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What Do You “Pretend” to Be?

Very recently, I visited with our aunt who lives at Forest View Manor. I went out with a dear friend of mine to look at the facility as a possible home for her mother. Of course, Aunt Sis was absolutely delighted to see that I had made the long trip to visit her and was grateful that I had someone to drive me! (I must have terrified her the last time I took her to Greenwood!) We had a great visit and talked a little about a lot of different things.

As the wonderful smells of lunch permeated the hallways and rooms, Aunt Sis decided it was time to stroll out to the front porch so she would be near the dining room when the call to eat was announced. As we sat and rocked and talked, I listened to a very happy woman describe her very simple life. She genuinely loves Forest View, wants to live there until she dies and she is pretty sure that she can't "hang on" much longer since she is already 89. But, in the meantime, she loves that front porch and loves to watch the traffic (not much on Callison Highway). She very seriously said, "I watch the cars go by and every once in a while, one will pull in. If a man gets out, I sit here and just pretend to be pretty." Aunt Sis has a sense of humor that catches most folks off guard and, despite the fact that I have known her over 30 years, I'm not always prepared for what rolls out of her mouth.

Later in the evening I reflected back on those cute words, "I just sit here and pretend to be pretty." My thoughts turned serious. I got stuck on three words, "pretend to be". I started to evaluate my own life and question what do I "pretend to be"? Of course, the first thing I consider is my life in Christ. During our Lenten Study, *Love As A Way Of Life*, we focused on the characteristics of a life that is defined by Christ—a life of love. The ultimate love relationship is the one Christ has for us—His sacrifice to pay a debt he did not owe so that we could have something we did not deserve. How seriously do I take that relationship? How serious am I about a resurrected life in Christ? How serious am I about "love as a way of life?"

Paul writes to the church at Colossae: *"So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from His perspective. Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is our life.... Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ. And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: ...It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk. Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire."*

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Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. ...From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ. So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it." (The Message, Colossians 3:1-14)

We can only pretend to be these things for so long. It is impossible to live a life in Christ and "pretend to be" one who wears love. Christ does not "pretend to be" nor does love "pretend to be". Do you?

Grace and Peace, Bobbie



CHRIST CARE NEWS



PRAYERS & SQUARES CC

Members of our group often may be found planning quilts, sewing quilts, finishing quilts, and preparing them for the blessing and tying. At each step in this process, the quilts are infused with our prayers for those who will receive them.



In late March, quilts were tied for Deb Seylar, sponsored by Onalee and Ken Green; Bill Voigt, sponsored by Lois Waugh, Shirley and Ron Garling; and Les Sulyi, sponsored by Guided by Him ChristCare Group. Please continue to remember Deb, Bill, and Les in your prayers. In May, there will be more quilts placed before our church for prayers to be tied into them.

This past month, April, marked the time when a year ago the first quilts were tied in our church. Including those first three quilts, we have made and gifted twenty-seven quilts during this last year. Each quilt has gone to someone who believes, as we do, in the power of prayer. All of your prayers tied into them make each quilt so special to the recipient.

As always, if anyone is interested in visiting our group, we meet at 1:00 for working and 2:30 for our regular meeting on the first and third Mondays at the church.

Onalee Green

CHRISTCARE WELCOME GROUP

The ChristCare Welcome group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8:30 am in classroom 2. We always have Community Building, Prayer & Worship, Biblical Equipping, and our Mission. Our mission is to try to welcome all visitors the day they visit, plus send a letter from our pastor, and a hand written note from one of our lay members. We rotate each of these things (except for the pastor's letter).



We now have nine members of our group. Please visit us if you are interested in joining our group. We recommend that you visit at least twice before deciding to join.

Ron Taylor

UMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE



The annual MUMC Scholarship Application **deadline is June 30, 2011**. Blank forms are available at the Church Office. Children and grandchildren of MUMC members receive first priority. If there are no applications from within the Church Family, then other graduates may apply. For more information, call or email Lyn Bourne.

Lyn Bourne
lmbourne@wctel.net
391-4239



CHRIST CARE NEWS Continued



24:7 CHRIST CARE GROUP NEWS

The members of the 24:7 Christ Care Group varied from our regular meeting schedule in April in order to accommodate two activities that were planned. The group provided a meal for the Lenten Study group on Sunday, April 3 and following the meal, we held our meeting, continuing our discussion of the book, *"I Hate Whining Except When I'm Doing It"*. Our next meeting occurred on Tuesday, April 19 when we went to be with our Bell Ridge friends for an Easter Dinner. All of the 20 Bell Ridge apartments are now filled, so we had 17 residents – with 3 or 4 new residents - join us, and what a wonderful time we had!



The residents decorated the Easter tree while our group busily set the dinner table. After the meal, we had a brief time of sharing – using “food for thought” from Rev. Athon’s sermon that previous Sunday, we talked about whether our actions reflect our individual thoughts of “Hosanna!” or “Crucify Him!” as we experienced Holy Week. A special blessing came to all of us when some of the residents shared by singing their favorite hymns with background Karaoke music. One of the new male residents gave his a cappella version of a spiritual that told how we all *“have one more river to cross and the only person who can help us cross it is Jesus”* – he had a nice voice and, as you could imagine, the words to the song were very moving. Another special blessing was experienced as the residents gave our opening and closing prayers.

In May, we will again vary from our regular meeting times because of Mothers’ Day. Our meetings will be as follows:

Monday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.

Linda Kidd

ADDITION TO CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please add to the constituents list:
Vann & Carol Cleveland
P.O. Box 2064
McCormick, SC 29835

UMC Appointment Process

The United Methodist Church operates with an appointment system, unlike some other denominations in which the congregations “call” a pastor. Our system of annual appointments of pastoral leaders connects all United Methodist congregations with a pool of ordained and commissioned individuals who have a wide variety of gifts and graces for leadership.

All pastors are reviewed annually by the Bishop and Cabinet to match each pastor’s gifts with the congregation’s mission. The S/PPRC is advisory to the District Superintendent in this review. Ideally, this system allows both pastors and congregations to thrive in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

The District Superintendent has advised that when our church’s needs were evaluated this year, the Bishop and cabinet determined that Athon Arant should remain as our pastor this year. We look forward to working with Pastor Athon as he plans for the future of our church.

S/PPRC



CLASSIFIEDS



PHOTOGRAPHY DATES



May 2, 10 am-6 pm; May 3, 12 noon-8 pm; May 4, 10 am-6 pm; May 5, 10 am-6 pm

To Register online, go to our church website mccormickumc.org. In the upper left hand corner is a link to Lifetouch. Click on it & it will take you to the site to schedule your appointment for your portraits.

If you **register online** and give an e-mail address, you will **get a coupon for \$10.00 toward your portraits**. This will come a few weeks before your appointment.

When you come for your portraits, if you **bring a nonperishable item for our Food Pantry**, you will **receive a coupon for \$5.00 toward your portraits**

For more information contact:
Edith Arant, 852-2137 or 843-412-0267; Email: editharant@wctel.net

BIRTHDAYS—MAY

May	5	Tina Smith
May	10	Jerry Kulba
May	10	Magan Smith
May	13	John Watts
May	17	Frank Chewing
May	18	Rodger Simon
May	21	Jack Dixon
May	22	Roy Wells
May	23	Gary Dorn
May	23	Frances Rabun
May	25	Carole Wardell
May	25	Tom Downtin
May	25	Carolyn Skelton
May	26	Bill Crowley
May	26	Joan Wessels
May	30	Wade Downtin
May	31	Nancy Richert

ANNIVERSARIES—MAY

May	10	Rosemary & Nick Knuycky
May	19	Mary & John Spence
May	20	Becky & Jack Bushling
May	20	Karen & Earl Wright
May	31	Kay & Dave Kloppenburg
May	31	Bobbie & Ben Lewis
May	31	Bobbie & Ron Taylor

HOW MEMORIAL DAY STARTED



Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers, who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead. After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women, who died in any war or military action. Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. Since legislation passed in 1971, Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May.



MAY COUNTERS

May 1 — Dot Bandy
 May 8 — Carol Bailey
 May 15—Betty Smith
 May 22—Don Groh
 May 29—Shirley Garling



MAY NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 1	Mary Thompson	391-5644
May 8	Emilee Groh	391-4393
May 15	Carol Struck	391-8494
May 22	Sally Meise	391-8099
May 29	Nancy Richert	391-5611



MAY FLOWER CALENDAR

MAY 1 — OPEN
 MAY 8 — OPEN
 MAY 15—OPEN
 MAY 22—OPEN
 MAY 29—Jack & Becky Bushling



MAY RESPONSIVE READERS

8:30—Lyn Bourne
 11:00—Ron Garling



MAY USHERS—8:30 Service

Jack & Becky Bushling

MAY USHERS—11:00 Service

*Lead Usher

May 1—*Bob Schade, Arvid Perez, Frank Clayton, Sam Krotzer
 May 8—Jimmy & Betty Smith, Bill Richert, *Ron Taylor
 May 15—Ron Taylor, Bill Richert, *Don & Toni Graham
 May 22—*Jimmy & Betty Smith, Carol & Bob Struck
 May 29—*Bob Shade, Don & Toni Graham, Byron Thompson



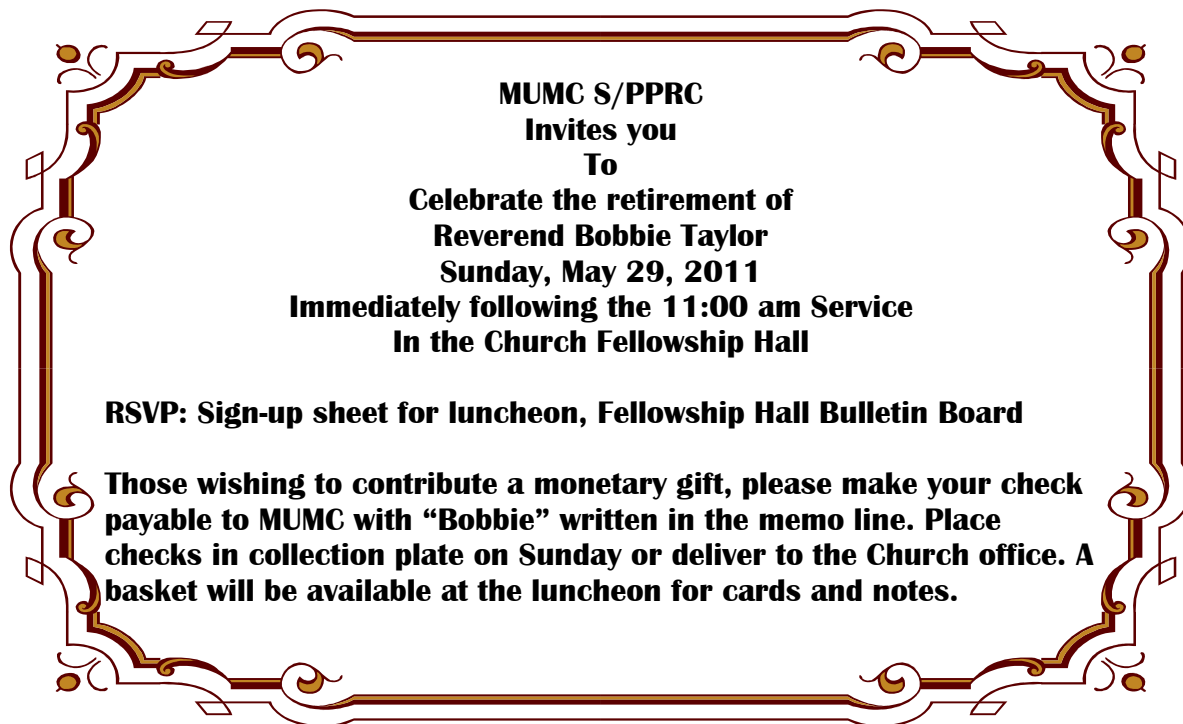
**COMMUNION
FIRST SUNDAY
EACH MONTH**
Ushers assist.
Lead Usher plans.

MAY 2011

**Coffee &
Fellowship
every Wed
@ 10 am**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 6:00 SEA	2 Portraits 7:30 Men's Prayer Group 2:30 Prayers & Squares CC 7:00 Couples for Christ CC	3 Portraits 8:30 Welcome Group CC 9:00 Guided By Him CC 4:45 Cut Above CC	4 Portraits 9:30 Whatever CC 10:00 Coffee & Conversation 4:00 Bell Choir 6:30 For Heaven's Sake CC 7:15 Chancel Choir	5 Portraits	6	7
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KITCHEN HOSTESS NEWS

How do I say thank you to the great staff of people we had Saturday for the Pancake Breakfast? Here is a list of the wonderful people who worked this weekend. Bill & Nancy Richert, Sis Peterson, Bob Shade, Bob Weiss, Gail Nordyke, Jack Alfredson, Faith Killius, Lois Waugh, Shirley Bower and Dave Kloppenburg.



A special little thank you to Jim Montgomery for always taking the bag of trash out for me.

Hats off to Frank & Shirley Chewning, Carol & Phil Bailey and Madge Krotzer. They did a wonderful job of setting up the yard sale.

Many thanks to so many of you over the last several years, especially to Maryanne Bourne and Bud Stahlman and all of you that have helped at one time or another. You are very much appreciated.

Love & Prayers, **Kay Kloppenburg**



MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE Everything Mom

*How did you find the energy, Mom
To do all the things you did,
To be teacher, nurse and counselor
To me, when I was a kid.
How did you do it all, Mom,
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,
Yet find time to be a playmate,
I just can't comprehend.
I see now it was love, Mom
That made you come whenever I'd call,
Your inexhaustible love, Mom
And I thank you for it all.*

By Joanna Fuchs
www.poemsource.com

OUTREACH MISSIONS

What a great day on April 16 with the Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale (inside and outside)! We served 100—110 people from 8 to 10 am and made a net of \$422.

Our Yard Sale, from 8 am to 1 pm, netted \$1,694. We opened the Yard Sale outside only on Friday and sold approximately \$400. These were large items that we needed to sell due to the forecast of rain and wind for Saturday.

What can we say but **THANK YOU,** **THANK YOU** for donating your stuff and supporting our Pancake Breakfast! Thanks to Kay Kloppenburg and her team for preparing a great breakfast. Thanks to Shirlene Chewning for her many hours of pricing and displaying items. Thanks to Carol and Phil Bailey, Jim and Ellora Montgomery, Judy and Bruce Motsinger, Nancy and Bill Richert, Madge Krotzer, Bob Weiss, and Gordon Waine. Sorry if I missed anyone, but God knows who you are.

By the way, *we will do this again on September 17 for Gold Rush Days.* As you run across items that you would like to get rid of, call me. We can store them.

Thanks again!
Frank Chewning

Memorial Day Quote

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."

Arthur Ashe (Source: www.allgreatquotes.com)

UMW NEWS “Pearls of Wisdom”

“Pearls of Wisdom” was the theme of UMW’s second quarterly meeting, April 14, 6:30 pm, UMC Fellowship Hall. Thirty-two ladies attended.



Marge Wideman beautifully decorated the tables with flowers from her garden. Each table had a different color spread that coordinated perfectly with the flowers and Pearls of Heaven books provided by Carol Bailey. Each table had a strand of pearls, too, and lace under the flowers to complete the look. The food committee, Carol Bailey, Shirlene Chewning, Onalee Green, Sue Mitchell, and Madge Wideman, provided a meal “fit for a king.”



We enjoyed Ham & Asparagus Crepes with Mushroom Sauce, Mixed Greens, Whole Wheat Rolls, and Pound Cake with Strawberries.

Madge Krotzer blessed us with her song of, “Give Thanks.” Afterwards Penny Sockman gave the devotional and some of her words of wisdom came from the Pearls from Heaven book. Our God sees us as “unique”, “precious”, and “beautiful.” Her devotional ended with a verse from **I Corinthians 16:31**: “*Let the Heavens be glad, and let the Earth rejoice! Tell all the nations that our Lord reigns!*”

Speaker for the evening was Dr. Earlean Smiley, McCormick School District Superintendent. She spoke of each created thing on Earth as having a gift, and we need to appreciate the gift each created thing brings us, whether it is a bird song or a person’s talent. She spoke of the meaning of words and how we all have “pearls of wisdom” to give to others. She challenged us to give our words of wisdom to others through writing letters to those we love.

Afterwards, Madge Krotzer sang, “It’s Still the Cross” and gave her Secretary’s Report. Nancy Richert gave her Treasurer’s Report and encouraged us to remember to pay our pledges. Sally Culpepper reported on Conference and Spiritual Growth Retreat dates, and asked for members to volunteer to be on a nominating committee to nominate people for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Sally adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Sally Culpepper

Stephen Ministry Corner



An important theme in the Lenten Season we are just finishing is the humanity of Christ. We are reviewing again the story of how, in Jesus, God became fully human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced loneliness, sadness, hurt, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. This is part of being human.

Another part of being human is needing help from each other. **God never intended us to be completely self sufficient. Part of God’s plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.**

At McCormick United Methodist Church our Stephen Ministers are here, ready and willing, to give that help to those struggling with difficult times. If you need someone to listen to you, with whom you can share your feelings, and receive acceptance and Christian love, please consider being in a relationship with a Stephen Minister at MUMC. To get the process started, please contact Pastor Athon Arant through the church office (852-2394), Beverly Western (391-5967), or Ken Green (391-4197).

In addition ... if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister we are having a training class this fall. You may check out the Stephen Ministry Bulletin Board for a TENTATIVE schedule. Get an application by email from Sundee Luedecke (sundeelue@gmail.com), who will send you a PDF copy. You may also pick up an application at the church office, or contact any of the Stephen Leaders: Beverly Western, Phil Bailey, Ken Green, Lois Waugh and Sundee Luedecke. Applications will be available after Easter.

Sundee Luedecke

QUESTIONS ABOUT BOBBIE’S APPRECIATION CELEBRATION?

Please feel free to contact any member of the S/PPRC – Verna Clayton, Norma Curtis, Nancy Richert, Mary Parnell, Phil Bailey, Madge Krotzer, or Ken Green.



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Remembering is an act of resurrection,
each repetition a vital layer of mourning, in memory of those we are sure to meet again.
~Nancy Cobb, in "In Lieu of Flowers"
Source: www.memories-are-forever.org

BOOTS BANDY

Endowment:

Wesley Adult Class
Mary Parnell

Memorials:

Rosemary Pettus
Matilda Freeland

DELMOS HOWELL

Endowment:

Bruce/Judy Motsinger

Memorials continued:

Glenn/Jeanette woods
(Prayers & Squares)
Lois Fultz
(Prayers & Squares)
Donn/Emilee Groh
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Memorials:

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FRANCIS SNYDER

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Memorials:

Beverly Snyder

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Madeleine Toland
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