

# Christ Notes April 1, 2010

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## **Keith's Corner**

Two words jump out at me from John's account of Easter morning. These two words are weeping and running. Mary Magdalene does a lot of weeping. Mary, Peter and John all do a lot of running. Mary's weeping comes from her grief and her inability to recognize Jesus as truly God. The running back and forth from the upper room to the garden tomb conveys the urgency of sharing the news. Do we weep because of our lack of faith and therefore hope? Are we stuck in "same old, same old" kind of thinking about Jesus as a human? Even when we know that something big has happened on Easter morning, do we have faith in Jesus divine nature to overcome the earthly limitations of sin and death? What is really different about Easter? Come on Sunday to find out!

## **It's not too late!!!**

Do you remember what it is like to have a full sanctuary on Sunday morning? Imagine this with me. What would it be like if each of us invites just one person to come to Easter morning worship with us this Sunday? Why it would be a miracle!!! **Let's just do it!!!**

## **Monday Evening Bible Study**

This Monday night we will continue our study of Ephesians. Bring your Bible and join us at 7:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We need you!!!

## **Tuesday Morning Bible/Book Study**

Our new Morning Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:45-11:00 am in the Annex. Is the book Prayer does it make a Difference? by Phillip Yancey. We are still early in the book so now is a great time to join in. Books are available at most retail booksellers and Christian bookstores.

## **Some helpful News Items from the AROS Newsletter**

### **Sandy Springs UMC Senior Adult Ministry Trip**

Join the SSUMC 55 Plus group May 17-21 for a trip to New Orleans and southern Louisiana including great meals, tour of New Orleans and all of the sights, Swamp Tour, Tabasco Company on Avery Island, Creole Plantation and more. Transportation by first class coach with restroom on board. Cost is \$665 per person double and \$755 per person single.

For more information contact Chris Barbieri at [cbarbieri@ssumc.org](mailto:cbarbieri@ssumc.org)

### **Hickory Flat Job Ministry**

Men and women who are unemployed, or in the wrong job or career, are invited to the monthly meeting of the Hickory Flat Job Ministry. The meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Hickory Flat United Methodist Church, located at 4056 East Cherokee Drive in Canton, GA . Each meeting will feature speakers to provide insights for job transition and the opportunity to network with others. The program is free of charge. For more information call 770-345-5969, extension 210.

Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338

## **AROS District Youth End of School Main Event @ *Laser Quest***



**May 28<sup>th</sup> 6-12 grades 7-11pm Cost: \$30**

Includes Laser Tag and Dinner

Register your group by calling or emailing Rev. Stephen R. Streett,  
AROS Youth Coordinator, 770-394-0675 ext. 124 or  
[stephen.streett@dunwoodyumc.org](mailto:stephen.streett@dunwoodyumc.org)

Meet at Laser Quest in Gwinnett at 7pm. Event ends at 11:00pm.  
Deadline to register is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

April 2 Good Friday Service 7:00pm

April 4 Easter

April 18 Joint worship service with RHEMA

May 9 Mother's Day

## **Outreach**

MUST Ministries Food Bank is in need of jelly, corn, canned beans or size 4 diapers. Please pick one and bring to church this Sunday, April 4.

Outreach Committee will meet this Sunday, April 4, right after services. Please plan to attend.

The church directory has finally been linked to the website. For those who are not familiar with the website, it is [Christchurchumc.org](http://Christchurchumc.org). On the right side of the home page is a selection called Directory. Click on that, set up a password, and start using this for up to date information. If you have trouble getting logged in, please contact Wayne Stephens or Jorge Blanco.

## **Kairos Ministry Letter from Wayne Hillis**

The Kairos Prison Ministry, as the name implies, is an Organization of Christian Men and Women Volunteers who go into Prisons and conduct Ministry to the Resident inmates, much like a Walk to Emmaus. This is a very well organized and structured program which has been immensely successful over many years. There is no preaching. The Participants are expected to set "self" aside and allow God to do his Will. The Theme is Listen. Listen, Love Love.

God has called Bill Ross and Wayne Hillis to volunteer to participate in this Ministry and they will spend several Saturdays in training and

preparing their Hearts for the Ministry Weekend in APRIL. They ask that you pray for God's Will as they go forth.

This Ministry is not confined to the Volunteers who go into the Prison, but is more far reaching, to include the entire Christian community. The Kairos Ministry allows everyone the Opportunity to Share in this Ministry through Support from outside the Prison. If you feel called, you can Participate in a number of different ways;

Most importantly, you can pray for this Ministry, please! The more prayers they get the more successful this ministry will be, in commitments to Jesus Christ. You can personally pray for them daily. You can write letters to the residents (inmates) regarding God's Love. You might write one a day until April 14th. They need as many letters as they can get. Many of the residents have had no contact outside the prison for many years. A letter from anyone is a blessing to them. Have children make cards, colored or painted, expressing God's Love. This could be a great project for the Sunday School and Day Care. Many Great Testimonies have been given regarding the residents being overwhelmingly touched after reading the children's cards. Again, they need as many cards as they can get.

Have the youth write letters, or make posters proclaiming God's Love. These too can be very inspirational.

If you are unable to participate in any of these activities, maybe you have another idea. Please contact Bill or Wayne.

Finally, if you are unable to participate in any of the activities above, you can donate money to support this ministry. The Team needs to raise \$3,000 to cover the cost of their weekend. Please give this consideration as well. You may give the donations to Bill or Wayne in an envelope for privacy. Your Donation will be handled by the Kairos Ministry and is Tax Deductible.

It is our Hope that every member of Christ Church will participate in some way

They need plenty of prayer.

They pray that God will bless you as you support this ministry of God.

## **Vacation Bible Camp**

ATTENTION ALL VACATION BIBLE CAMP FAMILIES AND VOLUNTEERS

The time has come to start thinking about singing, crafts, bible study, and lots of fun at the 2010 CUMC Vacation Bible Camp! This year's theme will be GALACTIC BLAST where "cadets will voyage into outer space praising God."

Please save the dates **June 14 - 18** so you won't miss the fun!

Please contact Liz Huff (770)650-9442 if you are interested in working VBC. We need lots of volunteers, so don't be shy!

## **United Methodist Women**

UMW wishes to thank everyone who attended and/or donated funds and food for the fund-raising luncheon held last Sunday. Participation and proceeds of \$362 exceeded all expectations. We have a generous church! The Murphy-Harpst Children's Home in Cedartown, GA will receive \$300 of the funds raised. The balance of \$62 is earmarked for visitor Easter gift bags and other projects of our church's Evangelism Committee.

## Open Altar for Prayers

Our altar rail will be open for prayers following every worship service. "Prayer Warriors" will be available to pray for and with you. A growing and caring church is a praying church.

## Pledge Campaign and Budget

We received \$3540.00 against a weekly need for \$4650.00.

## North Georgia Older Adult Conference Event

Enjoy a real treat!

Special Greeting and devotion by Bishop Mike Watson; Popular Speaker, Evelyn Laycock's "Free the Child Within"; Robin Dill's valuable workshop on, "Developing Plans for Older Adult Care"; and special presentation of Uncle Remus by Rev. Dr. Gil Watson.

The conference is not only for Older Adults BUT, also directed to all those who are involved working with them and developing programs for them! We look forward to attendees from your church.

Thursday, April 22, 2010

8:30am - 3:00pm

### **Registration**

**Registration fee: \$40**

(Includes Breakfast Snacks, coffee, tea, juices, Luncheon Meal, bottled water & note pad)

**Registration deadline: April 5**

### **Directions from I-285**

Take Peachtree Industrial North - Exit 31B.

Continue north 3.7 miles to where HIGHWAY 141 splits to the LEFT called Peachtree Parkway.

Continue north 2.9 miles to E. Jones Bridge Road.

Turn Left. Continue 1.4 miles to

Jones Bridge Circle.  
Turn Left and continue 1.2 miles.  
Turn Right into Simpsonwood Retreat Center  
Follow Event Signs 0.6 miles to  
Rollins Center & Event Registration.

### **Room Reservations**

Are available at Simpsonwood  
Retreat Center for Event Participants  
Call 770-441-1111 or 1-800-0238-8685

**Special Rates** for OA Conference

Sgl occ. \$79; Double \$89;

Triple or Quad \$109

North Georgia Conference

Older Adult Event

# **Free the Child Within**

**Dr. Evelyn Laycock**

**Thursday, April 22, 2010**

8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Simpsonwood Conference Center  
North Georgia Room, Rollins Building  
4511 Jones Bridge Circle, NW  
Norcross, Georgia, 30092

**Registration due prior to April 5th**

**Sponsored by the**

North Georgia Older Adult Ministry Team of the North Georgia Conference Nurture Team  
NGA

**Mail this registration form** Make Checks Payable to the North Georgia  
Conference

**with your check to: Cost: \$40 per person**

Sheri Smith, Registrar **Deadline Monday, April 5, 2010**

Lawrenceville First UMC Please Note: No confirmations mailed

395 West Crogan Street No Reservations by telephone

Lawrenceville, GA 30045 **Refund deadline April 12, 2010**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ E-mailing Older Adult Events pictures (jpg) to: [elizabeth.ackerman@ngumc.net](mailto:elizabeth.ackerman@ngumc.net)

**Dr. Evelyn Laycock**

**E**velyn Laycock has served in three careers, organic research chemist; McClure Professor of Religion at Hiawassee College; and founding director of the Lay Ministry Center for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Administrative Council.

Evelyn Laycock is co-author of *Awaken the*

*Giant*. Additional writings are: *Echoes of Faith, Hope For The Future, Disciplines* and *How To Study the Bible*. She's a faculty member of the Academy for Spiritual Formation, an approved Ashram Bible Teacher, and recipient of the Lay 2002 Award for Outstanding Leadership in Evangelism presented by the National Association of United Evangelists. The UM Men have recognized her as a John Wesley Fellow. She is a very well known Bible study leader.

Married 62 years to the late William A. Laycock. They have one son and three grandchildren. Evelyn shares her wealth of Biblical wisdom with practical applications. **You will be truly blessed.**

## **Robin Dill**

**R**obin Dill is Director of Grace Arbor Congregational Respite Ministry at Lawrenceville First UMC.

She mentors churches who are considering respite programs. A Stephen Minister with a love for older adults. Pastoral care teams for two Atlanta hospitals. Has BS degree, Clemson University; certificate in Professional Gerontology, Kennesaw State; trained in Montessori for Dementia Training. Co-teaches *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* in Gwinnett County. Is Author and publisher of the manual, *Walking with Grace*. She and her husband Tom have two adult children. **Many of our people are in need of her special guidance.**

## **Need Pastoral Help?**

Pastor Keith is available for short term counseling. He is generally in the office Monday through Thursday, but is subject to meetings and often makes visits outside the church. It's best to call and set an appointment through the church office. In an emergency, please call his cell phone 404-906-1425.

## **Member Services Directory**

In these hard economic times, we can help our brothers and sisters in the Church by utilizing their businesses for necessary services. Many of our members are self employed. I would like to include a list of services offered by our members on our website and in this e-newsletter. If you would like to be listed, please email the church office a brief (no more than two lines) description of services offered and contact information.

- ↑ **Joanne Rooks** has a company called Moms Table.  
[www.momstableonline.com](http://www.momstableonline.com) or 1207 Canton St. in Roswell.
- ↑ **Susan Smith** is a licensed Christian Counselor. She can be reached at 404-861-2077.
- ↑ **Mary Jane Warren Stone Fine Art and Illustration** Realist portraits of people, animals and places, and exhibits and illustration in support of educational and environmental concerns. 770-578-8881
- ↑ **Jeanette Storey** works for a Home Care company located in Roswell called Golden Home Services. If you need a carefully screened, trained, bonded, and insured home services provider for a loved one, please call Jeanette at 678-242-0084
- ↑ **Chrissie Thead** is Christina's Interior Finishes. Her company offers color consultations, decorative painting and faux finishes for walls, ceilings, cabinets, mantles and furniture.  
[www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com](http://www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com) or 404-317-2090
- ↑ **John Clark** provides private music instruction for piano, voice, and composition. He teaches classical, rock, and jazz styles and trains students to read music as well as play by ear. For more information visit [www.JohnClarkStudio.com](http://www.JohnClarkStudio.com) or call 404-218-9150.