



The Messenger

"Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World."

February 2010

Swansboro United Methodist Church

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Lectionary Scriptures

February 6 - 7

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 13 - 14

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 20 - 21

1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 27 - 28

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

SEASON OF LENT

Dear Friends,

We are coming to the high point of the Christian year with the season of Lent culminating in Holy Week and Easter. The sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of the gospel. He offered his life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, which demonstrates that he is Savior. He was raised in power on the third day, which demonstrates that he is living Lord.

There are many special ways for us to grow in our relationship with him through the ministry of Swansboro United Methodist Church this Lenten season. There will be a sermon series which focuses on the redeeming work of Christ, and how we may enter into it. We will look at questions such as, "What happens to non-Christians when they die? Is it possible for some non-Christians to be accepted by God? Will everyone go to heaven? Does the redeeming work of Christ help even those who do not know him by name?" I am not sure that we understand all the answers to such questions, for God alone is judge, but the Bible does tell us a great deal about it. Also, you might be surprised to learn how United Methodist theology deals with some of these good questions. I hope you will enjoy looking at these questions with me. You can find out whether you are more of an inclusivist, a pluralist, or an exclusivist. Each position has its own merits and challenges.

Another treat in store for us during Lent will be a devotional guide which the congregation is preparing for Lent. And we will also have Lenten Lunches each Wednesday at noon. The following guest speakers are scheduled to deliver the message at the Wednesday Lenten services:

February 24

Reverend Lamont Hemminger

Water's Edge United Methodist Church, Hubert

March 3

Reverend Thurmon Horney

Pine Valley United Methodist Church, Jacksonville

March 10

Reverend Charlene Piece Guider

Trinity United Methodist Church, New Bern

March 17

Reverend Dennis Goodwin

New Bern District Superintendent

March 24

Reverend Rick Moser

Northwoods United Methodist Church, Jacksonville

Prison Ministry Seeks Praying Partners

Did you know that SUMC began its fourth year of bringing the Word of God to the inmates at Carteret Correctional Center? This fruitful ministry is a part of the Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry (DBOM) of North Carolina, a collaborative ministry established for the promotion and development of DISCIPLE Bible Study ministries in local churches and other outreach settings.

Currently, we have one "Community Volunteer" who is approved to take a Level II inmate off the facilities for up to six hours to attend worship services or other enrichment activities. As members of SUMC continue to visit, teach, and fellowship with these incarcerated men, other opportunities for growth in this mission have arisen.

After spending months with these men, we develop a degree of trust and fellowship. Many of these inmates come to us privately and pour their hearts out to us, and request personal prayers. In response, we began an extension of this ministry by asking those inmates who wish to participate to write down their personal prayer requests, concerns, and praises on 3x5 cards. We have been bringing these cards back to our church, distributing them in adult Sunday School classes to congregants willing to participate. We ask each congregant who selects an inmate's prayer card to pray daily for a month for the personal request(s) written on the cards. At the beginning of each month we will have the inmates fill out new cards and again distribute them within our church.

We want to make this prayer activity available to our entire church body and give everybody an opportunity to participate. We are averaging about 16 prayer request cards monthly, so it isn't difficult to find willing participants, it's just difficult trying to be inclusive and not rely on the same people every month. So, as we kick off this program, if you would like to participate, please contact:

John Gott at JohnAndLinda@embarqmail.com
Bill Eubanks at Bill.Sandi67@gmail.com.

Church & Society

SUMC is sponsoring our church's first inter-generational Seminar at our national Church/Society building on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. July 28 through August 1, 2010. Pre-seminar activities will include Bible study and local food issues. The group will stay in a local D.C. church, and our General Board of Church/Society will furnish resources, speakers and events. Tentative plans for specific sightseeing of church-related sights will be included. Sr. High youth and adults of all ages are invited. Watch for more news, the date of informational meeting, costs and registration. For information contact Jim Brewster at 910-478-9727 or Pastor Rachel at 910-326-4822.

Emmaus Class

The Emmaus class invites you to join them in a study for the Lenten season starting on Sunday, February 14. We will study Easter From The Back Side by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The book begins with Genesis and ends with Revelation on Easter Sunday. Kalas uses a creative approach to Easter history introducing new possibilities of meaning to a most familiar story. For more information please contact Bren Feutz at 910-325-4517 or brenfeutz1@yahoo.com for more info.

February Greeters

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sid & Marcie Briley, Bren Feutz, Hazel Foster,
Peggy Jackson, Sue Redfearn,
Tom & Joanne Scholl, Jerry & Sandra Terry

Communion

Saturday, February 6 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 7 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday, February 15 12:00 Noon

Visit us at:

www.SwansboroUMC.org

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



UMW Purpose

"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

UMW Circles

The Swansboro United Methodist Women (UMW) began 2010 with their circle meetings on January 13. They wasted no time in getting started with projects for this year, as they helped host, along with the United Methodist Men and Mission & Outreach, the International Mission Team Dinner on January 20.

The UMW are looking forward to a fulfilling year, in answer to the UMW theme for 2010—"In God's Mission We Are Sent Out to Carry." If you are interested in joining a circle, contact Bobbi Edge at 910-326-5548. We presently have two day circles and seven night circles and would love to have you join us.

UMW International Missions Information Night & Dinner

"A Methodist Woman Meets the Cross" opened to rave reviews at the New Bern District UMW International Missions Night & Dinner at SUMC on October 24, 2009. Sue Redfearn, New Bern District UMW President, modified "A Businesswoman Meets the Cross," creating a skit most applicable to the UMW. Bobbi Edge, as a busy UMW member, is rushing around tending "to business" and misses her bus. In disgust, she sits down at the Bus Stop and notices a huge CROSS in her way. Her dialogue about her experiences with the CROSS, because of the CROSS, and as a result of the CROSS, makes for very provocative listening for the audience. Bobbi has presented this skit at local unit meetings throughout the New Bern District. Bobbie and Sue are members at our Swansboro United Methodist Church. Information about our local UMW unit is available at [Swansboro UMW](#).



Bobbi presenting this monologue to the Pollocksville UMW on January 3, 2010.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Fair trade products from UMCOR's coffee project are now available every day the church office is open and many Sunday's after Sunday School near the office. Call Adele at 910-478-9727 to order a case or a pick up. You can find coffee details on our [Church Website](#). It comes in drip & whole bean, decaf & regular as well as four roasts. There are at least four varieties of chocolate, great baking cocoa and a spicy cocoa that many like to added to their coffee. Special orders welcomed. Purchasing these products supports missions. How? Please check our website.

UMCOR is the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Its mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open minds and hearts to all people. More information may be obtained at [UMCOR](#) and [Equal Exchange](#).



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