

Christ Notes March 25, 2010

Keith's Corner

Did you know that Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday? Lectionary preachers choose from either the gospel text on Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem or the text which describes the Last Supper, which represents the point of departure for Christ's passion. How can the hearts of the people of Jerusalem change so much in just a few short days?

This Sunday we will also consecrate our Shepherds. By now you should have heard from your shepherd. If not or if you have any questions about the shepherd ministry please call Mary Lawder at 404-218-7377.

Monday Evening Bible Study

This Monday night we will begin a study of Ephesians. Bring your Bible and join us at 7:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

Messiah Performance Palm Sunday – March 28

Mount Carmel United Methodist Church cordially invites the community and our fellow Methodists to a free performance of the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah* at 3:00 PM on Palm Sunday, March 28. The church choir, directed by Dr. Erick Parris, will be joined by a chamber orchestra, harpsichord, and guest singers. The church is located at 5100 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross.

AROS District Youth End of School Main Event

@ *Laser Quest*

May 28th 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

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

Human Trafficking

Runaways

Teen sex for Sale

Prostitution 12 & 14 year old child prostitutes

Exotic Dance Industry sexual slavery, human rights abuses

Boys & Girls abductions

What can you do to stop this?

Join your Atlanta/Roswell District UMW sisters

for a lunch and learn event with a panel of experts

who will discuss these **very real** and **very important** issues that are happening **RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW** in **Atlanta**.

This shocking topic is our 2010 district-wide social action focus

Join us at Simpsonwood United Methodist Church, Family Life Center

Sunday March 28th 12:30pm-2:30pm

Mystery Lady at CUMC

On at least two occasions in the last week we have had a visitor to Christ Church who may be more interested in using our facilities than in worshipping with us. Sunday afternoon, a fiftyish woman with shoulder length grey hair entered the lower level of the sanctuary building while our Spanish speaking worshippers were meeting upstairs. Unable to communicate with the ushers, she went to one of the bathrooms in the school area, locked herself in, and evidently spent the next half hour to forty five minutes there, presumably cleaning up. When questioned she said she had been invited to worship here, sat in on the first few minutes of the service and left quietly.

We know very little about this lady. She appears to be neat, well dressed and drives a fairly new car. She has evidently watched the church enough to know when the building is open. We have no reason to suspect any illegal activity on her part. Still the need to lock herself in a child's bathroom and bathe there is not exactly conventional activity. Because of child safety issues, this is an obvious problem. Kirk came over Sunday afternoon to check on her just as she left. Dr. Garcia of Ministerios Rhema had tired without success to coax her out of the bathroom. She is pleasant and rational in her conversations.

I have a vague recollection of someone meeting this description coming once on a Sunday morning saying she just wanted to use the bathroom when I invited her to worship with us.

While we need to be friendly and welcoming, I am concerned that her behavior is erratic enough that we should careful not to put ourselves in a bad position. Should we see this woman heading into the building (particularly with a travel or toiletry bag, I suggest we ask if she is here to worship with us. If she says she just needs to clean up, we should explain to her nicely that because we have children present, we cannot allow unsupervised use of our facility by a non member. This is I'm quite certain a violation of Roswell ordinances. We should express regret that we cannot accommodate her, and again invite her to worship with us. As appropriate please refer her to Kirk or to me. She may need help and counseling. Please exercise caution since we know very little about her. Try to avoid confrontation. While I would really rather not deal with this type of problem before a worship service, I would rather deal with it than put one of you into harm's way.

Please let me know of any additional "sightings." The chances are this individual is more in need of help than has adverse intentions. None the less, we do not know her and there are better ways of getting help.

I don't want to raise the security alert level to DEFCOM 4. We just need to be alert to the possibility this individual may not be an appropriate guest. Please pray for her and that we can help her find help.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 27 Egg Hunt 10:00AM

Nimble Fingers 10:30AM

Blessings of the Animals 11:00AM

March 28 Palm Sunday

UMW luncheon 12:00 – 2:00

“Sprinkle” for Sara Clark

April 2 Good Friday Service 7:00pm

April 4 Easter

April 18 Joint worship service with RHEMA

May 9 Mother’s Day

Outreach

The church Easter egg hunt is well on its way to being a reality, with children from the church, the pre-school, the scouts, and the community being invited. Hope to see you there.

The church directory has finally been linked to the website. For those who are not familiar with the website, it is 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.

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

A soup and salad fund raiser will be held immediately following church services on Palm Sunday, March 28, in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Murphy-Harpst Children's Home in Cedartown, GA. The lunch price per person will be \$5.00.

We will be having a baby shower for Sara Clark immediately following the luncheon in the annex. (We are calling it a 'sprinkle' since she is not registered anywhere and received so much at the shower for Miles.)

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 \$ 3007.00 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

Dr. Evelyn Laycock

Evelyn 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

Robin 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.**

Something inexpensive to think about:

101 small pleasures you can enjoy every day by Sarah McCall

Earlier in the week when we talked about **the habits of happy people**, many of you mentioned the small pleasures you enjoy that are worth more than anything money can buy, like walking on the beach and flying paper airplanes with your children. Since one of the key tenets of happiness is being able to savor small pleasures, here's a list of 101 delights that are worth enjoying today (not all in one day, though!).

1. coloring (yes, grown-ups can do it, too)
2. crisp cotton sheets
3. soft skin
4. old family recipes
5. the first daffodils of spring
6. sleeping in
7. an exercise endorphin high
8. window boxes
9. a perfect cup of coffee
10. a genuine compliment (giving or receiving)
11. the way babies smell

12. a handwritten letter
13. waking up in a good mood...for no real reason
14. singing in the shower
15. finding a couple forgotten dollars in your pocket
16. doing something nice for your neighbor
17. a home cooked meal
18. laughing
19. movie theater popcorn
20. playing hooky
21. a bubble bath
22. swimming
23. an afternoon nap
24. street musicians
25. your favorite song
26. saying thank you
27. helping someone in need
28. old fashioned photo booths
29. fresh whipped cream
30. inspiring blogs
31. a glass of wine
32. rainy afternoons
33. the funny things kids say
34. a novel you can get lost in
35. finding the perfect piece of clothing...on sale
36. clean laundry
37. the wind in your hair
38. treating the person behind you at the drive-thru
39. sharing an umbrella
40. the smell of lavender
41. a long walk that clears your head
42. a bear hug
43. The Beatles
44. smiling at a stranger
45. eating with chopsticks (Chinese food optional)
46. butterflies
47. staying in your pj's all day
48. singing along to the radio and knowing all the words
49. fresh herbs
50. ordering in pizza
51. happy endings...even if they're fictional
52. flying a kite
53. puppies
54. root beer floats
55. holding open the door...
56. ...or having someone hold the door for you
57. fountain soda

58. white, fluffy towels
59. sunshine
60. spending an afternoon at a museum
61. really great advice
62. green lights all the way home
63. the sound of rain hitting the windows
64. sitting in a booth
65. holding hands
66. a great hair day with no effort
67. building a fort with your kids
68. when someone falls asleep with their head on your shoulder
69. fireflies
70. the perfect taco
71. geraniums on a windowsill
72. slow dancing
73. the smell of fresh-baked bread
74. cheesy, uplifting musicals
75. great stories
76. the smell of gasoline
77. the cold side of the pillow
78. love letters
79. old friends...
80. ...new friends
81. a pull-through parking space
82. a baguette -- crisp on the outside, airy on the inside
83. when a dog licks your hand
84. sitting at the counter at an old-fashioned diner
85. using your favorite dishes
86. reading your child a bedtime story
87. Girl Scout Cookies
88. flossing
89. kissing someone you love
90. the smell of onions and garlic cooking
91. hot chocolate
92. jumping in puddles
93. old photographs
94. birds hopping on the sidewalk
95. Ella Fitzgerald
96. a spoonful of peanut butter straight from the jar
97. your softest t-shirt
98. a new magazine in the mail
99. fireplaces
100. having exact change
101. bacon and pancakes cooking on Saturday morning

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 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 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 or call 404-218-9150.