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## Youth Ministry

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**New Sunday School Class** - A new senior high Sunday School class begins **September 25**. This class is open to all 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who want to dive into a book of the Bible together. The first book we will be studying will be Genesis. This class will meet in Room 101.

**UMYF September 25** - UMYF will meet from 5:30-8:00 p.m. We will meet in the Dining Room for dinner. The program tonight is: "The Bible says what?!?"

**Youth Council Elections** - Application forms are available on the youth bulletin board located outside of Mary Ellen's office for anyone who is interested in running for Youth Core Team for the 2011-2012 school year. Middle school and high school youth are welcome to apply. Forms are due by **September 25**.

**SASS** - Our girls Bible study, known as SASS, begins this Monday, **September 26**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Teaster Home (739 Poinsettia Street). All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls are welcome to attend.

**Coffee with ME** - Join Mary Ellen at the Starbucks in Trenholm Plaza from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Thursday, **September 29**. We will share about our week and have a devotion to prepare for the weekend.

**First Pumpkin Delivery** - It may only be September, but pumpkins are already on the horizon! We've received confirmation that our first pumpkin delivery will be **October 1** at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars to come out and help.

**Fall Retreat - Renovation:** Forms were mailed out last week for our Fall Retreat at Ridgecrest Camp, outside of Asheville. The trip will be November 11-13. If you take advantage of our early-bird price, the cost is \$45 for the entire trip! We will be going to FX weekend with Tsunami ministries. This year's theme is Renovation. For more information, grab a flier from the bulletin board located outside of Mary Ellen's office. The early-bird deposit is \$25 and is due by **October 2**.



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### *A Moment of Reflection*

*It is not up to you to finish the work, but neither are you free not to take it up.*

These words come from the Jewish Talmud and speak of our responsibility to do God's work in the world. Commenting on the above statement Phillip Yancey writes, "For Christians and Jews both, that work means bringing a touch of peace, justice, hope, and healing, shalom wherever our hands touch." We are called to be extensions of God's love into the world.

With this Talmudic statement as background, let's hear a parable that will be included in our scripture lesson from Matthew on Sunday.

"A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later changed his mind and went. The Father went to the second son and said the same and he answered, 'I will go sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of the Father?" Matthew 21:29b-31a

We are called to be engaged in God's kingdom work in the world. In the parable, one refuses to commit himself to do this work but repents (changes his mind) and goes out to bring God's love to the world. His no is turned into a yes. The second says yes but fails to follow through in his commitment.

It is clear in this parable that our talk should match our walk. I read a book a number of years ago titled, "What are you going to do after you say Amen?" The author focused on our need to go beyond the Sunday morning worship service or weekly Bible study to live out in our actions what we proclaim when we gather.

Amen is another way of saying yes, but what follows is critical to our calling. We said yes to this calling in our baptism and now have the privilege of being the body of Christ in our community and beyond.

We gather with others in worship, Bible study, and prayer so that we can remember who we are as witnesses to God's love. The task is greater than any person or church and there will be much left to do when our season of faithfulness has ended. However, I would invite us to hear the words of the Talmud again.

*It is not up to you to finish the work, but neither are you free not to take it up.*

Following Christ, we answer our calling and commit our lives to work in God's vineyard. Our yes is a YES!

See you on Sunday!

*Wayne*

## Clergy on Call

If you have an emergency after hours, please call the church office (803-254-6695). At the sound of the voicemail, press 1 and follow the instructions.

### Keep in Your Prayers

**Hospitals:** Richland Memorial Drew Wharton, Sue Hance, Lone Witt; **Recently Released:** Donna Jackson, Joe Tuck, Amanda Murphy, Jess Torres

**Rehab Facilities:** NHC Parklane Mary Louise Mason, Aggie Whiteside, Ruth Carlisle; **NHC Lexington** Connie Smith; **White Oak Manor Rehabilitation** Frances Oxley

**At Home:** Charlie Culbertson, Sara Evans, Zachary Johnson, Elizabeth Moorer, Don Petersen

#### In Residential Care:

**Agape/Kathwood** Teddy Hughey, Marjorie Taylor, Miriam Parrott

**Babcock-Terrace Way** Jimmy Mason

**Brian Center** Henrietta Bennett

**Haven in the Summit** Ernie Lawhorne, Sr.

**Laurel Crest** Rosa Kinard

**Lexington Extended Care** Harold Tisdell

**Lowman Home** Stella Cain, Faye Harrelson, Mary Jo Weatherly

**Magnolia Manor** Debby Joyner

**Midlands Center** Michael Stockton

**NHC Parklane** Margaret Snell

**Still Hopes—Bomar, Guignard** Kathryn Blackmon, Lillian Cheatham, Bea Phillips, Gloria Cochran

**Wildewood Downs Assisted Living** Amy Kress

**Expectant Parents:** David and Ammie Smith, Mary Ellen and Andy Shaffer, Phillip and Jennifer Soellner, Rachel and Kyle Weber, Jarod and Holly Winters, Lindsey and Vance Livingston

#### Deployed Personnel and Their Families

| TRUMC Member             | Relation/Name of Person Deployed      |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lynwood Duke             | Cousin, Dan Brock                     |
| Kathy & Tommy Blount     | Husband and Father, Stanley T. Blount |
| Chuck Munn & Kathy Tyler | Son-in-law, Jonathan Damren           |
| Kimberly Bagwell         | Husband, Clayton Bagwell              |

## Sunday, September 25

**Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School for All Ages - 9:45 a.m.**

Reverend Wayne Horne will preach  
"Faithfulness and Follow-Thru"

The scripture lessons are Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32.

Televised Worship at **10:00 a.m.** on WOLO Channel 25 (cable channel 5)

### Attendance Report for September 18

**Worship** 534                      **Sunday School** 296

### From the Business Office

#### Finance Report through September 18

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Actual received this year             | \$ 941,205  |
| Budgeted amount needed to date        | \$ 955,761  |
| Amount Ahead or (Behind) vs. Budget   | \$ (14,556) |
| Actual received this year             | \$ 941,205  |
| Expenses year-to-date                 | \$ 930,104  |
| Amount Ahead or (Behind) vs. Expenses | \$ 11,101   |

### Memorials

#### In honor of:

Bill Rogers for the Pool Fund *by Otho and Joanne Pool*

#### In memory of:

Frank Wiles, Sr. and Dale Dean for the Pool Fund  
*by Otho and Joanne Pool*

Dot Gilbert for the TRUMC Foundation  
*by Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Hanner, Dottie Owen, Dorothy Moore, Ramon Aycock, Isabel Sparkman, Jessie Helms, Debra Stevens, Sun Trust Bank Region 6, Mrs. James Milledge Smith, Robert King, Bill and Doris Brock*

Olin Pugh for the TRUMC Foundation *by Julia Ivey*

Bob Whiteside for the TRUMC Foundation *by Julia Ivey*

Irl Leet for the TRUMC Foundation *by Jane Lawther*

### Christian Sympathy

The clergy and congregation express their love and sympathy to Gretchen Dawson and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Steve Carter, on September 12.

## El Salvador 2012 - Coffee and Tea Sales

It's not too early to support next year's El Salvador Mission Team. El Salvador fair trade coffee-tasting will take place on **September 25** in the hallway of the main building. Coffee will be available for sale for \$10 per bag for regular and \$11 per bag for decaf. There will also be an assortment of teas for sale for \$4 per box.

### Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts USA year has resumed. Junior Troop 584 for 4th and 5th graders has room for at least five more girls. We meet in the Youth Game Room or Youth Lounge from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Plans for this year include sewing, art to wear, horseback riding, and possibly whitewater rafting and a couple of sleepovers! Contact Doris-Ann Hozey at dahozey@earthlink.net or 803-360-0239.

### Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed

We need your help in the patch this year. Adult and youth volunteers are asked to register for two-to three-hour shifts. The pumpkin volunteer book is available in the West Foyer on Sunday mornings, or you may contact Mary Ellen at meshaffer@trumc.org or 803-254-6695. Our patch is open from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Monday-Saturday and from noon-5:00 p.m. on Sundays.

### Older Adult Fun Day

Trenholm Road UMC will host SALT—"Seasoned Adults Live, Laugh, Love Together" from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the gym on Thursday, **November 3**. Join us for a day of fun, food and fellowship featuring programs by "The Cap and the Collar," Creighton Shull and Pap, and emcee Joe Pinner. All older adults are welcome to attend, but you must register by **October 20**. The fee for the event is \$12. Registration forms are available outside Chris Willard's office (MB 103).

## The Crossroad: A Gathering Place in the Middle of Your Week

Join us at The Crossroad every Wednesday for food and fellowship at Trenholm Road. Whether your kids are in choir practice, you're on your way to a Bible study, or you can only stop by on your way home from work, everyone is invited to share a meal with us in the Dining Room. Dinner will be available beginning at 5:15 p.m. At 6:15 p.m., we will offer a short devotional and prayer so you can connect with God and with one another before moving on to the second half of your week. The cost for supper is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, with a \$16 family cap. Menu for **September 28**: pork barbecue, rice, green beans, salad, bread, dessert. Reservations are not required.

### Music Opportunities

Please contact Walter Graham at nagraham@richlandone.org about the following opportunities:

- ♦ **YOUTH CHOIR** - Come and enjoy the rich tradition of the TRUMC Youth Choir, an organization for kids who love to sing! The TRUMC Youth Choir includes boys and girls in grades 6 through 12. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from **4:45-5:30 p.m.** in the adult choir room.
- ♦ **CARILLON HANDBELL CHOIR** The Handbell Choir is an instrumental ensemble that brings variety to the music ministry of the church. Participants must be able to read basic music. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from **6:00-6:45 p.m.** in LM 306.

### UMYF Meals

Melanie Parker, coordinator of UMYF meals, needs your help in providing meals for weekly UMYF meetings. This year she has set up a website <http://www.mealtrain.com/?id=muuwqy62ahxt> to help with this effort. Please take a look and consider registering. If you would like more information, please contact Melanie at 803-513-3008.