

The Hawk

The Newsletter of Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church
"Does the hawk spread his wings and take flight by your wisdom ?" Job 39:26

July, 2010

From our Pastor:

I recently performed my 200th funeral ceremony. Over the years, I've had the solemn privilege of leading funeral and memorial services for folks ranging in age from birth to 108, and each service was a difficult one. We ministers struggle with what to say on just such occasions. On the one hand, we want the service to be personal, including some bits and pieces of the deceased's life and personality. Yet, we don't want to overdo it, since, ultimately, the service is designed to honor and worship God. We don't want it to become a competition to see whose life had the most impact.

Mary Fleming, who was the 108 year old, died and left behind what turned out to be a priceless treasure - an old, worn-out study Bible. It was written-in, marked up, and underlined. It had tearstains, coffee stains, and dog-eared pages. The gold letters on the brown binding were almost invisible. For years she had been underlining passages and making notes in the margins of the pages, even writing her prayers on occasion.

At her funeral, the condition of her Bible and the notes she had made formed the basis of my remarks. It was easy to see her soul through those things, and many were moved by her own words and prayers. Afterward, the family received the Bible as a gift of great value.

Maybe each of us should make more notes in our own study Bibles -- notes to ourselves and to our children - which they may appreciate in time. Wouldn't this be a wonderful way to include our children and grandchildren in our devotional lives? Wouldn't this be a way to form a lasting bond between us?

Peace!

Curtis



GET READY FOR **BLAST-OFF** At our Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School

Registration is near capacity. We hope your child can be a part of our "Outer Space Galactic Blast" VBS this summer. All children will enjoy an "out-of-this-world" adventure that praises God. They will hear wonderful Bible stories at the Good News Galaxy and learn great new songs at the Moon Tunes Station. The fun will continue as they make awesome crafts at Cosmic Crafts Station, explore science activities at the Orbital Observatory, and play outrageous games at Rocket Recreation. Of course the morning would not be complete without tasty snacks at the Astro Bistro! "Take Off" will occur **July 19-23**, from 9:30 to 12:00 each day, with a closing program and luncheon at 12:00 on Friday, July 23. Our VBS program is designed for children who have completed 3yr preschool through 5th grade. Nursery will be provided only for younger children whose parents are VBS volunteers. Please remember that our classroom sizes only allow us to accommodate 100 children. Be sure to complete the registration form which is inserted into each newsletter. Registration forms can also be found in the Sunday school lobby. To ensure that we can provide adequate materials, decorations, snacks, etc., there will be a \$10.00 registration fee per child, not to exceed \$20.00 per family. You may return the completed forms along with a check made payable to KHUMC to Connie's office, or drop in the VBS box in the Sunday school lobby.

Items are needed for decorating. If you could loan us any of the following, it would be appreciated: Black lights, large appliance boxes, dryer vent hoses, paper towel tubes, blank CDs, telescopes, silver disco balls, lava lamps, shiny silver or gold stars, or any other items that go along with our space theme. Please drop off your items in Connie's office as soon as possible. We also need several people that can start working on decorations immediately since many items will need to be made ahead. Volunteers in all areas are needed, and you don't even have to have a child participating in VBS to help! VBS is such an important ministry to our children and is also a great outreach program in our community. Please prayerfully consider volunteering in one of the following areas: Snack Servers, Decorating, Craft Leaders, Set-up and Clean-up, or "Cadet Leaders" that take children from station to station. Please call Connie today if you can be a part of this wonderful week!

M&M's and Tweens Summer Party

Join us for our Summer Party on **July 25 at 4:00**. Come in your bathing suit and bring a beach towel. There will be lots of water games, sprinklers, and fun! Also, we'll be grilling hot dogs and serving delicious ice cream sundaes. Come join us, and bring a friend for this fun-filled event.



JULY CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30

11:00

July 4	John Welch	Jen Stecher
July 11	Melanie Long	Sandy Beach
July 18	Karyl Rhodes	Tamilea North
July 25	Loui Beacham	Lisa Crumpler

From the Program Director's Desk: God's Green Earth

Let's try to do our part at KHUMC to take care of God's creation. There are biblical principals that teach us to be "good stewards" of all God has given us. Scripture affirms the beauty of creation and God's love for all creation. At home there are numerous things you can do, but did you know there are also ways we can be green at church?

There are several recycle containers around the church building for your use. Also, to help reduce our use of styrofoam, you can help by bringing your favorite coffee mug from home to use, or simply use one of the ceramic mugs from the church kitchen. You can also help by turning off lights as you exit the building. The earth does not belong to us. It belongs to God. Let's try to do our part and leave it in the best possible condition we can for our future generations.

"All creation is the Lord's and we are responsible for the ways we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation. We should meet these stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect." (From the Social Principals, The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church) 2008.

If you are looking for a great book for your family on this subject, "I Love God's Green Earth" is a great new devotion book that teaches kids about loving God's earth and includes ideas on things they can do to make a difference. It covers 90 days with scripture lessons, activities, and even jokes!

Youth News

Our Youth will continue with the KHUMC MYF tradition of Summer Sunday afternoons at the beach. They will meet at 2:00pm at the Eckner Street Access and are asked to bring their snacks or lunch and beverages for themselves.

Youth Looking Ahead:

Jul 10-17 Appalachian Trail Hike (10th-12th Grades).

United Methodist Men

A planning meeting for the Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, July 20, 6:30pm at the church office. (There will be NO dinner meeting for UMM Members in the month of July.) However, all UMM members are encouraged to participate in this planning meeting and to assist with the event.

UMM Pancake Supper

Be sure to purchase your tickets for yet another delicious mission fundraiser prepared by our United Methodist Men. Come enjoy a Pancake Supper which is sure to please on July 23, from 5:00 - 8:00pm. Adult tickets are \$7.00, and tickets for children under 12 years are \$4.00. Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, and Juice will be served. Proceeds from the supper will benefit local missions.

J😊Y CLUB

The Joy Club's monthly meeting will be Tuesday, July 27, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. The meeting, unless otherwise noted, is always the 4th Tuesday of the month, and is held in the Seeker's Room.

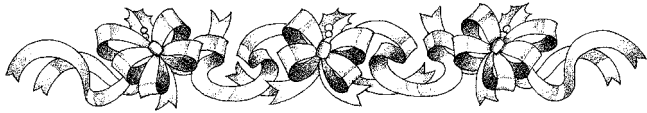
On Saturday, July 24, we'll take the Purple Martin Cruise from 6:00pm-9:45pm. This is a 3-4 hour cruise on the Crystal Dawn, boarding at Pirates Cove Marina. Light refreshments will be on board. All church members are welcome to join in fellowship on a fun-filled and educational sunset cruise. You must sign up by July 15. The cost is \$30.00 per person.

For the month of August, "Peach Pickin" is our planned outing. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday school lobby. All interested ... please sign up.

Faith and Family Night

Dare Devils Baseball Game
July 6

Our KHUMC night at the Dare Devils Ballpark is Tuesday, July 6. Our Kitty Hawk Church family will be admitted free of charge by bringing your Sunday bulletin and presenting it at the gate. Come to enjoy a great ball game with your church family.



YOU'RE INVITED!! A Wedding Shower for Pastor Colin and Meredith

Our Associate Pastor, Colin Snider, will soon be getting married! A wedding shower will be held for Colin and Meredith on July 10, from 10:00am until 12:00noon, in our Fellowship Hall. Please bring a plate of "breakfast goodies" to share. (Colin and Meredith are registered at the following stores: Pottery Barn, Macy's, Home Depot, and Belk.) All members are invited to join this joyous couple in celebration.

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Missions

Christian Music Concert Series

As last year, the Christian Music Summer Concert Series will be held each Monday night throughout the summer at Holy Trinity Church in Nags Head. Kim Kalman, Holy Redeemer Church music minister and national recording artist, is hosting this event. Admission is FREE. Kitty Hawk UMC's "The Joyful Noise" will participate in this as well, on August 30. Love offerings will be taken up with the proceeds benefiting the local Beach Food Pantry and the ICO. Come enjoy great Christian music at the beach! For more information, call 441-2555 or visit www.prayerthroughmusic.com.

How to: Share Your Faith With Someone

Sharing the gospel with others is a natural part of exercising a mature faith. Jesus commanded his followers to do this, making it an important part of the life of faith (Matthew 28:18-20). However, many United Methodists tend to be "shy" evangelists.

Some people feel that *evangelism* has become a negative word, but sharing the story of salvation in Jesus Christ is still the most rewarding way to live out your faith. It also takes practice.

Daily conversations with family, friends, or people you see on a consistent basis offer lots of chances to talk about your faith. Expressing your faith should be natural and the same as other types of daily conversation. It isn't necessary to impress the other person with your knowledge. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you.

We are attracted to people by our strengths, but we bond because of our weaknesses. Sharing your faith shows a willingness to be honest about many of your life's struggles. This honesty in sharing often makes others feel more comfortable about discussing faith. Often, but not always, people will shut down and avoid contact with someone who wants to share their faith. This is why the most effective way to communicate that you're a follower of Jesus Christ is through your own actions. Live your life naturally, and with integrity. Walk the walk.

Most people join a church after being invited by a friend. When someone comes to faith or grows in the faith, find a way to share their joy. Stay in touch with them. It may or may not have had anything to do with what you said, or what you did, but we can Praise God for these good things.



Board Meeting Reminders

Administrative Board, July 1, 7:00pm
Staff/Parish Relations, July 8, 6:30pm

Ways to Worship

After several requests from people for copies of Pastor Curtis' sermon "Ways to Worship", following are some highlights.

"It's only natural that we come to worship thinking about what pleases us. We could conduct a survey this morning, and ask each of us to tell what we would like most in worship. What kind of hymns do we like? What kind of musical instruments? How long should the sermon be, and what topics do we want to hear preached? Chances are, whatever you like, you can find somewhere. Our three weekly services are intended to give a variety of styles of worship.

But there's a danger involved in this effort to please everyone, to mold worship according to what WE like. After all, who is being worshipped, us or God? It seems we have it backwards. The Bible never speaks of worship that is pleasing to US, but it speaks volumes about worship that pleases GOD. It's more important that we come to worship thinking about what we NEED. It's almost blasphemy for us to sit in divine worship without being willing to say, "Lord, it isn't that all these other people need you. I NEED YOU! I need to let the love of Christ change me!"

So don't come to church with your agenda already set, your prescription already written out. Come to worship with an open heart, asking the Holy Spirit to have his way in you."



LOOKING AHEAD:

Aug 3	Board of Trustees Meeting (6:30pm, Open Door Room).
Aug 5	Council on Ministries Meeting (7:00pm, Seekers Room).
Aug 17	United Methodist Men Meeting (6:30pm, FH).
Aug 21	Tentative Date for UMM Golf Outing
Sept 2	Administrative Board Meeting (7:00pm, Seekers Room).
Sept 7	Board of Trustees Meeting (6:30pm, Open Door Room).
Sept 12	Installation of New District Superintendent, Richard Stone.
Sept 21	United Methodist Men Meeting (6:30, FH).
Oct 3	World Communion Sunday.
Oct 5	Board of Trustees Meeting (6:30pm, Open Door Room).
Oct 7	Council on Ministries Meeting (7:00pm, Seekers Room).
Oct 15	UMM Spaghetti Dinner (5-8pm, Fellowship Hall).
Oct 19	United Methodist Men Meeting (6:30pm, FH).
Nov 2	Board of Trustees Meeting (6:30pm, Open Door Room).
Nov 4	Administrative Board Meeting (7:00pm, Seekers Room).
Nov 7	Daylight Savings Time Ends.
Nov 13	AA Gratitude Dinner (All day and evening, FH & Kitchen).
Nov 16	United Methodist Men Meeting (6:30pm, FH).
Nov 21	Laity Sunday.
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed).
Nov 26	(Office Closed).
Nov 28	First Sunday in Advent, and United Methodist Student Day.
Dec 2	Council on Ministries Meeting (7:00pm, Seekers Room).
Dec 7	Church Christmas Banquet.
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services.
Dec 25	Christmas Day.

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