

The Jamieson *Journal*

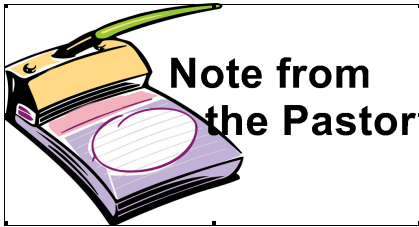
November 2010



Be grateful for the kindly friends
that walk along your way;
Be grateful for the skies of blue
that smile from day to day;
Be grateful for the health you own,
the work you find to do,
For round about you there are souls
less fortunate than you.

—Edgar A. Guest

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One of my fond memories from childhood is of our family Thanksgiving celebrations. As a small child our entire extended family lived in a small village in upstate New York near Rochester. Each year the whole clan, which numbered around 40, would gather at my grandfather's childhood home situated on a large dairy farm. Those folks knew how to cook and lay out a spread that would put any excellent Methodist potluck to shame. There were all the traditional favorite dinner dishes plus a dessert table that could induce a diabetic coma on sight. The smells and tastes were sensational but the thing that stays with me today had little to do with the actual food; rather my memory is of the noise, the chaos, the laughter, and the love that such a gathering could induce. As I reflect on it now I realize that the whole event communicated a sense of belonging which is something I still cherish.

One of the five practices of fruitful ministry that was examined at Jamieson this past spring involved risk-taking missions. Sure, we, as a United Methodist congregation, spend a great deal of money on missions, as we well should. We contribute to many missions through our apportionments as well as through the several additional projects such as Project Care For, Water For The Oppressed, Kissyeye, a project in Roanoke and support of a missionary, Clara Biswas. We also participate in the food pantry (through food donations such as those on the altar many weeks), the Angel Tree program for children of incarcerated parents, the local Samaritan Fund and in many other projects. These are all great and, while you can never give too much, there is more to mission than just financial support. In fact, participation in hands on ministries of mission is really what is at the heart of risk-taking missions.

This month we at Jamieson, as part of a caring Christian community, will be presented with an opportunity to serve in just such a way. Two years ago Clarksville began a program of serving a holiday meal on Thanksgiving eve. The program was designed primarily to provide a meal for those who might not otherwise have a holiday dinner or a place to go and belong at this time. The meal grew to serve over 800 people last year. It is not known how many will attend this year nor is it known how many will enjoy the meal then return home to repeat the feast with family the following day, but that does not matter. What matters most about this event is that it provides every one of us the opportunity to be in ministry to the many in our community who are truly in need and the many who do not have any other contact during the year with a caring Christian community. My invitation, prayer and hope is that each of us can find a way to offer ourselves in service and witness on this evening. Jesus reminded us that when we work together in these ministries of mercy and do it for one of the least we have served him. With this in mind, may we find ways to extend ourselves and participate in this mission. If you feel led to do so you may contact the church office to inquire as to how you can help.

Food, fellowship and creating a place of belonging...they are still stuck in my childhood memory bank and for this one evening we can perpetuate those same feelings...and that is something worth pondering.

See you there!
Pastor Dale

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bob Corron 10/03 Louise Sheppard 10/04
Ken Morgan 10/06 Laura Ramsey 10/09
Janelle Langford 10/11 Eric Locklear 10/13
Myrna Howerton 10/17 Ginny Henderson 10/27
Lewis & Kathryn Madison 10/26



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| | November 7 | November 14 |
| Nursery | Dawn Jones | Cindy Felton |
| Lay Reader | Sally Morgan | Nancy Barden |
| Altar Flowers | Communion | Harriette & Jesse Overstreet |
| Acolyte | Savannah McKee | Kayla Puryear |
| Children's Church | Heather Harvell | Betty Miller |

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| | November 21 | November 28 |
| Nursery | Michelle Gibson | Debra Lenhart |
| Lay Reader | Marilyn Mink | Harriette Overstreet |
| Altar Flowers | Thanksgiving | Thanksgiving |
| Acolyte | Grey Henderson | Sydney Henderson |
| Children's Church | Scotti Moore | Betty Miller |

Thank you to all our Ministry Assistants your participation enriches the Worship Service for us all.

Jamieson Memorial UMC earns Good Shepherd Charter Recognition

The Good Shepherd Charter Recognition has been earned by Jamieson Memorial UMC for the year 2009. This is an annual award to recognize churches that provide outstanding scouting/youth mentoring ministry to their communities through sponsorship of one or more of the following civic youth-serving agencies: Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), Camp Fire USA (CFUSA), 4-H, and/or Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBS). These churches welcome all youth and children; nurture them as they grow to become good citizens with a deeper relationship with God; and work with them in service to others.

The criteria are as follows:

- 1) Sponsor one or more of the above mentioned civic youth-serving agencies to meet the needs of youth and children in the congregation and in the community.

At the time this award was earned, the church “sponsored” four units: Boy Scout Troop 7450, Cub Scout Pack 7450, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 3805, and Girl Scout Senior Troop 3285. (the Senior Troop is currently no longer in operation due to all of the girls having graduated out of Girl Scouts)

- 2) Offer and encourage participation in the God and Country series, now called the P.R.A.Y. awards, a religious education program for youth and children, grades 1 – 12.

We had 15 children and youth working on their God and Country awards during this time.

- 3) Observe a Scouting Ministries Sunday or conduct a separate Sunday service for each group.

Jamieson Memorial has observed Scout Sunday in February for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for a number of years. We have also observed Girl Scout Sunday in March.

- 4) Encourage each troop/group in the church to annually participate in a least one community service project. Service projects benefiting and in cooperation with the sponsoring church are encouraged.

With four units sponsored by our church, our service projects vary a great deal. From trail maintenance and cleanup at our local Occoneechee State Park, to highway/road cleanup, helping out with the Town of Clarksville clean-up day, to passing out and collecting bags of food for the Scouting For Food project, to helping out the local Fire Department and Rescue Squad with their fund raisers, these are some of the service projects our units work on each year. Our church is very proud of all the units for their service to their community.

- 5) Elect or appoint a scouting coordinator who reports regularly to the governing body of the local church.

Jamieson Memorial does have a Scouting Coordinator who reports to the Administrative Council each month.

Boy Scout Troop 7450

Boy Scout Troop 7450 of Clarksville has been operating continuously in our area for close to 40 years. The troop has been chartered to Jamieson Memorial United Methodist Church for the last 10 of those years and has had good support from the church.

We now come to a new chapter in the life of Troop 7450. Our current Scoutmaster, Matt Folk, who has been with us for several years, will be moving from our area at the end of December 2010 due to a job change. We wish Matt and his family well in their move and locating in a new community.

When Matt moves, this leaves our Troop without a **“trained”** Scoutmaster. **“Trained”** is in bold print because of new BSA council guidelines requiring the Scoutmasters of all the boy scout troops must be considered “trained” by completing three online or dvd courses and one instructor lead course. Unfortunately, none of our other troop leaders currently is considered “trained”.

This is where your help is needed. If anyone knows someone who is a “trained” leader or someone who is interested and would become “trained” by the end of May 2011, please let Steve Roberts know. You can call Steve at 374-2847 or e-mail him at sbjtroberts@verizon.net . I'm sure he would be glad to hear from you.

NOVEMBER 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 Reformation Day Reformation Sunday 10:00 AM CONSECRATION SUNDAY (Only Sunday Service) 11:00 AM All-Church Dinner | 1 All Saints Day 9:00 AM Project Care - For 6:00 PM Daisy Troop (Sarah M - 586-337-1628) 6:30 PM Disciple Class 7:00 PM Bell Choir | 2 6:15 PM Trustee Meeting 7:30 PM Jeanne Hinson Circle | 3 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 4 7:00 PM Administrative Council | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Relay for Life Kick Off | 8 6:00 PM Daisy Troop (Sarah M - 586-337-1628) 6:30 PM Disciple Class 7:00 PM Bell Choir | 9 9:00 AM Iris Folding 10:15 AM Elizabeth McLean Crowder Circle 12:15 PM New Lunch group | 10 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 11 Veterans Day | 12 | 13 |
| 14 8:00 AM UMM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service - CHARGE CONFERENCE | 15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Project Care - For 6:00 PM Daisy Troop (Sarah M - 586-337-1628) 6:30 PM Disciple Class 7:00 PM Bell Choir | 16 6:30 PM UMW Salad Supper & Meeting | 17 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 18 7:30 PM UMW Executive Committee Mtg. | 19 | 20 8:30 AM Computer Drop-in Help Session |
| 21 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship | 22 9:00 AM Project Care - For 6:00 PM Daisy Troop (Sarah M - 586-337-1628) 7:00 PM Bell Choir | 23 10:00 AM New Beginnings Circle Meeting | 24 7:00 PM Choir Practice | 25 Thanksgiving Day | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Advent 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship | 29 9:00 AM Project Care - For 6:00 PM Daisy Troop (Sarah M - 586-337-1628) 7:00 PM Bell Choir | 30 | | | | |

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