

SGUMC YOUTH NEWS

Youth Praise Team

The Youth Praise Team continues to meet for rehearsals each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Brian Ray Holland Fellowship Hall. Please contact Jared in the church office if you would like to participate with the youth praise team.

Winston-Salem Children's Home

Aug 1st -3rd, the Youth will be working at the Children's Home in Winston-Salem. They will also be participating in a rope course and team building exercises. Lunch will be provided. Will leave the church at 8 a.m. and return at 4 p.m.

Flamingos

Need a fun way to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, an engagement, new parents, etc.? The Youth can help with this by flocking a yard with flamingos. Cost is \$25 or you can purchase flock insurance (so the flamingos do not appear in your yard) for \$50. The flocking happens in the yard as a surprise so that adds to the fun. Please contact Karen DeBusk at 817-7178, Sandy Zielinski at 992-3681, Jerry Hamilton at 655-2365 or the church office at 788-2297.

Youth's Experience at Wilderness Trail

"Awesome, Awesome" - words that the Youth are using to describe their trip to Wilderness Trail. Thank you to the congregation and youth leaders for all the prayers and support as our twenty-one youth experienced God in a new way.

Upcoming Calendar Events

Sunday, July 31st - 4:30 p.m. Youth Outreach , 5-7 p.m. Youth
Monday-Wednesday, August 1st - August 3rd - 8 a.m.-4 p.m. - Mission work at the Winston-Salem Children's Home
Sunday, August 7th - 5-7 p.m. - Youth
Saturday, August 13th - 9:30 a.m. - noon Taking it to the Streets/Help organize
Sunday, August 14th - 5-7 p.m. - Youth will be going bowling. Bring \$10
Weekend of August 19th-21st - SpiritUs
Sunday, August 28th - Youth/Parent meeting (time to be announced)

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Our Purpose Statement

Seeking Others for Christ (Outreach)

Growing in Worship (Worship)

Uniting through Fellowship (Fellowship)

Maturing in God's Love (Discipleship)

Caring for all People (Service)

Our Hearts, Our Minds, Our Doors Are Always Open

July 27, 2011

DAVE'S SCROLLS

I bring you greetings of grace and peace from your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Sedge Garden. We are celebrating our first month anniversary. Already we have experienced a variety of life experiences. We continue to grieve with the Jo Chandler Family; yet, her illness and untimely death provided a most sacred time for getting to know one another. One thing I learned from that experience, I do not like Cheerwine filled doughnuts! Mark, Lisa, and Zane can fill in the blanks of that story. The great lesson to glean from our first days as a church family is that God's love, mercy, and grace is sufficient for every situation. Yea though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we can rejoice and celebrate! God is our rod and staff! "They," God in Trinity, are present to comfort us! We affirm that every life and person is precious to God! We can cry together. We can laugh together. Life becomes most meaningful when we share it together as the Body of Christ. Thank you, Chandlers and Sedge Garden, for giving me your gift of love and welcoming me as Family!

Vacation Bible School was outstanding! Thanks to all who helped in so many ways... even those of you who received way too much joy and pleasure at my expense in the dunking booth! Twenty one youth have been on the Wilderness Trail Spiritual Adventure this week. The gardeners continue to fill the refrigerator and cart outside Peggy's office with bags after bags of produce for the area soup kitchens and shelters. Judy Hoyle and her dedicated childcare staff continue to grace our halls with the laughter and excitement of children's voices. It is sweet music! Our first worship experiences have been very spirited, well attended, and faithfully received. My first visits with folks in the hospitals, in members' homes, and my first few committee meetings, have been most positive. Peggy, Debbie, Jared, Kin Wah, Marty, Marie, Bobby, Alfredo, and you have been most gracious and patient in my orientation. Thanks Herb and Nancy, for your enduring love in the face of my lack of cyber and technical knowledge too. I certainly appreciate everyone who has stopped by the office to say hello, to welcome me, and to enjoy Preacher Dave's candy. I must also acknowledge the gracious hospitality and prayerful support of Reverend Ellis and Wanda Rouse. My jury is still out on their famous Alabama green beans. They are good but I am not ready to convert from my Blue Lakes just yet. In all aspects of Church, I have witnessed your love for Christ. I see your passion for Sedge Garden emerging as a Phoenix! Sedge Garden has all the ingredients for being a fruitful and successfully productive church. Someone once proclaimed that we only get one opportunity to make a good first impression. Thank you for your first impression, Sedge Garden. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor and friend. GLYASDI!
(God loves you and so do I)

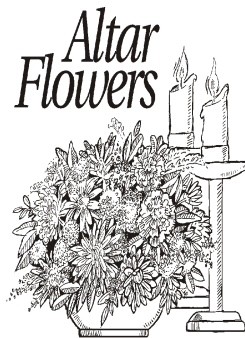
Our Faithfulness

Remember what we promised to God and each other when we joined the church. We said we would support the church with our presence, our prayers, our gifts, our service and our witness.

General Fund Monthly Budget \$52,360.00

Month To Date General Fund \$42,063.25

In gifts:	07/17/2011	07/24/2011
General Fund	\$6,610.00	\$11,772.25
Building Fund	75.00	371.50
Boy Scouts	200.00	
Second Harvest Food Bank	95.00	
Cemetery Fund	20.00	50.00
Facility Maintenance		50.00
July Mission Project	189.00	50.00
Girl Scouts	100.00	
First Fruits Praise Band	50.00	
Choir Fund	350.00	130.00
Anthem Angel	100.00	100.00
Rachel's Garden		25.00
Backpacks		211.20
First Fruits (8:30 a.m)	210	140
Sunday School (9:45 a.m.)	100	105
Worship (10:55 a.m)	219	255



The altar flowers on Sunday, August 7th, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lake and Lena Hastings by the Hastings Family.

The altar flowers on Sunday, August 14th, are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Shorty Flinchum, Billy L. Pope, Etta Mae Pope, Frances Norman, Margaret Elting, Stokes and Orpha Pope and L. T. and Cora Pope by Marlene, Vickie and Derwin.

The altar flowers on Sunday, August 21st, are given to the glory in loving memory of Virginia Stafford by Sandy Riddle.

Notes of Appreciation

Special thanks to the United Methodist Women for serving pizza, drinks and dessert to members of the UMYF of St. Francis UMC. The group ate and spent the night in our Fellowship Hall during their mission time at The Children's Home. Mark Evans, former Associate Pastor of Sedge Garden, came with the group to visit along with their Youth Director, Elizabeth Brannock.

A heartfelt "thank you" is extended to Niki Smith, Angie Shearer, Michelle Edwards, our youth, Preacher Dave, Marty Johnson, First Fruits Praise Band and all the volunteers for their help with Vacation Bible School.

Special thanks to Hayworth-Miller Funeral Home for their contribution of drinks pizza, and cookies for the family pizza night on Thursday. Also thank you to Zack's Frozen Treats for the snow cones and coupons, Glenn High School for the popcorn and Chick-Fil-A for gift certificates and coupons. We are blessed to have community businesses to share with our ministries.

The children and parents of Vacation Bible School donated 69 food items for Crisis Control and \$103.20 for the Backpack Program.

Thanks to our church congregation for the donation of 59 bottles of shampoo, 55 bars of soap and 142 food items for Crisis Control Ministry on Canned Food Sunday and the monetary donation of \$95 for Second Harvest Food Bank.

Thanks to my Church Family for the many prayers, calls, food and concerns during the past several months. It is great to have friends like the wonderful people at Sedge Garden. I feel so blessed. I love you all.

Buddy Sapp

Memorials:

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

In memory of Jo Chandler
Choir Fund David & Camille Simmons
Blake & Cindy Kreegar
Joey & Yvonne Coffey
Mike & Gayle Hampton
Jim & Judy Nappter
Jerry & Judy Smith
Sandra Weavil & Shelba Talley
Andy Holder
Myrtis Holder
Nick & Pat Smothers
Terry & Brenda Gass
Jim & Becky Karr
Cindy Stout
Bub & Karen Manning
Mike & Barbara Berry
Wayne & Marie West
Thomas D. Parker
Hugh A. Martin
Jeanette Parsons & Esqueritta Biddix
John & Judy Hoyle
Ryland & Rosemary Humphrey
Georgia Farm Bureau Casualty Unit
Steve & Angela Neal
Troup County Farm Bureau
Walt & Vicki Hutchings
Matthew & Jill Alexander

General Fund
Anthem Angel Herb, Nancy, Whitney & Brad Swaim
Russ & Anna Marie Dean

United Methodist Women's Mission Rachel's Garden
Sedge Garden United Methodist Women
Rachel's Garden Harry & Vicki Jarman
Facility Maintenance Patsy Rowell

In memory of Jewell Lankford
Choir Fund David & Camille Simmons

In memory of Bill & Lib Ramey
General Fund Jerry & Sandra Hart

In honor of First Fruits Praise Band
Praise Band Fund Mike & Gayle Hampton

In honor of John Hodges
Boy Scout Troop 779 United Methodist Men
Cub Scout Pack 779 United Methodist Men
Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts United Methodist Men
Brownie/Daisy Girl Scouts United Methodist Men

In honor of Megan Manuel's 21st Birthday
General Fund David & Michelle Manuel

In honor of Jared Gordon
Choir Fund Mike & Gayle Hampton

In honor of Marie Denig
Choir Fund Mike & Gayle Hampton

In honor of Wesley Matthew Alexander
General Fund John & Judy Hoyle

In honor of Justin & Rebecca Hoyle
General Fund John & Judy Hoyle

In honor of Jacob Alexander Hoyle
General Fund John & Judy Hoyle

In memory of Tyler Pope Hill
Operation Homecoming
Jimmy, Debbie & Josh Hill

In memory of Joy Sloan
Cemetery Fund Lee Sloan



Saturday, August 20th
8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Maple Leaf Golf Club
Sponsored by Boy Scout
Troop #779 and United
Methodist Men

Entry fee is \$200 per team and includes door prizes, lunch after tournament and cash prizes for closest to pin, longest drive and most accurate drive. Team mulligans, games and other incentives available for purchase the morning of the Tournament.

For registration or questions, please contact Bill Haps at 509-9937 or whaps11@yahoo.com

Preacher Dave's Email and Cell Phone Number

Preacher Dave can be reached by email at preacherdave@sedgegardenumc.org and his cell phone number is 336-283-1563.

Communication with Church Office

The church office is closed each Friday unless events are scheduled requiring church staff to be present. Church staff work Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The office answering machine receives your messages when staff are not in and also gives emergency contact numbers for Preacher Dave Cash and Reverend Kin Wah Tang.

Debbie Idol's email is didol@sedgegardenumc.org and Peggy Conaway's email is pconaway@sedgegardenumc.org. Please call them in the church office or email them with announcements for the bulletin and newsletter or any other questions/concerns you have.

Our Prayers

We offer our prayers for this week's members of our Circle of Concern: Julius Bryant at Forsyth.

We continue to keep in our prayers the following church family at home: Patsy Ebert, Mary Motsinger; Conner Stone; Victoria Conner; Hoke Fritts; James Giles; Pauline Hedgecock; Bruce Hawks; Irma Carswell (Marie West's mother); Laura Tice; Ronnie Kluttz; Bob Miller; Ricky Weavil; John Hoyle; Sherry Riley; Larry Brooks; Ken Bedsole; Wilma Lee Jones; Lois Brendle; T. S. Williams; Willard Brendle (Claudia Zarate's brother); Jim Giles (Jay Giles' father); Vinny DiGerolamo; Pat Chaffin (Trish Grubbs' mother); and Carol DeBusk.

We continue to keep in our prayers our nursing home and independent living residents: Eastlin Thompson at The Oaks; Etta Saunders with daughter in Advance; Lola Walton at Arbor Ridge; Irene Robbins at Kerner Ridge Assisted Living; D. R. Pope at Arbor Ridge; Gerry French at Britthaven; and Paul Lawson at Arbor Acres Assisted Living Center.

Please keep in your daily prayers our church family military members: Tommy Gentry; Michael Gordon; Sam Tice; Michael Tumlin; Keith Walker; Andrew Hester; Jeff Duncan; Clint Broadhurst; Danny Miller; Justin Lavin, and Trey Vaughn.

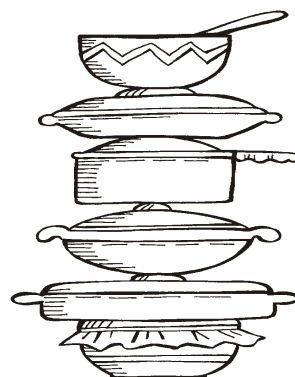
Please help us keep our Circle of Concern current. If you would like to add a name or remove a name, please call the church office at 788-2297.



LOOK WHO IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST!
THE STAFF OF SEDGE GARDEN CELEBRATES
WITH YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!

Libby Dobson 08/01
 Amanda Weisner 08/01
 Kathy Fordham 08/02
 Kinley Wilson 08/02
 Bill Templeton 08/03
 Bob Kinzer 08/04
 Andrew Cagle 08/03
 Sherry Tumlin 08/04
 Doug Carver 08/04
 Andrew Huyett 08/05
 Jan Marshall 08/05
 Grady Sink 08/05
 Joe Stewart 08/05
 Keith Manuel 08/06
 Linda Weaver 08/07
 Jesse Yokley 08/07
 Wanda Rouse 08/07
 Andrew Sloan 08/08
 Pauline Angel 08/09
 Adam DeBusk 08/09
 Bud Voss 08/09
 Jon Riley 08/11
 Allison Jenkins 08/11
 Linda Southern 08/12
 Sam Tice 08/12
 Royce Weisner 08/12
 Ethan Ebert 08/13
 Shirley Matthews 08/14
 Betty Clark 08/15
 Etta Saunders 08/15
 Delores Clarke 08/16
 Megan Harris 08/16
 Jean Shelton 08/16
 Fran Stover 08/16
 Richard Hoover 08/16
 Ray Blue 08/17
 Beverly Gordon 08/17
 Brittany Lavin 98/17
 Adam Clark 08/18
 Thayer Joyce 08/18
 Daniel Grinevich 08/18
 Dickie Hastings 08/19
 Ella Bedsole 08/19
 Jay Giles 08/20
 Parrish Nichols 08/20
 Clayton Stinnett 08/22
 Megan Mooney 08/22

Mia Weisner 08/23
 Joe Brown 08/24
 Joey Coffey 08/24
 Cameron Ashburn 08/24
 Paul Dean 08/24
 Patsy Rowell 08/24
 Bob White 08/24
 Steve Holland 08/25
 Myrtis Holder 08/26
 Shea Grubbs 08/26
 John Miller, Sr. 08/26
 Veatrice Elliott 08/26
 David Gregory 08/28
 James Taite 08/28
 Leroy DeBusk 08/29
 Jimmy Hill 08/29
 Jimmy Shetzler 08/29
 Dixie Braun 08/30
 Sara Machamer 08/30
 Bonnie Thrasher 08/30
 Yvonne Motsinger 08/30
 Ty Pugh 08/30
 Kevin Leonard 08/31
 Stan Stafford, Sr. 08/31
 Shelba Talley 08/31



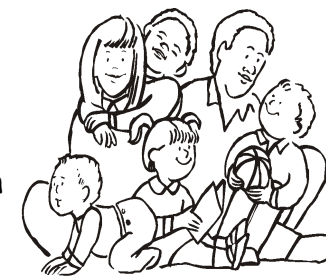
Covered Dish Dinner

Covered Dish Meal to Welcome Preacher Dave and his wife, Lynn Saturday, August 20th (Please note date change) 6:00 p.m. Brian Ray Holland Fellowship Hall

 Sharing time with Sedge Garden Families

Help is Needed in Nurseries

Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help in our nurseries. Each Sunday we have a familiar face (Gayle Eaton) in the nurseries but we need at least two volunteers to assist her with the children. If the number of children is small and Gayle is comfortable with that number, you are free to go to the worship service. A schedule of the rotation is mailed from the church office. We welcome singles and couples to volunteer. Please contact Nikki Craver at 992-0236 or email her at nikki.craver@syngenta.com or call Peggy in the church office or email to pconaway@sedgegardenumc.org.



NURSERY WORKERS

August Mission Project

Our Mission Project for the month of August is school supplies for Hall Woodward Elementary School. *Special supplies needed are baby wipes, glue sticks, Kleenex, paper towels, gallon size zip lock bags, colored pencils, one subject notebooks, jumbo crayons, jumbo pencils, regular pencils; paper, hand sanitizer, pocket folders, children's underwear, sweat pants, shorts and book bags.* No time to shop, then make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you! Please place your donated items in the Commons area.



Adult Fellowship

Adult Fellowship is Tuesday, August 9th, at noon in the Brian Ray Holland Fellowship Hall. We will share in a covered dish meal and fellowship together. Please invite someone to join with you.

Contribution Statements have been emailed to those with email addresses. If you do not have an email address and would like a copy of your Contribution Statement, please call Debbie in the church office.

GOD'S MOMENT

One of the shortest books I ever read had a profound effect on me. "The Prayer of Jabez" is written by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson. Hidden in the most obscure-perhaps the least read book in the Bible at I Chronicles 4: 9-10, we find the story of Jabez in two brief verses.

"Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain! **So God granted him what he requested.**"

This simple prayer changed his life and left a permanent mark on the history books of Israel.

Is it selfish or greedy of me to ask God to bless me? To keep me from evil and not to cause pain? After reading this book, and the prayer, it became very clear to me that God wants me, even expects me, to ask for His presence, protection, and blessings. I should be praying for this every day! Hence, my prayer life has taken a new dimension. For example, in my morning devotions, I previously prayed, "God be with me today." God said one day to me, "Dave, I am always with you. I promised I would never leave nor forsake you. There is never a time that I am not present with you." Thanks for the education, Lord! Now I pray, "Lord, make me aware of your presence in all situations. Let me see your hand that I may partner in what you are doing and blessing." God is still in the blessing business! Just ask Him! Look for Him! He is always present!

In a broader sense, as His church, we need to be bolder in our request for God to bless Sedge Garden UMC in our worship and ministries to this community. Churches are not called to be a self serving community of faith. Jesus' Great commission was to "GO" and partner in those areas where God is already working and blessing. Churches are to grow and increase our territory through God size dreams and visions. "Dreams make life tolerable." I know the financial state of our world, church, and personal budgets are areas of prayerful concern. How can we help others with limited resources? But that's the way God's miracles start--when our resources are too small and we seem inadequate for the task. We learn quickly that ministry is not about us. It is God who blesses us and expands our borders. God's math is very different from ours. His bounty is limited only by "us", not by His resources, power, or willingness to give. God is in the blessings business. As a church, we need to discern our commitment of prayers, witness, presence, gifts, and service. Isn't it time for us to "enlarge our territory" in our personal relationship with God?



The Shepherd Center's Flower Ministry

A local wholesale floral company donates flowers weekly to The Shepherd Center. Volunteers deliver flower arrangements to shut ins and homebound folks.

We need your help with donation of flower vases (medium and large sizes, not bud vases). A collection box is located near the Manuel Classroom. Your donations will help bring smiles to many faces and also a purpose for all those extra vases in your cabinets.

Drink Machine

A bottled drink machine with Pepsi products is located in the hallway of the Education Building. All proceeds of the machine will benefit mission projects of the United Methodist Women's Millennium Circle. Ten per cent of all profits will be returned to the Church. We hope you will satisfy your thirst and purchase a drink from the machine!

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Sunday, August 21st, 7:00 p.m.
Administrative Board Meeting
Walker Classroom

Sunday, August 28th, 6:00 p.m.
Music at Eveningtide
Covered Dish Meal
Special Music by IDK
(Youth Praise Band)

Preschool News

Applications are being received for 2011-2012 Preschool. Classes are available for toddlers, two year olds, three year olds, four year olds and five year olds. Applications are available in the Preschool office and the Church office. If you have any questions, please call the Preschool office at 788-2230.



YOUR INPUT AND HELP IS NEEDED!

Church Wide Children's Ministry Meeting
Sunday, August 14th, 5:00 p.m.
Brian Ray Holland Fellowship Hall

Volunteers needed for Sunday School and Nursery Rotation
Planning for upcoming Fall and Winter Events

Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Financial News

General Fund Monthly Budget	\$52,360
June Monthly Income	\$44,170
June Invoices Paid	\$47,748
May Reserve YTD	\$ 9,726
Deficit End of June	(\$3,578)
YTD Reserve	\$6,148
General Fund Balance End of June	\$6,148

June Gifts

General Fund	\$44,168
Building Fund	556
Backpack Program	185
Second Harvest Food Bank	130
Cemetery Fund	440
NC Storms Relief	125
Youth	105
Vacation Bible School	100
July Mission (Operation Homecoming)	10
Music Camp Registration	160
Special Retirement Offering	1,455
Conference Room TV	42
UMAR	155
Cookbooks	60
Annual Conference Special Fund	284
Outreach	50
Strength For Service Book	20

(Please contact Debbie in the church office if you would like a copy of the June Financial Report.)

Backpack Ministry at Hall Woodward Elementary School

The order for the food to fill fifty backpacks for students at Hall Woodward Elementary has been placed. We will send home each Friday of the school session a backpack with meals for the weekend.

The cost for this program is between \$8,000 and \$10,000. We are over half way with our fund raising but need everyone's help to reach our goal. Feeding one child for a year is \$160. Please prayerfully consider donating any amount, small or large, to help feed a hungry child.

Children, youth and adults are serving as acolytes in our 10:55 a.m. service. If you would like to serve as an acolyte, please call the church office.



Oh Boy,
It's a Boy!

Church wide Baby Shower for
Mike and Marie Denig
Hosted by the Chancel Choir
Sunday, August 21st
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
(Floating Shower)
Brian Ray Holland Fellowship Hall

Mike and Marie are registered at:
Target
Babies "R" Us
Amazon.com

Please R.S.V.P to Angie Jarman
at 341-5218 or 993-0818
by August 17th

Committee Meetings

Preacher Dave is requesting committees to meet during August. Ministry and programming are vital components of a growing church. It is time to start planning the 2012 church budget and preparing for our annual Charge Conference. In preparation for these events, each committee needs to review its goals, objectives, and 2011 accomplishments. Committees requesting funding must submit a formal budget request to Finance. The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) also welcomes your committee's input for prospective members. You have a much clearer vision of who might better partner in committee with you. Preacher Dave welcomes your suggestions. Thank you for serving God!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

www.sedgegardenumc.org

(Contact Jared in the church office with any questions about the website.)

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

All the men of the church are invited to breakfast on Sunday, August 7th, at 7:00 a.m. in the Brian Ray Holland Fellowship Hall.

United Methodist Women's News

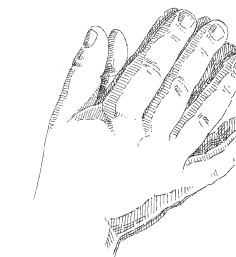
The United Methodist Women's United Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 3rd, at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread in Kernersville. We will enjoy food and fellowship time together. Please invite someone to come with you.

About Our Folks

Congratulations to Jamie Powell and Terry Lee Riffle, II, who were married on Saturday, July 23rd, at Sedge Garden. Jamie is the daughter of Mike and Jan Powell.

Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Zane Chandler and family on the death of Zane's wife, Jo Chandler, on July 13th.



Prayer Time at Panera Bread

On the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. we gather at Panera Bread in Kernersville for a time of devotion and prayer for our church, our community and our world. Our next meeting is

Saturday, August 6th. Please plan to come as we pray to seek God's direction for our lives.

News about the Garden

Jesus reminds us that the poor are always with us. Jesus instructs and commands that we are to feed the hungry (For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat... I was a stranger and you invited me in...Matthew 25:35).

Thank you to all that have been involved in our church garden, from planting the seeds and plants, hoeing, watering, weeding, harvesting and delivering the produce. Your efforts are indeed following Jesus' command.

Pounds and pounds of produce are being delivered to Samaritan Soup Kitchen, Next Step Ministries, Open Arms, and to other ministries.

SOS Urgent Appeal

Addiction Recovery Care Association (ARCA) is a residential program to help clients overcome their chemical dependency. The Outreach Committee has been asked to help with clothing for this agency. Items needed include men's jeans (any size), t-shirts, underwear and socks. Your donations can include new or gently used clothing. The Outreach Committee will accept donations in the Commons area until Thursday, August 11th. Please contact Carole Hastings at 993-4457 if you have any questions about this request.