

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.

Carolina Football Youth Day

Carolina Football Youth Day is Saturday, September 3rd (Labor Day Weekend) at Kenan Stadium. They will be playing JMU. Game starts at 3:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in going please contact Roy Collette at rcollette@triad.rr.com. If we get 10 or more people to attend then tickets are \$10 each.

Lake Day at the Karr's

We will be having our Lake Norman trip to the Karr's on Saturday, September 10th. Any youth and parents that would like to attend, please put your name on the sign up sheet on Marty's door. We will need a headcount so we can plan for food. All the youth that are going need to fill out a permission form that can be found on Marty's door or print the one sent by e-mail. Please return to Marty by August 28th.

Kidnapping

The Youth had a great time this past Saturday "Kidnaping" some of our new youth group members: Cameron, Blake, Madison, Mackenzie, Carson, Jared, Nick, Austin, and Dalton. We are thankful for a wonderful group of kids. Thank you Amy Henderson for driving the bus and Karen and Todd for having 29 kids in your pool and not having a nervous breakdown!!! By the way, Preacher Dave can do an awesome cannonball!!!

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.

Upcoming Calendar Events

Sunday, Aug 14th – 5-7 p.m. – Youth will be going bowling. Bring \$10
Weekend of Aug 19th-21st – SpiritUs
Saturday, Sept 10th – Lake Day at the Karr's Lake House
Sunday, Sept 18th – 5-7 p.m. - Youth and Parent Meeting

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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

August 10, 2011

DAVE'S SCROLLS

HELLO AUGUST! This is a time of transition and shifting gears. Summer is winding down. For most of us, Summer is over. Never mind the calendar says it lasts until September. Most folks are thinking back to school. That was evident if you ventured out during this past duty free weekend to shop. Our college bound are making those last minute purchases of microwaves, computers, iPhone/Droid, fridges, and other dorm necessities. A few families are still trying to cram in those last minute vacations. It's football and band time! Sedge Garden has a great representation of our youth in extracurricular activities. I hope you will make the time and effort to inquire of them about their school life. Supportive interest in our youth is a great investment!

I am enjoying getting to know you and serving as your pastor. You have been most welcoming and supportive. Your enthusiasm is contagious. Attitude goes such a long way in our relationships with God and one another. As I was watching the Sunday night news, Channel 2 shared some twitters and emails they had received. Viewers were complaining because of all the negative news this station was airing. Customers overwhelmingly were requesting to hear some "good news." This sparked a memory of a conversation I overheard one day at the State Employees Credit Union in Kannapolis. The customer was complaining with great pessimism and negativism about the way their day had gone thus far. The customer service representative replied, "You know, I cannot always control the circumstances I face, but I can choose my attitude and how I am going to embrace them. Attitude can make or break a company, a church, a home, or a relationship. The remarkable thing about attitude is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the past. We cannot change the way people act, even our own family/church members. A positive attitude is a gift from God. A negative attitude is of our own doing. I choose to focus on what is right and the things we hold in common with each other instead of our differences. I choose to connect not disengage with people. A kind word always builds a bridge. Compassion uplifts...being critical and judgmental demolishes. Complaining about what is wrong with a situation does not fix it. A catalyst for change is the offering of a better solution. Thank you, Sedge Garden, for focusing on what is right with our church and working towards solutions. Whatever the discussion, whatever the circumstance, let us always endeavor to embrace Philippians 4:5... "Let your gentleness be known to all." Have a God filled Day! *GLYASDI!*

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 \$13,316.50

In gifts:	07/31/2011	08/07/2011
General Fund	\$11,808.79	\$13,316.50
Building Fund	187.00	180.00
Facility Maintenance	10.00	
United Methodist Women	50.00	
Choir Fund	115.00	15.00
Second Harvest Food Bank	55.00	100.00
Hall Woodward Supplies	135.00	102.00
Backpacks	160.00	
Operation Homecoming	35.00	
UMCOR-Africa		50.00
ARCA		10.00
September Mission -Belize		10.00
First Fruits (8:30 a.m)	125	142
Sunday School (9:45 a.m.)	128	95
Worship (10:55 a.m)	215	247

Notes of Appreciation

Special thanks to everyone that answered the appeal for food items from Crisis Control. Your generous donations are helping to stock the shelves at Crisis Control and feeding hungry people in our community.

Thank you!!!!!! With the help of several individuals, Children's Music Camp 2011 was a tremendous success! A special thank to Willie Hill and Judy Smith for providing snacks for the campers every day, Carole Hastings for providing crafts for the children, Karen Agee for helping me out with music sessions, Pat Smothers for checking in the children every day, and Diana Ross, Janet Gamble, Lilly Giles, Nick McLean, and Jared Harbaugh for being chaperones. Another thank you goes to the Evangelism Committee for helping to stuff gift bags for the children. The entire week was a huge learning experience for both me and the children! Also, thank you to those who generously donated scholarship money! God bless you all! Jared

Youth, Parents and Church Family, Thank you so much for the Punk rockin' baby Shower you held in honor of Madison Violet Hatfield. Andy and I had so much fun and all the youth dressed up was awesome!! Thank you especially for the beautiful chair, gifts and "I Love You More" book signed by all. We are so blessed to be apart of such an amazing church family.

Thank you, Diane and Any Hatfield

Notes of Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:
Barbara Porter and family on the death of Barbara's husband, Clark Porter, on July 30th,
Jason Hopkins on the death of his mother, Lorene Hopkins, on August 1st,
John and Judy Hoyle and family on the death of Judy's mother, Mary Idol, on August 7th and
the family of Hoke Fritts. Hoke died on August 8th.

Directory Update

Todd and Dixie Braun
 Telephone # 336-298-2326

Jason and Jo Anna Hoyle
 6828 Redberry Road
 Clarksville, Maryland 21029

Our Prayers

We continue to keep in our prayers the following church family at home; *Trish Grubbs; Julius Bryant; Mary Motsinger; Conner Stone; Victoria Conner; James Giles; Irma Carswell (Marie West's mother); Bruce Hawks; Jimmy Williams; Pauline Hedgecock; Laura Tice; Ricky Weavil; Bob Miller; Jim Giles (Jay Giles' father); Ronnie Kluttz; Vinny DiGerolamo; Sherry Riley; Wilma Lee Jones; Lois Brendle; T. S. Williams; Willard Brendle (Claudia Zarate's brother); 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; *Geraldine Swaim* at Clare Bridge of Winston-Salem; 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.

Memorials:

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

In Memory of Jo Chandler

Choir Fund *Larry & Mary Motsinger
 Ronnie & Nancy Kluttz
 Lawrence & Lois Merritt
 Oliver & Carol Angell
 Jimmy & Debbie Hill
 Sylvia Styers*
 General Fund *Wilpro Enterprises
 Glen & Renee Shipley
 Frances Shackelford
 Bruce & Dawn Houseknecht
 Joyce Conner
 Jim Langham
 Janet Gamble
 June Motsinger
 Shay Godwin
 Southern Community Bank
 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Sapp, Sr.
 Bob & Dot Sides*

In memory of Peggy McCliment

Facility Maintenance *Steve & Peggy Conaway*

In honor of Glory Street Quartet

Crisis Control *Ed Edgerton*
 General Fund *Carol Stafford*

In memory of Jewell Lankford

Choir Fund *Oliver & Carol Angell*

In memory of Pat Sink

Choir Fund *Oliver & Carol Angell*

In memory of Wade Smith

Choir Fund *Oliver & Carol Angell*

In honor of Joe Stewart's 80th Birthday

General Fund *Dennis & Virginia Stewart*

In memory of Lorene Hopkins

General Fund *June Motsinger*

In honor of Preacher Dave Cash, Reverend Ellis Rouse, Reverend Kin Wah Tang and the Hospitality Committee

Cemetery Fund *Jason Hopkins*

In honor of Our Teachers

Hall Woodward School Supplies *Walker Class*

Blessing of the Bookbags

On Sunday morning, August 21st, at both worship services, Preacher Dave invites our children to bring their bookbags that we may offer a special prayer and blessing for them. God has placed us in community and ordained us to grow and learn from each other. On this Sunday, we will recognize all of our folks who are involved in education. We certainly seek God's blessings upon students, faculty and staff members as they begin a new school year.

College Students' Addresses

If you have a son or daughter attending college, please call the church office or email Peggy at pconaway@sedgegardenumc.org with your student's college address. The church will mail each student a biweekly newsletter and we will make available the college addresses to our church family so they can keep in touch with our students while they are away at college.

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, hand sanitizer, pocket folders, children's underwear, paper, regular pencils, sweat pants 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 on the table in the Commons area.



**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

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



*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 so she can plan
accordingly for refreshments.*

Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries

Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries' mission is to develop and strengthen Bible study ministries in local churches and in outreach settings, especially prisons, which will transform lives, make disciples and empower Christians for outreach ministry.

Please prayerfully give a donation in the worship services on Sunday, August 28th as we help to disciple prison ministries, give free Disciple training for all North Carolina lay and clergy persons and provide Bible ministry for at risk and local church youth.

9/11 Memorial Worship Service

On September 11th, Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville will host a special worship service/concert in their Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. in memory of those who perished from the attack 10 years ago. Members of our Chancel Choir will participate in this service and would like to invite you to this service. Admission is free.

Administrative Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will meet on Sunday, August 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Walker Classroom. All members of the Administrative Board are asked to be in attendance.

News About Cub Scouts

We would love for your family to be a part of the cub scouts. Your child will learn character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship, fitness, and have many fun adventures like camping.

We have den meetings, which is a small group setting. The boys could be making a craft like a birdhouse or they could talk about fire safety. There are so many exciting things we do. Please contact me if you have questions or if you want to sign up for our pack. Again, we would love to have you!!

For first through fifth graders, den meetings (small groups) meet at the Scout Hut, which is across the road from Sedge Garden United Methodist Church. Pack Meetings (all the scouts in our Pack) meet in the church's fellowship hall- The boys receive really nice awards for all of their efforts. They come dressed in their uniform.

My son has really enjoyed this unique program. We have done so many fun things with him, and learned so much. We have also made life long friends. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions. You are welcome to be a part of our Scout Pack 779.

Mitzi Williams, Cub Master
mitziwilliams@triad.rr.com

Calling all Youngsters!

As the Summer rapidly draws to a close and the thought of resuming school approaches, we'd like to remind you that Children's Choir will resume soon! The first rehearsal for Children's Choir is Sunday, August 28th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir room. All children from ages five through fifth grade are invited to join Jared for time of learning, singing, ringing, and candy! The Children's Choir is scheduled to sing throughout the Fall and have a special Christmas program in December. If you have any questions, please contact Jared in the church office.

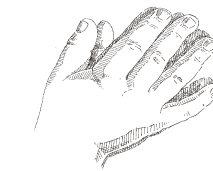


Website Update

Our new Website is finally up and running! As many of you have already viewed it, there's still much work to be done! A Website is a constant working progress, especially for the few who are managing it. The Website Committee would like to thank the members of Sedge Garden for their contributions to this project and their patience throughout this long, extensive process.

Got Music?

Sedge Garden is beyond blessed to have such an amazing music program, and it's all thanks to the members of the congregation! We are SO BLESSED! Jared would like to reach out to anyone who might be interested in sharing their musical abilities with members of the congregation and to the glory of God. If you know how to play an instrument, love to sing, or even know how to hold a little bell, please consider participating in one of the many ensembles here at Sedge Garden church. For more information on what ensembles are available, please visit our website and click on Music Ministries or contact Jared in the church office.



Back to School Prayer Service

Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville will host a Back to School Prayer Service on Tuesday, August 16th, at 4:00 p.m.

The community is invited to come and pray that our Kernersville area students, teachers, school staff and parents have a safe, wonderful and exciting 2011-2012 school year.

Stitches of Love Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit, crochet or sew? We have a place for you to use those talents. You are invited to join Stitches of Love where prayer shawls, baptismal shawls, pillow cases, teddy bears, bib aprons and figgit aprons are made. The prayer shawls are given to those facing terminal illness, surgery or other life issues. We give each infant that is baptized here at our church a baptismal shawl. The pillow cases go to Cancer Service and the other items are given to Hospice.

Stitches of Love meets on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Brian Ray Holland Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can still be a part of this ministry by doing your knitting, crocheting and/or sewing at home.

September 4th - Sunday of Labor Day Weekend

WEAR YOUR WORK CLOTHES TO CHURCH! God places us in communities and expects us industriously to provide for our families and His kingdom. In celebration of these gifts, let's show our work clothes to God at church. Those who have a specific dress or uniform are encouraged to wear it. Students, housewives, and retirees should dress as you normally do for school or around the house. AND YES, shorts and tee shirts are acceptable dress at church! This is an opportunity for us to spark conversations to share more about ourselves, our jobs, vocation, school, hobbies, etc. Perhaps you could invite a friend or fellow employee! That's Sunday, September 4th!

**Worship Service at Beeson Park Sports Complex
Sunday, August 14th, 8:00 a.m.
Special Music and Devotions**

God's Moment

*Proverbs 22:6 "Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray."*

I came across an article in the *Interpreter Magazine* a couple of years ago. Since we have so many in our congregation involved in education, I thought it was worthy of print. The authors, Tanya Simmons and Jan Knight, listed specific ways congregations and families can celebrate the new school year and help children know that they are loved and supported by God, their families, and their faith community in the midst of their back-to-school jitters. Here are some of their suggestions:

-Set aside time during the church worship service to pray for children and the new school year

-Give children daily sentence prayers related to the new school year. Tell them that you, too, will be praying that prayer throughout the day.

-Celebrate the new school year with a special family meal or hold a back-to-school dinner at church.

-Fill in each day on your church or family calendar for August with one thing related to school (i.e., knowing how to read, teachers' names, learning healthy habits) and thank God for it.

-Have a special school candle for each child at home. Light it at family devotional time during the first week of the school year.

-Post photos of students and the schools they will attend in a prominent place in the church.

Wonderful Wednesdays Changed!

Traditionally, Sedge Garden has come together every other Wednesday night from September to November for a time of food, fun, and fellowship. Looking at the Church's calendar and all that is planned, there are some conflicts in this year's scheduling already. So Preacher Dave and our staff have designated the entire month of November for this year's Wonderful Wednesdays. The five Wonderful Wednesdays will feature a meal and a devotional led by Preacher Dave. Be watching for more information as the month of November nears.