

The



Swansboro  
United  
Methodist  
Church

# Messenger

NOVEMBER 2011

## Stephen Ministries



The Stephen Ministries group of our church was recently honored at a special dinner for their tireless contributions for their ministry to our church family. Under the guidance of Dave Johnson and Barbara Carey, this group of trained counselors has been there for our church family, and ministers, to give spiritual and emotional support for the trials and tribulations we all face in life. Whatever we are faced with in life, to know that it matters to one other person makes all the difference in the world. In our congregation, no one has to face a problem in life alone, unless they choose too. God intended for everyone to have someone to face the challenges in life with, including his only son who surrounded himself with twelve disciples. A Stephen Minister has been certified and trained in matters of confidentiality, trained listening skills, the resources available through the church and our faith, and where to make referrals, if needed, with other professionals who can make a difference in the life of someone faced with difficult times.

If you or someone you know is in need of someone who can serve as a friend, confidant, and counselor to someone in need, especially those faced with a crisis in life, please let the ministers know so that they may find the emotional and spiritual help available through the trained counselors of Stephen Ministers, named after Saint Stephen of the early church, who began this ministry of care and compassion centuries ago.

Sincerely,

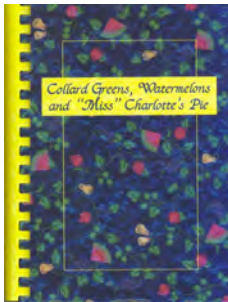
*Dr. Ed Gunter*

## Thank You

A big "Thank You" for all the youth and adults who helped make the Fall Festival fabulous for many families! When you serve up 268 hotdogs, have the tastiest chili in town, some crazy and creative trunks, and lots of costumed treaters, you can't help but smile and enjoy the sweet fellowship. Blessings to our church family from Children's Ministries!

## United Methodist Women

Swansboro United Methodist Women's Cookbook



## *Collard Greens, Watermelons and "Miss" Charlotte's Pie*

All Recipes Contributed by Swansboro United  
Methodist Church's GOOD Cooks!

\$21.35

Buy One for Yourself!

Buy One for a Friend!

They make Great Gifts!

For an additional \$3.75 for shipping, we will mail a  
cookbook to the name and address you provide.

Cookbooks are available at many local  
businesses and our church office  
(during regular hours).

Visit [www.SwansboroUMC.org/UMW.html](http://www.SwansboroUMC.org/UMW.html) and  
scroll to the bottom of the page for additional  
information.

Contact: Mary Weiss, 252-393-2637

## 2012 Yard Sale

It is time for autumn cleaning and donating good, unwanted items to the SUMC Yard Sale to be held in April 2012. We can start accepting donations now in 2011, thanks to Bray Trailers donating a storage trailer to us many months earlier than prior years.

As in past years, we want power tools, indoor and outdoor furniture, electronics, TVs, appliances, toys, bikes, sports, lawn and garden, generator, housewares, dishes, glassware, lamps, boat and motor, etc.

Please, no clothes, shoes, or hats (except for infants & toddlers) and no blinds, tires, CDs/tapes, or books. Appliances, toys, etc. must work. Please dust or wash items before bringing them.

Please contact John Gott at 910-326-8933 or [johnandlinda@embarqmail.com](mailto:johnandlinda@embarqmail.com) to arrange the time and day for you to bring your items to the trailer. If items are too large and/or heavy, or assistance is needed, call John for arrangements.

## United Methodist Men Annual Christmas Banquet

The Annual Christmas Banquet, sponsored by the United Methodist Men, is December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The banquet meal will be catered by ChowdaHeads, and the price is \$12.50 per person. Reservations and payments should be made in the church office. Seating is limited, so make your reservation soon!

**Please Visit Us At:**

<http://www.swansboroumc.org/>

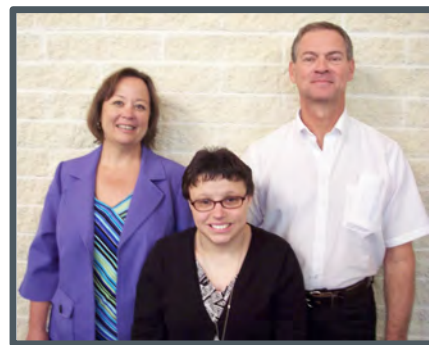
# New Members

October 30, 2011



## Copeland

Tom and Llewellyn Copeland  
Children: Graham and Callie  
108 Forest Lane  
Swansboro, NC 28584



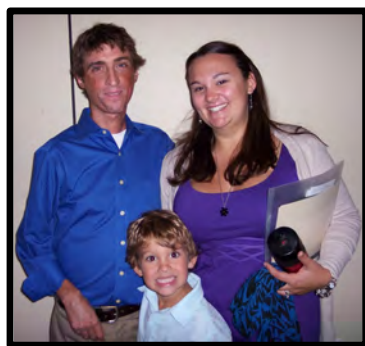
## Scalzo

Bob and Gail Scalzo  
Daughter: Kelly  
357 Goose Creek Resort  
Newport, NC 28570



## Garrett

Marjorie May Garrett  
105 Sea Buoy Court  
Emerald Isle, NC 28594



## Corey

Alexander and Savannah Corey  
Son: Spencer Mark Nichols  
221 Seashore Drive  
Swansboro, NC 28584



## Wiggins

Margie J. Wiggins  
385 Breezy Point Road  
Swansboro, NC 28584



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## Seniors Aglow

### Carolina Opry Christmas Show

Just a reminder for those going on the trip to Myrtle Beach to see the "Carolina Opry Christmas Show" on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be at the upper parking lot at the church by 8:00 a.m. that morning so we can pull out at 8:15 a.m. We are looking forward to a day of fun, music, and fellowship. Please call Linda Mack at 252-393-6650 if you have any questions.



## Lord's Ladies

### Christmas Party

The Lord's Ladies will have a Christmas Party at Rucker John's Restaurant on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The meal will be Dutch treat (each person purchases their own meal) from the menu. There will also be a gift exchange of \$10 for those who wish to participate. Please call Linda Mack, 252-393-6650, to make your reservation by Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Lord's Ladies is a group of unattached women (widowed, divorced, or just want to go out with the girls) who meet every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. worship service and visit various local restaurants for a meal and time of fellowship. A good time is had by all.....lots of company.

# Adult Sunday School

## Teacher Profiles

The Emmaus class is taught by Brenda Feutz. Having grown up in New York, around Lake George, her faith journey began with a kind Episcopal priest who nurtured her budding faith. Military duty brought her family to Swansboro, and Harley Brayton invited her to SUMC. Teaching means to Brenda forever learning and sharing and cherishing those "a-ha" moments when the words of God come alive for students in her class. Extremely well read, Brenda leads her class with a wide variety of Christian literature.



**Brenda Feutz**



**Jim Craig (standing),  
Lois Craig, John Gott**

Lois and Jim Craig lead the Logos class. Both having backgrounds in education, Jim is a retired professor from Virginia Tech and Lois, a former English teacher. Lois grew up in southern New Jersey and after vacationing on Emerald Isle, relocated here for retirement. Lois' faith journey began with her family and her home church. Her hunger for Biblical knowledge was intensified by an International Bible study. She, like, Brenda, finds that teaching keeps her learning and growing and she is inspired by the light bulb that come in people's eyes as they come to an understanding of the love of God.

A long time teacher of teenagers in the public schools, teaching has been a lifelong love of Sue Redfearn. Her faith journey began in Guilford County during the very hard times of the Great Depression and World War II. Her spiritual growth began in a Methodist church that had a very faith-centered children and youth program, and she grew up in this nurturing Christian community. Her Biblical education began at the feet of her mother, and it was only in later life that she came to appreciate the sacrifices her mother made so that she and her siblings could be founded on the firm foundations of a God-based faith and a love of Jesus Christ. Sue leads the Seekers class.



**Sue Redfearn**

The Soujourner's Class is led by Harold Fulp. Harold first became aware that God was leading him into some ministry in mid-summer of 1953, at 2:00 a.m., on the desert sands of Fort Bliss, Texas; an encounter that changed his life forever. Following his tour overseas duty ended, Harold returned home to Statesville, North Carolina, married Louise, and joined the Baptist Church. His first Sunday school teaching class was a young people's mixed group. The next year he began to teach the young adult class. In 1957, he began a third shift job at the city water plant. It was at this point that the Lord provided the mentor who actually "taught me how to teach" the scriptures and how to study the scriptures. His mentor was a retired professor, who was also a well-known Bible teacher in the Methodist Church. He gave Harold a part-time job in his business and they worked together for several years. By then he knew that his ministry was teaching. He was given the opportunity to become choir director in the Methodist Church and served the next 17 years as director as well as teaching the Bible classes and Sunday school. A business opportunity opened in Emerald Isle and the Lord led Harold and Louise to SUMC.



**Harold and Louise Fulp**



**Marilyn Boyce**

Growing up in Chesterfield, South Carolina, Marilyn Boyce leads the Joy class. She came to Swansboro when her husband landed a teaching job at Coastal Carolina. Her mother's influence, not through words but faithful example, provided the basis for her lifelong faith journey. She was active in Sunday school, Sword Drill and other opportunities in her childhood Baptist church but came to the Methodist Church because it had early on provided for a nursery for her toddler and a new baby on the way. Ministers have been important in Marilyn's Christian formation by sharing books and responding to her questioning. Teaching the Joy class reminds her that one's faith journey is best traveled in a community of believers, a key idea from John Wesley.

Our two newest adult classes have rotating leaders. However, the Families and Faith Class' contact person is Bill Matthias. Bill was born and reared in Kansas and retired from the Marine Corp in the Swansboro area. He came to Christ during the Gulf War. God has placed him on many learning adventures since then. He believes that God often uses a bat over his head to teach him vital Christian lessons. The blessings of this class, he believes, is the chance to share daily struggles with others in a small group setting where members are strengthened as they struggle together.



**Families and Faith Class**

The Lighthouse Keepers is a class that was created as a response to the need for an adult class for The Beacon Service worshippers. The name of the class indicates that it is an extension of the worship experience provided by the contemporary service at 9:45. It meets at 11:00 and the contact persons are Steve and Carol Shepard.



**Lighthouse Keepers Class**

# Frontlines...

*"News from our Families and Friends in the Military"*



## **A Season of Thankfulness**

During this Thanksgiving Season, we are called to remember the service above self that many in our military community make throughout the year. November is also well-known as the month we give thanks for the many sacrifices made by those who founded this great nation and the many blessings we have received since its inception. How fitting that November is also the month designated for the celebration of the founding of the United States Marine Corps. Many sacrifices were made by those who helped establish the United States of America. The dedication and never-quit attitude of our Founding Fathers helped pave the way for the establishment of our country's great fighting force known as the United States Marine Corps.

On November 10, 1775, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Captain Samuel Nicholas formed two battalions known as the Continental Marines. This was the birth of the naval infantry at the dawning of our great nation. November 10, 2011 marks the 236<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Through the many years of dedicated service, commitment and unparalleled strength, the Corps has garnered and maintained a reputation unmatched anywhere in the world. If the Corps shows up, the job gets done! Quit, fail, slacking are not to

be found in the heart of any true Marine. For no matter the outcome of a conflict, every good Marine will rise to the occasion and put forth their best! Standing through the storms of battle...true grit and tenacity are what living, breathing, being a Marine truly is all about. When the dust settles they will still be standing. Staying focused and completing the mission is their primary objective.

Please remember to pray for our friends in the military and their families, especially those who do not get the chance to be home with their families during this Holiday Season. This can be an exceptionally hard time for those families who are separated. Let's never forget the true meaning of sacrifice and that these men and women are serving this country selflessly so that we can be free! That is truly something for ALL of us to be thankful for!

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**Happy Birthday United States Marine Corps**

**- Semper Fidelis -**

*\*All references to characters and situations in this column are fictitious. Any resemblance to real persons, living or dead is purely coincidental. Personal identifying information has been redacted for the security of our military personnel/families.\**