

MEMORIAL MESSENGER

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2010



Memorial Messenger Children & Family Ministries Report Calendar of Events - September 2010

Wednesday, September 1

Monthly church-wide supper

5:30 – 7 PM Social Hall

Menu: BBQ Pork Loin with
mixed veggies with cheese, potato salad
and white cake

Children's activities after supper!



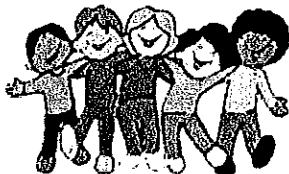
Sunday, September 5

First Sunday after Promotion Sunday
Kids attend new Sunday school classes!

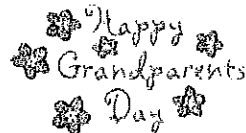
Sunday Night Program

5:30 – 6:15 Choir

6:15 – 7:00 Mission Kids and
Bible Study



Sunday, September 12



Sunday Night Program

5:30 – 6:15 Choir

6:15 – 7:00 Mission Kids and
Bible Study

Sunday, September 19

Sunday Night Program

5:30 – 6:15 Choir

6:15 – 7:00 Mission Kids and
Bible Study



Sunday, September 26

Sunday Night Program

5:30 – 6:15 Choir

6:15 – 7:00 Mission Kids and
Bible Study

Memorial Messenger Children & Family Ministries Report CONTINUED...

Fellowship Friends

Younger children love to get to know adult members of the church! Would you like to get to know the children of our church a little better?

Fellowship Friends pairs an adult (open to any age) with a child (also open to any age) and gives them the opportunity to get to know each other better over the course of a year. It will be fun to get acquainted during church functions and also to celebrate special times of the year, such as birthdays, together.

Please consider becoming a Fellowship Friend. You may contact Katie Jeter to sign up. Fellowship Friends will begin in October 2010.

A Reminder...

Sunday Morning Activity Packets!

Activity Packets are available to children of all ages during both Sunday morning worship services. Look for the basket of packets as you enter the FLC or sanctuary. Please return the Ziplock bags and crayons to the basket after the service! Enjoy ☺

Donations of gallon size Ziploc bags as well as crayons are always accepted and appreciated for this ministry!
Thank you!

Please visit greerchurch.com for more information on Children and Family Ministries and to view pictures of our children and families participating in various church activities!

Please contact Katie Jeter @ 877-0956 ext. 102 (office) 879-7074 (home) 216-3315 (cell) katie.jeter@gmail.com with ideas, questions, cares, or concerns.

Our Mission...

Operation Christmas Child 2010

During our Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS the children's mission project was Operation Christmas Child. We collected an amazing amount of items and would like for you to join us in bringing in additional items between now and November. The children will have a shoe-box-stuffing party on November 7 during our Sunday night program. Items needed range from small toys to hygiene items. See Katie Jeter today for more information!

WANTED...

Sunday school teachers!!

Sign up sheets have been posted and most of our children's Sunday school classes are still in need of teachers for the 2010-2011 year. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for this important ministry in the life of the children of our church? See Katie Jeter for more information or to sign up today!

A Very Special Thank You...

...to our children's Sunday school teachers for the month of September!

1 and 2 year olds: **Kelly Watson**
3 and 4 year olds: _____
K5 and 1st Grade: **Kenna Brannon**
2nd/3rd Grade: **Anne Culberson and
Katie Lavender**
4th and 5th Grade: **Mary Lee**
You are a blessing! THANK YOU!

From the Pastor's Desk

He was a colorful man from a colorful time in American history, a time when railroads ruled the world of transportation. David J. Fant was born in Santuck, SC, in 1869, and for a number of years he was the engineer on the famous New York to New Orleans mail train "Number 97." It is said that he drove through the mountains of north Alabama so fast that people made up songs about him. But he is perhaps best known for his Upstate-to-Toccoa runs. He knelt for prayer before every trip, and he removed the "cow catcher" from the front of his engine, replacing it with something that looked like an open Bible which displayed the words, "Thy word is truth." When he arrived at Toccoa, there would be a crowd assembled to hear him preach, for you see, D. J. Fant was also a preacher-evangelist in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. There is no telling how many people he won to Christ. There is no telling how many churches he started along his train route. He was at a groundbreaking service for a new church just one week before he died – way up in his 90's.

A book about Rev. Fant, Ambassador on Rails, was published in 1948. I happened upon an autographed copy of that book on Amazon recently and paid dearly for it. I had to have it! D. J. Fant was my grandfather's uncle.

I met my great-great-uncle D.J. in 1961 when he came to check on my grandmother soon after my grandfather had died. At age 92, he was still a ball of fire! He was telling me a story when suddenly his head dropped and he just fell asleep. I went to find my mother because I thought he had just dropped dead! Assured by my mother that all was well, I sat back down across from him, and after a short nap, he awoke with a start, and continued his story right where he had left off, without missing a beat. With a New Year coming, Uncle D.J. was pushing everybody (including me) to read the Bible from cover to cover in the new year: "Read it through in '62" was his battle cry.

You may have someone in your family like Uncle D. J., someone whose conversion experience was so real and powerful that they become so single-minded for Christ that we think of them as "fanatics." Sometimes you want to duck when you see them coming! I am sure that he would have preferred for me to join a fundamentalist church instead of the United Methodist Church, but we all have to find a church best suited for us. But his story shows that you can be an engineer of a train or anything else and find a way to live the Gospel in such a way as to win the hearts of many people. And even at age 94, we can still be effective in our service to Christ, encouraging people to go to church and read their Bibles.

Let's see... 2011 is around the corner, and we could all agree to read several chapters in the Bible right after supper. "Read it at 7:00 in 2011!" We might find hope from heaven in 2011.

Arthur Holt



MEMBERS NEEDED

The United Methodist Women will resume meeting this month. We extend a cordial invitation to all ladies in the church who do not belong to the UMW to join one of the circles.

*Afternoon Circle - 2nd Monday at 2:30 P.M.
Circle Leader - Rose Marie Jordan
Lydia Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.
Circle Leader - Beverly Davis
Friendship Circle - Date/time announced
Circle Leader - Kenna Brannon
Magnolia Circle - 3rd Thursday at 6:30 P.M.
Circle Leader - Ruth Griffin*

The Afternoon Circle and the Lydia Fellowship Circle meet in the UMW room located in the Social Hall. The Friendship Circle and the Magnolia Circle have dinner meetings as a rule, and announce their meeting place each month. You may contact one of the circle leaders for more information. The UMW would be happy to welcome new members.

IMPORTANT DATE

The Greenville District Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women will be held at Berea Friendship United Methodist Church on **September 18**. All members of the Memorial UMW are invited to attend the meeting. Plan to meet at the church at 8:15 A.M. to travel together. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. There will be a worship service followed by a business session. The meeting should be over around 1:00 P.M. Hopefully, the Memorial UMW will be well represented at this meeting.

Friendship Circle will meet Tues, Sept. 14, 6 p.m., at Panera Bread (in front of Target in Taylors). Please join us and kick off the new year! Questions: Kenna Brannon (879-8988). Hope to see you there.

COVERED DISH SUPPER

The third UMW General Meeting will be in the form of a covered dish supper on October 5. Harriet Strait, Vice President of the UMW, has secured the Reverend Candice Sloan, Chaplin at Spartanburg Methodist College, as guest speaker for the meeting. As this article goes to press, we are not sure if members will be asked to bring supplies to this meeting. Rev. Sloan was going to be contacted to determine if there were something we could do to support her work. An announcement will be placed in the church bulletin sometime this month.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A nice assortment of school supplies was contributed by the church family for needy children. The week before school started, the donated items were sorted, counted, divided equally, and taken to Greer Relief and Greer Community Ministries. Both agencies were told that the supplies were from Memorial United Methodist Church. You gave:

22 boxes of crayons
2 boxes of markers
5 boxes of colored pencils
23 pencils (10 per pack) = 230
16 glue sticks (2 per pack) = 32
12 scissors
3 packages copy paper
23 packages college lined filler paper
7 packages wide lined filler paper
18 composition books
67 spiral notebooks
10 portfolios
3 ballpoint pens (10 per pack) = 30
5 packages of index cards
2 book bags

Some members took supplies directly to Greer Community Ministries, so the above list is even longer!

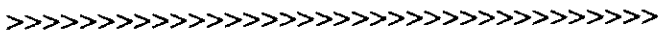
The Camak Class also delivered their supplies themselves, making an even greater total from our church.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

By Dixie Kennette

Adam and Mackenzie Burdette joined Memorial on June 6, 2010. They grew up in this area – Mackenzie from Greer and Adam from Duncan. Adam attended USC-Upstate and works in sales. Mackenzie is a Registered Nurse, but is now a stay-at-home Mom with their 7-1/2 month old son, Walker. She attended USC in Columbia. Adam enjoys playing golf and Mackenzie loves reading and working out in the gym. They both enjoy attending Carolina football games and being with family and friends. We welcome the Burdette family to Memorial.

Will and Katie Lavender joined our church family on June 27, 2010. Katie is from Johnston, South Carolina, and comes to us from Harmony Methodist Church. Will is from Columbia and was a member of Shannon Methodist. Will and Katie met at Clemson University and moved to Greer two years ago. Katie teaches 1st grade at Mitchell Road Elementary School and is excited about the upcoming school year. Will is a land surveyor with Arrow North Surveying. The Lavenders enjoy traveling and visiting family. They also enjoy attending Clemson football games in the fall. We welcome Will and Katie to Memorial.

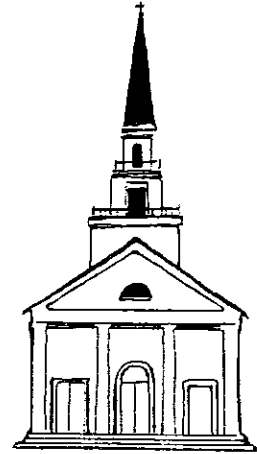
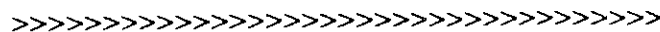


NEWS FROM JESSICA

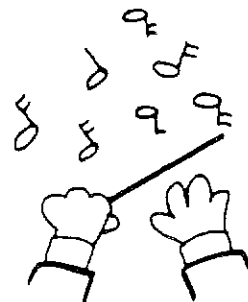
Weekly Handbell Practice will resume Wed., Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m. in the Handbell Room.

Chancel Choir will change their practice time to 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 15.

Interested in joining the choir? Please join us on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. in the Choir Room (through Sept. 8). We would love to have you and anyone is welcome!



WELCOME



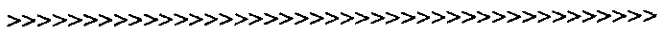
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SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS For TRADITIONAL SERVICE

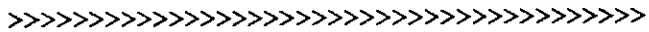
ACOLYTES

- 5 Carson Radlein, Hayden Lines
- 12 Carson Radlein, Hayden Lines
- 19
- 26



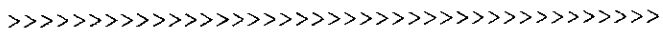
ALTAR FLOWERS

- 5
- 12
- 19 Charles & Ellouise Hendrix
- 26 Patsy Farmer



WORSHIP GREETERS

- 5 Mike & Ellen Henson
- 12 Louise & Margaret Jones
- 19 Glenn & Barbara McClimon
- 26 Jimmy & Libby Fowler

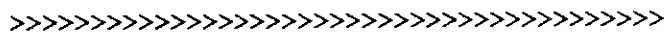


USHERS

(Arrive 10:40 AM)

- 5 Jimmy Fowler (H), Jay Alexander, Marney Hannon, Don Louis, Norman West
- 12 Sylvia Dobson (H), Dixie Kennette, Peggy Smith, Ann Waters
- 19 Mike Henson (H), Steve Barbrey, Glenn Taylor, Jack Fore, Jim Key
- 26 Benny Hannon (H), Mickey Hemphill, Chris Miller, Larry Smith

If you are unable to usher on your assigned date, please switch with someone and let the head usher for your Sunday know of the change.



TRUSTEE:

David Mayberry

OFFERING COMMITTEE

- 5 Marjorie Mitchell, Tom & Ann Hammond
- 12 Wayne Rhodes, Ralph Johnson
- 19 Peggy Smith, Allen Lee
- 26 Marney & Freddie Hannon, Debbie Dobson

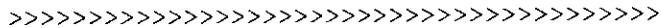


SEPTEMBER

10 A.M. Marilyn Haas

11 A.M.

If you are unable to keep the nursery, or need to switch with someone, please let the Head Nursery Worker know of the changes.



SOUND & VIDEO SYSTEMS

- 5 Adam Smith, Wayne Rhodes
- 12 Wayne Morris, Keith Clarke
- 19 Stephen Kennette, Scott Streetman
- 26 Tom & Ann Hammond

