

**LAST CAMP CAROLINE
WORK DAY, APRIL 16**

If you are interested in joining the work force from WMCC, contact Ginger Lee for more information about these important Clean Up Day.



The Pilgrim

A Message from the Minister

We are officially in Lent, and while I would not say that Lent is my favorite season of the church year, I would say that I need it...if for no other reason than just spiritually slowing down. Plus, it is a season made for introverts like me who are delightfully comfortable reading a book, pondering, writing, and taking walks. Lent puts the brakes on routine.

As usual, Lent is an invitation to ponder your own spiritual life. But, this year, I have ventured into pondering the spiritual life of WMCC...and the spiritual life of WMCC is growing. I attribute that growth to the work of the Spirit and to your commitment to your own faith development.

For instance, we finished a 19-week study of the book of Acts – 19 weeks! Attendance was better than I had dared to hope – of course, the pizza and desserts helped! Sunday school attendance is up. The adult

class has studied all kinds of topics from the soul to sin to discipleship. I've been told that the discussions are quite spirited. Children's Sunday School continues to meet with a group of dedicated teachers, and the youth put up with me each week. LOGOS is off and running. Three elders and five deacons just returned from a deacon/elder workshop sponsored by Christmount which included Bible lectures and skillshops addressing specific issues in leadership.

I mention all of this because intentional faith development keeps life blood pumping in the church. One author says that "When church leaders take their own spiritual growth seriously and immerse themselves in the study of Scripture, in prayer, and in fellowship, they understand the purpose of the church and the point of ministry differently. While church leaders should apply their knowledge of busi-

ness, accounting, real estate, etc. to enhance the church's effectiveness and accountability, they cannot lose sight of the purpose of the church, which is derived from the life, teaching, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How can church leaders make good faith decisions for the congregation without proper grounding in the faith?"

I am so proud of our leaders and our membership. I see growth and new life popping up all over in terms of knowledge and relationships. God uses our knowledge and our fellowship to shape our lives in the image of Christ.

So, if you are not a part of study, consider joining up! Lent is a great time to take on a new spiritual discipline. If you are one the faithful attendees, thank you. You are making a difference in this church.

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Worship Attendance March 6 — 52 March 13 — 56 March 20 — 40 March 27 — 23	Inside this Issue	Stuff	2	9:45 A.M. Coffee 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Worship
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Worship Committee Update: Holy Week and Easter Services, April 17th-24th

As Christians, we believe that Christ died for our sins. Holy Week is the time that we reflect on both the joyful and somber events leading up to His death and on Easter we celebrate the glorious day of His Resurrection. Holy Week services provide a time of quiet, solemn reflection and moving worship experiences. If you have not attended these services in the past, we encourage you to join us this year.

April 17 – PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. The children attending the worship service that morning will be asked to participate in the palm processional as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

April 21 – MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - 7:30 pm

"Maundy" comes from the Latin word "Mandatum" which means commandment. The beginning of this worship service is about the commandment that Jesus gave His disciples to love one another. There is music and we share communion.

The next part of the worship service is a Tenebrae service. Tenebrae is another Latin word meaning shadows or darkness. The service is held by candlelight. As we listen to a series of scripture readings that tell the story of the last night of Jesus' life, the candles are extinguished one by one until only the Christ candle remains. The cross is draped, the Christ candle is carried out and the congregation is left in darkness. At this point, the service ends. There is no benediction and the people leave in silence.

April 22 – GOOD FRIDAY – PRAYER WALK - 10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 7 pm
Prayer "stations" will be set up in different locations throughout the church. You will be invited to follow a map that will take you on a journey of Good Friday. At each prayer station, you will find an appropriate scripture and an activity or meditation. Different groups in our church, from our children and youth to our deacons and elders, will have devised and set up a way for you to experience their assigned scripture on your walk. The hours from 10 am to 1 pm are family friendly hours. If you would like to bring your children and share the Good Friday story and prayers with them, this will be a time specifically for that. If you would like to experience the prayer walk in a more contemplative environment, please come to the church between 4 pm and 7 pm.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cheryl Bryant	Family of Gladys Caddell	Chase Rudisill	Tracy Ulcickas
Lydia Byrd	Lara Kelly	Lugene Slater	Sidney Wellons
Annette Cobb	Ina Mae Lee	Hannah Smith	Jody Wiley
Christy Creech	Sandy and Doug Lockney	Emmit Sugg	Anna Jean Wilson
Tyler Dunn	Kathy Mulderrig	Patti Sydow	Gilliam Wilson
	Andy Parrish	Paul Sydow	

Congratulations!!!

Patrick Penny and Candace Mills were married in a private ceremony on Friday, January 28, 2011.

Please help us get ready for the 2011 camping season at Camp Caroline!

We will install gutters, fix minor repairs, paint fence, paint cabin bathrooms with mold & mildew resistant paint, trim bushes, cut small limbs and other yard work, pressure wash buildings.

Bring your paint brushes or rollers (we'll supply the paint), chain saws, hedge trimmers, hammers, pressure washer

Will You Share Your Flowers with Us?

If you have spring flowers in your yard that you can share with us to decorate the cross, please bring them to worship on Easter Sunday and put them in the basket on the front pew. Please be sure to leave the stems long enough to be tucked into the grapevine that is wrapped around the cross.

Last Logos for Spring Semester April 14 and 28th this month

GAME NIGHT

CWF is hosting a "Game Night" on April 7th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Pizza will be served for dinner around 6:30. Plan to bring your entire family for a night of food, fellowship and a little friendly competition. Please bring your games from home and we will set up different tables in the fellowship hall. We have had requests for a game night and if it is a success, we may offer it again. Hope to see you there!

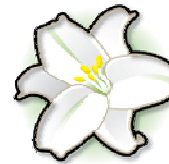
Calling All Children!!!
Do You Know Your Books of the Bible?
If you can recite to me all books of the New Testament in the correct order by the end of April, I will join you at your school for lunch! So, start memorizing!!!
Pastor Lea

What happens in Christmount stays in Christmount, unless someone takes pictures and sends them in for the newsletter. Deacons and Elders enjoy their time at Christmount in March.



Worship Committee Update: Holy Week and Easter Services, April 17th-24th (Cont'd)

April 24 – EASTER - COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE — 7:00 am at Touch from Above Faith Center. WMCC MORNING WORSHIP —The children attending will be asked to carry the Easter lilies to the front of the church.



If you want to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of someone, the Easter Lily Sign Up Sheet will be on the front pew until April 3rd. The price is \$7.50.

From Christmount...

Thank you to WMCC for supporting our deacons and elders in their training at Christmount. We left on Thursday afternoon, March 3rd and enjoyed a great dinner at our 'usual' stop, Mimi's! On Friday, we had free time to poke around the town of Black Mountain and then catch a movie in Asheville.

Dinner was at Christmount followed by Dr. Jerry Sumney from Lexington Theological Seminary who lectured on "Understanding Paul." The first lecture was a review of Paul's life and his letters, and how they both can currently be appreciated. Dr. Sumney's second lecture was on Saturday morning and addressed Paul's view on women as leaders in the church and the implications for today.

The deacons and elders then split up and attended two skillshops before our closing worship service. We got home around 9:30 PM on Saturday night. Here are just a few of the things learned by our group.

"Our keynote speaker was Dr. Jerry Sumney. He spoke on the letters written by Paul and his life and referred to the book of Acts. We had just finished studying the book of Acts at Church and I was able to understand Paul better." —Ginger Lee

"Finish the but." —Peter Wilson (and please see Peter himself for an explanation!)

"Jesus loved and then died for the person who irritates you the most." - Joe Slaton

"We were not called by the nominating committee to be deacons. We are called by God." — Rose Thompson

"Deacons are spiritual leaders as well as service leaders. They should be full of the holy spirit, faith and wisdom!" —Trudy Carter

"I enjoyed learning more about Paul (which was even more relevant because we just finished our study of Acts) and how important it is to read his letters as letters with a specific audience in mind. It gave me a new perspective on his writings." —Carrie Ragland

"I learned that Paul respected women as leaders in the church. Scholars believe that some of the negative comments about women may not have been written by Paul at all. At the time of the writing of the books of the Bible, printing did not exist and all scriptures were hand written which makes the original words hard to identify. I thank the church for the opportunity to attend this enlightening workshop." —Linda Ramsey

"Paul taught us that "In the church, we are all equal. There are no barriers based on gender, status, or race. We are all Christian - interdependent on each other and all dependent on God." — Janet Stephenson

April Worship Service

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Church Appointments	Ann and Wayne Ennis, Ginger and Elsworth Lee, and Dorothy and James Proctor	Ann and Wayne Ennis, Ginger and Elsworth Lee, and Dorothy and James Proctor	Ann and Wayne Ennis, Ginger and Elsworth Lee, and Dorothy and James Proctor	Ann and Wayne Ennis, Ginger and Elsworth Lee, and Dorothy and James Proctor
Elder	Eileen Penny	Ginger Lee	Linda Ramsey	Kevin Daughtry
Deacons	Trudy Carter Whitley Stephenson	Joe Slaton Rose Thompson	Carrie Ragland Whitley Stephenson	Trudy Carter Armando Mejia
Worship Leader	Travis Stephenson	Paula Bennett	Trey Ragland	Thomas Trogdon
Nursery	Allison and Jason Lawhorn	Louise Dumonceaux and Nora McCarthy	Carrie and Trey Ragland	Lauren and Thomas Trogdon
Acolytes	Oscar Mejia	Patrick McCarthy	Haden Hanes	Emily Dumonceaux
Paraments	Purple	Purple	Purple	White

Happy Birthday 2 U...Happy Birthday 2 U

4/3	Davis Foxworth	4/12	Clifford Uzzle
4/3	Justin Stephenson	4/12	Matthew Wilson
4/4	Callie Collins	4/20	Pat Yauch
4/7	Faye Jones	4/24	Kari Esau
4/9	Phyllis Creech	4/24	Ben Youngblood
4/10	James Proctor	4/25	Anna Youngblood
4/11	Steve Vandergrift	4/29	Alex Strothers

Upcoming Events

CMF Game Night— April 7

CMF Meeting—April 11
(CMF will now meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, please make a note of this permanent change.)

Easter Egg Hunt—April 16

Logos—April 14 and 28

	Pledged	Pledges Rec.	Difference	Donations
JANUARY THROUGH MARCH				
Totals	\$29,743.50	\$34,469.44	\$4,725.94	\$1,484.44

APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Deacons Meeting 12 PM	4	5	6 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	7 Family Game Night 6-8:30 PM Pizza @ 6:30	8 Women's Craft Night 5-10 PM	9
10	11 CMF Dinner and Meeting 6:30 PM	12	13 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	14 LOGOS 5:30 PM	15	16 Easter Egg Hunt 2 PM
17	18	19	20 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	21 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 PM	22 Good Friday Prayer Walk 10 AM-1 PM or 4 PM-7 PM	23
24 Community Easter Service 7 AM	25	26	27	28 LOGOS 5:30 PM	29	30

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