



CHURCH CHAT

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY, 2012



PRESIDENT'S DAY--FEB. 20

VALENTINE'S DAY --FEB. 14



EXCLAMATIONS!!!

"I want this!" "I want that!" Give it a rest!
Want God!

You are a miracle! Treat yourself that way!
God does!

There is only one God! He's already got the job!
So don't apply!

What! first? If it's not God, re-think and ask again!

Open your eyes and open your heart and see
what you missed!

Jesus is the way! So let us be on it!

Give it away! God has more!

Decide to believe! Then believe. That's all
there is to it!

George



STEWARDSHIP: We needed \$7,705 every week for our budgeted general fund expenses. As of January 15, we are \$2,176 under. Many thanks to those who serve in this manner. **Remember:**

--PLEASE USE PRINTED ENVELOPES. It helps the counters and recorders avoid mistakes as we have many similar and even identical names!

--If it doesn't cost you more, it helps the counters if you use separate checks for each major bank account (general, building, or transportation).

--There is no problem if it is your custom to give several weeks (or months) donation at one time in one check.

--It also helps if you re-label and re-date your extra envelopes for other types of donations.



REPORTERS: We need information for *Church Chat*. Please appoint a "reporter" for your group and have him send information (what you have done, what you are doing, and even what you plan to do) to winecoff1971@carolina.rr.com by the 20th of each month (submit info for the March issue of *Church Chat* by **February 20**). **Remember:**

--If you are a little late, please call **and email** your information. If *Church Chat* is **not** finished, it can be added.

--*Church Chat* is available in living color on-line. It is often available **before** you get your snail mail copy. See our web site www.chinagrovefurnc.com.

--PLEASE EMAIL YOUR INFORMATION in the text of an email **not** as an attachment.

--If you tell us with your original submission, we can hold your information and repeat it as often as you specify.



MISSION SEEKERS: Mission Seekers Circle met on January 9 in Langford Hall. **Tami Harless** and **Sue Williams** served as hostesses with thirteen in attendance.

Sue presented a program entitled "Resolve to renew our relationship with God." Possible resolutions "Just for the Day" were discussed. A New Year's Survival Kit was presented to each person. President **Lee Ann Hauss** presided over the business session. We discussed the Reading Program, our special friends, and praying for our missionaries and others. We finalized plans for the Valentine's Dinner to be held on **February 11**. Our next circle meeting will be held on **February 13** at 7:00 PM in Langford Hall. **Lee Ann Hauss** and **Reidie Eagle** will serve as hostesses. We invite any women of the church to join us at our next meeting.

Our annual **Valentine's Dinner**, sponsored by the Mission Seekers Circle, is on Saturday, **February 11** at 6:00 PM in Langford Hall. The menu includes grilled chicken breast, salad, green beans, baked potato, roll, tea/coffee, and red velvet cake. Child care will be provided. Tickets may be purchased after church services or at Wonderful Wednesdays for \$12.50 a person. All proceeds will go to missions. Thank you for your support.



YOUNG AT HEART: The Young-at-Heart Group will meet on **February 7** at 10:00 AM in Langford Hall. One of **Lex Graham's** friends will be coming to visit with us to entertain us and sing with us. **Betty Martin** and **Judy Yang** will be providing the refreshments. Come join us as we laugh and have a lot of fun.

On **February 14**, those who have paid to go to the Barn Dinner in Greensboro will leave at 11:00 AM from our church parking lot. David Walter Travel will pick us up and take us by bus to the theater for the buffet lunch. This will be followed by the play "Sing Hallelujah!" The play is usually over at 5:00 or 5:30 PM; the group should return to China Grove at approximately 6:00 PM.



NEW ADDRESS: Our **Eloise Teeter** has moved back home to 350 Pleasant Village Lane; China Grove, NC 28023; phone 704-857-7194.

Illiterate? Write to the church office for free help.

from *Church Bulletin Bloopers*



UMW: Calling all women who are interested in reaching out to other women, youth and children locally and around the globe. The first 2012 meeting of the

General UMW will be Monday, **February 6** at 7:00 PM in Langford Hall. We will be making card holders for our Special Friends.

Congratulations to the following participants in the 2011 UMW Reading Program.

Plan IV (read 20 books) - **Eloise Teeter**

Plan II (read 10 books) - **Ione Hauss**

Plan I (read 4 books) - **Telisa Barnhardt, Lee Ann Hauss, Virginia King, Vicki Lippard, Daisy Sechler, Joyce Thomas and Nancy Yates.**

Reminder: the UMW collects the following items:

--**Campbell soup labels** for Bethlehem Center in Charlotte to purchase educational supplies. (1,672 collected in 2011)

--**Canceled stamps** for the Lutheran Home in Salisbury. Therapist have the residents to trim the stamps which keeps their fingers limber and then they stack like stamps together which helps to exercise their minds. They are then sent to Florida and are sold to collectors around the world to help pay for educational materials to be printed. (880 collected in 2011)

--**Unused coupons** are trimmed and taken to the Main Street Mission; and once they have expired, we mail them to military bases over seas where they will honor them for up to six months after expiration. (TOO many to count in 2011)

--**Empty printer toner cartridges** are send in for recycle and the money made supports our local mission projects.

--**Old cell phones** are sent to the Battered Women's Shelter in Salisbury, programmed for 911 calls and given to residents. (27 collected in 2011)

--Although we do not collect **Box Tops**, we had 241 come through our basket and was forwarded to a local school.

Precious Addition Ministry: The United Methodist Women have a Precious Addition ministry for anyone in our church that is expecting a baby. A Circle is chosen to sponsor the mother-to-be and puts her and her family on their prayer list. Once the baby is born, the Circle provides a meal, a baby spoon from the church, delivers the rosebud and the baby prayer shawl to the new addition. If you are expecting or know someone in our church who is, please let George, Nancy or Telisa know. Currently we know of **Robby and Debra Basinger, Justan and Ashlyn (Bringle) Mounts, Mark and Hali Beck, Jeff and Jennifer Ritchie.**

Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat: Ladies if you are planning to go to Lake Junaluska in June for the Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat, please see **Joyce Thomas.** It is Friday & Saturday, **June 15-16.** Registration is \$11.00 and due by **February 10.** Theme: Walk With Hope and the leader is Rev. Karen Kurtz.

Ta...Daaah! Salisbury District Membership Renewal Event. An event for Body, Mind and Soul! Saturday, **February 25** from 9 AM – 3 PM at Forest Hill United Methodist Church, Concord, NC. Cost is \$5.00.

Attention High School Seniors: United Methodist Women of the Western North Carolina Conference have a scholarship program for students attending one of the Methodist related colleges in North

Carolina (Bennett, Brevard, Greensboro Colleges or High Point, Pfeiffer Universities) and pursuing an academic course of study leading to a church-related vocation such as Christian Education. All applicants must be members of the United Methodist Church and must reside within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference. Deadline is **March 1.** If interested contact Pat Gilbert for an application at 704-633-6361 or E-mail: patgilbert@bellsouth.net. For further information, visit the website at www.wnccumw.org .



SHARE YOUR FAITH: We are all growing in our discipleship. One good and necessary way to grow is to share what Jesus means to you. A great audience to share with is us, your church family. We all love you and we want to hear what you have to say. And it will be good for us. God will use you, and your message will be something some or all of us really need to hear.

Sharing your faith with us will be good for you. You'll be more prepared to share with anyone that needs to hear it. As a disciple preparing yourself to spread God's message is one of the most important things you can do. Let me know that you've decided to share your faith. Tell me in person, or get me a message. **Alan Jones** 704-855-7503 or alan.mack.jones@gmail.com

How do you want to get a Message? In 2012 we have a message system to spread the word about schedules and schedule changes, meetings and events, emergencies, etc. Please let us know what way you'd rather get the message; a phone call, an email, a text message, or two ways or all three ways. Send an e-mail to alan.mack.jones@gmail.com.



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY: We are trying to collect **one ton** of PB&J (in plastic containers if possible please) for Rowan Helping Ministries by **June 30.**

So far we have collected **514 pounds.** Thank you for your help!



PACK-A-THON: Sign up for this food collection on **February 14-25** at First Reformed in Landis. Participation can be either "hands-on" or you may give to purchase the food that is to be packed.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY will be on **February 5.** This is our annual offering to assist feeding the hungry in Rowan County. You may also bring canned

goods.

According to recent studies, claimed the pastor, older Christians have the edge in longevity.

The class on prophecy has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Due to the pastor's illness, the Wednesday night healing service has been cancelled.

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE information from the January 23 meeting: We are asking our ushers to please help people be seated especially on Sundays where we have one service. Normally there is seating in the front one or two rows, so the ushers should usher people to these seats. We don't like to hear that people have left because they don't have a seat.

--**Acolyte Schedule and Training:** We would like for Hope to make up a schedule for our children and/or youth with two acolytes and an alternate to acolyte each Sunday for both services.

--Our **Drama Team** is doing well with meetings on the 1st and 4th Mondays. They will be doing different skits throughout the year.

--George and Lisa have scheduled **service topics** for the entire year. They decide how long everything in the service will take to not go over a reasonable time. Please let George know ahead of time if you are having a special announcement, skit, etc. that will take longer than normal and not on the Sunday morning you plan to have this. This will help us not having some of our congregation getting upset because they thought the service was too long. Thanks for you help in this matter.

--**February 5:** Super Bowl Sunday.

--**February 12:** Boy Scout Sunday.

--**February 19:** M&M Sunday and Faith Sharing.

--**February 22:** Ash Wednesday. We will have our service with Communion after the Wednesday meal in Langford Hall.

--**February 26:** First Sunday in Lent.

--**March 4:** Blanket Sunday.

--**March 11:** Girl Scout Sunday. Daylight Savings Time Begins.

--**March 18:** Congregation covered dish luncheon after church service. (More about this later)

--**March 28:** After Wednesday meal "Journey to the Cross"

Rickie Faggart, Worship Chairperson



LIFE LINE SCREENING: Their "mission is to make people aware of an **undetected** health problem and encourage them to seek follow-up care with **their physician.**" They "are dedicated to providing the highest quality preventive **screenings** at an affordable rate" which follows

--**Stroke/Carotid Artery:** \$60

--**Heart Rhythm:** \$60

--**Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm:** \$60

--**Peripheral Arterial Disease:** \$60

--**Osteoporosis Risk Assessment:** \$35

****ANY VASCULAR SCREENING: \$60****

****ALL 5 SCREENINGS: \$149****

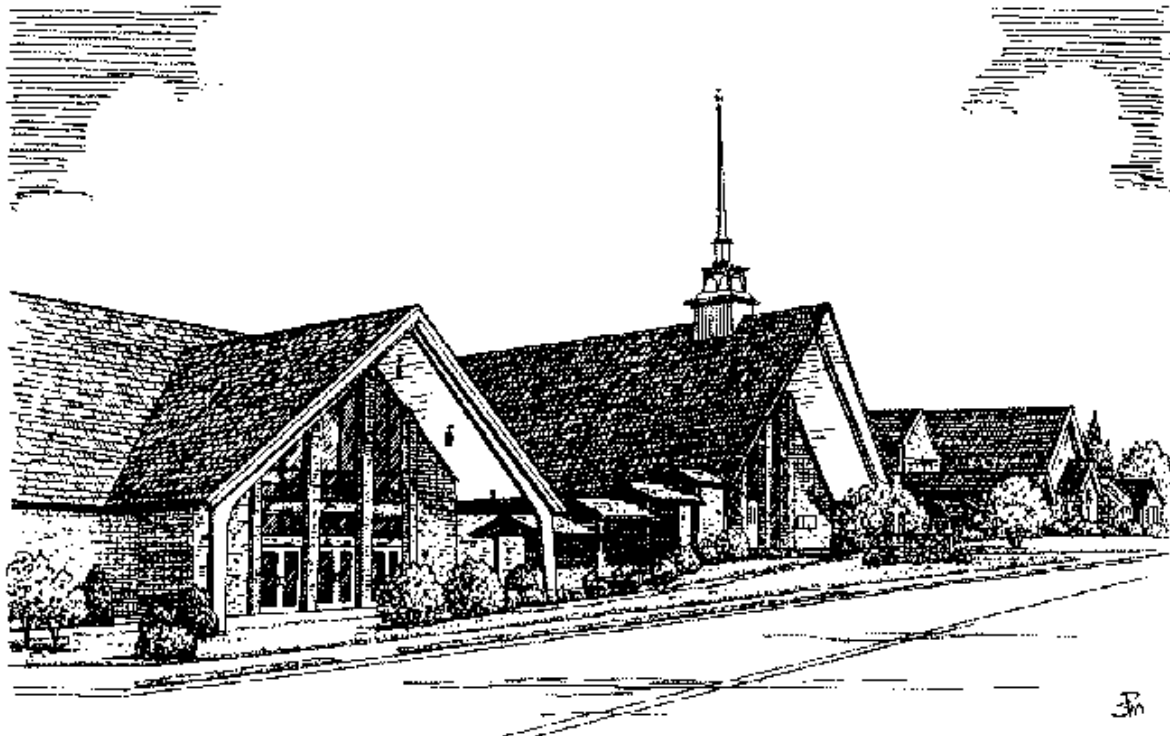
Call **1-800-897-9177** or visit their website at www.lifelinescreening.com for more information. Their priority code is HSC5421

Where: FUMC:CG

When: Wednesday, **March 4, 2012**

Pre-registration is required

WE SURE COULD USE MORE NEWS TODAY!



FEBRUARY CALENDAR (please confirm)

Monthly Schedule:

- Sun, Feb 5: Souper Bowl Sunday
- Mon, Feb 6: United Methodist Women, 6:30 PM
- Tue, Feb 7: Young at Heart, 10 AM
- Fri, Feb 10: Registration deadline for UMW conf
- Sat, Feb 11: Valentines' Dinner, 6 PM
- Sun, Feb 12: Boy Scout Sunday
- Sun, Feb 12: Administrative Board, 7 PM
- Mon, Feb 13: Mission Seekers Circle, 7 PM
- Tue, Feb 14: Y@H Trip to Greensboro
- Sat, Feb 18: Bible Study, 5 PM
- Mon, Feb 20: Wesleyan Friendship Circle, 7 PM
- Mon, Feb 20: Staff-Parish Relations, 7 PM
- Wed, Feb 22: Ash Wednesday Worship, 6:30 PM
- Sat, Feb 25: Pack-a-thon
- Sat, Feb 25: Dist. M'rb'rship Event, 9 AM - 3 PM

Weekly Schedule:

- Mon: Cub Scouts, 6, Boy Scouts, 7 PM
- Tue: Bible Study, 10 AM
- Tue: Brownies/Girl Scouts, 6:30 PM
- Tue: Joyous Bells, 6:30
- Tue: Celebration Ringers, 7 PM
- Tue: Yoga, 7 PM

- Wed: United Methodist Men, 7 AM
- Wed: Women in Touch, 1 PM (except Feb 1)
- Wed: Little Wings of Grace, 4:30 PM
- Wed: Wings of Grace, 5 PM
- Wed: Puppet Ministry, 5:15 PM
- Wed: Sonshine Choir, 5:30 PM
- Wed: Supper
- Wed: Age Group Studies, 6:30 PM (except Feb 22)
- Wed: Praise Band, 6:30 PM
- Wed: Choir, 7:05 PM
- Thu: Bible Study, 7 PM
- Thu: Girl Scouts, 6:30 PM
- Sun: Services, 8:30 & 11 AM; School, 9:45 AM
- 3rd Sun: Service, 10:30 AM; School, 9:15 AM

Other:

- Wed, Feb 1 - Feb 4: Hondouras Mission Trip
- Mon, Feb 6 & Feb 27: Dramatically HIS, 7 PM
- Tue, Feb 14 - Sat, Feb 25: Pack-a-thon collection
- Sun, Feb 19 & Feb 26: Refuge Youth, 6 PM
- Fri, Feb 24 - 25: IMPACT Youth wkend
- Thu, Mar 1: Deadline UMW WNCC scholarship
- Sun, Mar 4: Blanket Sunday
- Sun, Mar 11: Girl Scout Sunday
- Sun, Mar 18: Covered dish
- Fri, Jun 15 - 16: UMW Retreat (deadline Feb 10)

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	Services	8:30	10:30	11:00
February 5	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery -- Fellowship	Kelley Vinson Chin-Ying Swink Anita Graham, Jennifer & Cordi Lambert -- Pairs & Spares Class		McKenna Caudill David & Penny Wooten Natalie Childers & Ashly Wise
February 12	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery Fellowship	Miranda Randall Nancy Yates ?? Heart & Soul Class		Nancy Yates Lisa Pruett & Patty Morris Danny & Elizabeth Gillis
February 19 (3rd Sun)	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery Fellowship		Hannah Leonard Carrie, Jackson, & Landon Deal ??	
February 26	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery -- Fellowship	Renaissance Class Zetta Earnhardt Anita & Johnny Graham Heather Shue & Sharon Barger -- Williams Class		Shelley DiDonato Gracie & Jennifer Warden Rhonda Jones & Brenda Seamon

Many thanks to all who serve in this manner.

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