  
20 - Stanley & Kelly Stutts  
27 - Veronica & Harley Naas

## **KIDS J.A.M. WORKERS**

6 - Malease Snyder, Ron & Sherry Armstrong, Sara Stephenson  
13 - Rusty and Terrie Benfield, Bowers Family  
20 - Veronica Naas, Kelly Manus and Karen Peltier  
27 - Winecoff Family and NB and Donna Arnold

## **MEETINGS & GATHERINGS**

### **Wednesday, November 2**

Friendship Club 10:00 am

### **Saturday, November 5**

Chicken Port-A-Pit 11-4

### **Sunday, November 6**

PPR Meeting 6:30 pm

### **Tuesday, November 8,**

Youth Council at 6:00pm

### **Friday, November 11**

11/11/11 Celebration & Lock-in for Youth  
6:30 pm-6:30 am

### **Sunday, November 13,**

UMM Breakfast at 7am  
*Free Blood Pressure screenings between 9:45-10:45*

### **Monday, November 14,**

UMW 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, November 19,**

J.O.Y. Club from 10-2

### **Sunday, November 20,**

Thanksgiving Dinner 6pm

### **November 28, 2011**

Blood Drive 3-7 pm

## **Every Sunday**

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal  
9:30 – 10:00

## **Every Monday**

Young Adult Bible Study at 7pm

## **Every Tuesday**

Prayer Study 10am

## **Every Wednesday**

Worship Team Practice 5 – 6 pm

Youth Group 6–7:30 pm

Choir Practice 7 pm

Christmas Cantata

7:30 – 8:00

Cub Scouts 6:30pm

## **Every Thursday**

W.A.G at 6:30 pm

## **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.

## **BY MY PRESENCE**

### **Attendance Totals:**

*Sept. 18-Oct 23, 2011*

Early Service - 92

Sunday school - 354

Worship Service - 710

Beginning Nov. 6, usher and bell ringer sign-up sheets will be located on the hallway table across from the Secretary's office. Please sign up for the date that you will be able to serve.

## 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, Bryon Harding, Caroline Hayes, Chase Faust's Family, Christopher Stutts, Cindy Rodden, David Blair, Don Sherrill, Donna Arnold, Dwight Neill, Dylan Palladino, Ed Carriker, Emily Overcash, Ginny McLean, Greg Whitfield, Harry Moore, Jack Overcash's family, Jean McIntyre, Jennifer Benfield, Jim & Betty Winecoff, Jimmy Brooks, Jocelyn Weddington, Keith Nance, Linda Sell's sister, Lisa Alley, Louise Stoltz, Maralyn Wood, Marjorie Mecomber, Mark Bottoms, 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, Timmy Belcher's Family.

**Please inform Linda in 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

- Ginny McLean  
- 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

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Luke Neill  
2 Randy Hedrick  
3 Joy Blalock  
4 Ronald Neill  
6 Noah Templeton  
7 Kathy Williams  
Joyce McLean  
8 Alisha Younts  
Sherridan Fulbright  
Ronald Armstrong  
9 Dana Blalock  
Jeff Evans  
Linda Mayer  
10 Dennis Overcash  
Ruth Overcash  
11 Melissa Fulbright  
Lloyd Smith  
14 Rob Younts  
Billy Nantz  
15 Roger Ketchie  
17 Joyce McLean  
18 Annabella Stoltz  
20 Sandra Sherrill  
Pat Douglas  
22 Leigh Whitfield  
23 Randy Woodward  
Mark Bottoms  
24 Jessica Insogna  
Janice Brawley

25 Lori Dishman  
26 Amber Meadows  
27 Ed Carriker  
Isabella Dayton  
29 Brody Neill  
30 Joshua Belk  
Darnell Stewart

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8- Brian & Julie Mills  
9 - Stan & Kelly Stutts  
Jennifer & Mitch Meadows  
Chris & Ellen Neill  
10- Sue Ann & Lonnie Garner  
11- Tammy & Scott Honeycutt  
15 -James & Doris Armstrong  
21 -Duck & Julie Wyatt  
26 -Ed & Maxine Miller  
27- Tonya & Michael  
Boerschinger  
28 -Jim & Betty Winecoff  
Bradley & Nicole Mills

#### MEMO

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

# MINISTRY NEWS / SMALL GROUPS

## CHORAL NOTE

The Children's Christmas Play, "FIVE LITTLE FINGERS", is fast approaching! Dec. 4 will be here in five weeks!!

The remaining practices are on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27; and Dec. 4.

An extra rehearsal has been scheduled on Sat. Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a snack lunch provided from 12 -12:30 p.m. The presentation of the Christmas Play will be Dec. 4 during the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Adult Choir, Worship Team and Children's Choir will present "DOWN FROM HIS GLORY" on Dec. 18 during the 11 a.m. worship service. The final extra rehearsal will be Sunday Dec. 11 from 1-3 p.m. This includes Adult Choir, Worship Team and Children's Choir.

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".

The WORSHIP TEAM practices on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. Adults and youth are welcome to join.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM will meet on November 13, 2011 at 7am for a *Breakfast Meeting in the Fellowship Hall*.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW will meet, Monday, November 14 2011 at 7:00pm. Vicki Brooks will lead our Pledge Service and Joyce Cannon will provide refreshments

***Our next Blood Drive will be  
Monday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m.***

## 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 November 19, 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](mailto:vumc@windstream.net).

## SHEPHERD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Our program will be entertainment by the children in the Preschool. Later we will have lunch at a local restaurant.

## 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 [sfoaleman@windstream.net](mailto:sfoaleman@windstream.net).

## Rick's Ride Fund

Tickets are available for \$1.00 for a Quilt donated, pieced and quilted by Beverly Mayhew and Janice Brawley. If you would like to purchase a ticket Or sell tickets, please contact Beverly or Janice.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Preschool

Happy autumn to all!

Wow, where did October go? It was a very busy month. We want to thank The Shepherd's Fire Department for their visit to teach us about fire safety. We also had a fantastic time at Patterson's Farm feeding the animals and seeing all those pumpkins!

November has arrived - what a beautiful time of year! The children have enjoyed picking up acorns on the playground and looking at all the different types of leaves through magnifying glasses. Our bible message for November is "Give Thanks". This is a perfect time of year to be thankful for all we have. We are truly blessed

On Saturday, November 5th Vanderburg will host a Chicken Port- A- Pit from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., \$8.00 per plate. All proceeds will benefit Vanderburg Preschool. This will be a great time for food and fellowship. We hope that you will be able to join us. School pictures are scheduled for November 15th and 16th. Thank you, Terry Pardew. We will close out the month with a reenactment of the first Thanksgiving Feast with our very own Pilgrims and Indians. The Preschool will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 23rd-25th; we hope that all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Blessings,  
Veronica Naas

## Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are selling popcorn. 35% of all sales stay with the pack or troop and the council another 35% to keep up their camps and allows us not to have to buy our advancements. So please help us out if you do not like popcorn then there is a place for a Military donation.

We will again have a Christmas Tree Lot starting day after Thanksgiving. We are also going to presale starting first of October so look for order forms on the hallway table.

Thanks for all your support.

## IllumiNation Mission

On October 14th the Vanderburg Mission Team left for Bostic, NC. The six adults and fourteen youth had an amazing time and were so blessed by the service projects we did. The youth has unanimously decided that we need to go back there in the summer to do more work.

Please start praying about this. We need skilled workers that can show us the way!

## Youth News

Our youth group is planning a trip to the state capital in Raleigh, NC. We will be there from October 20th to 22nd. We will be staying at the Marriott hotel. We will be participating in a variety of activities including a tour of the state capitol building, a visit to the North Carolina Museum of History, and a visit to the North Carolina State Zoo. We will also be participating in a service project at the North Carolina State Capitol. We will be returning to Vanderburg on October 23rd.

We will be having a youth group meeting on October 18th at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing the trip to Raleigh, NC. We will also be having a special service at the church on October 19th. We will be singing "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Lord's Supper". We will also be having a special service at the church on October 20th. We will be singing "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Lord's Supper".

We will be having a youth group meeting on October 25th at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing the trip to Raleigh, NC. We will also be having a special service at the church on October 26th. We will be singing "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Lord's Supper". We will also be having a special service at the church on October 27th. We will be singing "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Lord's Supper".  
(704)682-2527 or (704)677-3700.

Thank you for your support. 