

Christ Notes May 6, 2010

Keith's Corner

Worship this Sunday!

We are all in for a treat this Sunday. Mary Lawder will be our preacher, speaking of the Wow Moments! Her text is based upon verses from Luke 1. Mary is our AROS District Parish Nurse. She is an RN, a former preschool teacher, a childbirth educator, a Sunday school teacher, an enabler of cancer ministries, a mother of three sons, a grandmother (Mimi to Kaeli and Everett), and my loving wife of almost 36 years. She is a graduate of U.Va, of Disciple Bible Studies, and of Women's Bible Study Fellowship, just to name a few. The bottom line is that she is a whole lot more qualified to speak on Mother's Day than I. So I hope you are looking forward to her message on Sunday as much as I.

Our modern celebration of Mother's Day grew out of the aftermath of the Civil war. Grieving mothers who lost children banded together in groups. As war clouds gathered before the First World War states began to follow the lead of West Virginia, the first to proclaim a day to celebrate mothers. The President followed with a national proclamation which was later adopted by congress to establish the second Sunday in May as Mothers Day.

Today we celebrate not just biological mothers, but rather all women who nurture and teach. For some it is a difficult day. For some it is a day of grief and sorrow. For some it is a day of wondering whys and what ifs. I have been truly blessed by the women in my life. I remember my mother as a loving tower of spiritual strength. Mary has been my best friend for almost 40 years. And there are a host of other wonderful women who have "adopted" me and nurtured me over the years: Mary's mom, my aunts, women with whom I've worked, some of you. For me and I hope for you, Mother's Day is a day for remembering, a day for celebrating, and a day for hoping about all the wonderful "mothers" in our lives.

As you read this, please take just a moment and thank God for the women who have blessed you in your life, whether they are you mothers by biology or simply by God's grace!

Blessings,

Keith

Monday Evening Bible Study

This Monday night we 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast***Tuesday Morning 7:30-8:30AM**

Men come join us on Tuesday mornings at Steak and Shake on 92 just a few blocks towards Roswell on Woodstock Rd. (92). We meet for an informal prayer time and fellowship. Our pledge is to get you out and on your way by 8:30.

VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!

VBC is coming the week of June 14. Have you signed up to help? There are lots of ways to help. Please take at least two flyers from the back table or print them out from the attached flyer. If each member invites at least two families we will have a huge success. Hand them out in the grocery store! Hand them out to neighbors! Hand them out to people you know from work. This is some of the best evangelism we can do. If we want to be a kid friendly

church, VBC is a major element of that. If you don't know what you can do, just call Liz. She needs a lot of help to pull this off and you can be just the one she needs for a special job.



Christ UMC Vacation Bible Camp 2010

Dates: June 14 – 18

Times: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Registration/check-in begins at 8:30 on the 14th

Ages: 4 (Pre-K) through 5th grade

Cost: \$15 per child/\$30 max per family (Limited number of scholarships available)

Further info: Liz Huff (770)650-9442

Website for online registration:

<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/VBC2010>

GRADUATES

We plan to honor all High School & College graduates on May 30th. If you would like to have someone included, please email or call the office with their names

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 8 UMW Joint 10:30 AM Meeting at the Diner at Crabapple
May 9 Mother's Day
May 11 Men's Prayer Breakfast Steak & Shake 7:30AM

OUTREACH

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YARD SALE/ BAKE SALE

. Christ United Methodist Church invites the community to a huge yard sale and bake sale. Come purchase 'new treasures' and delicious treats!

Collection of gently used items accepted June 8th-11th from 2:00 - 6:00pm.

Contact information:

Chrissie Thead

cell phone: 404-317-2090

ccat333@hotmail.com

roswellchristumc@yahoo.com

<http://www.christchurchcumc.org>

UMW

The La De Da Circle will join the Martha Circle this month at the Diner at Crabapple in Alpharetta. All women who attend Christ UMC are invited. The date is Saturday, May 8, at 10:30 a.m. Please make reservations with Alice Blanco. Her home phone is 770-642-7075; cell phone is 770-235-0273 and e-mail is aliceblanco@bellsouth.net. Directions will be e-mailed prior to meeting time.

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 \$4460 against a weekly need for \$4425.00.

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.

Members/Friends Service 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** owns Mom's Table, a prepared meals company with locations at 1207 Canton St., Roswell and 8420 Main St., Woodstock. View the menu at: www.MomsTableOnline.com .
- **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
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- **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.
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