



The Trumpeter

September 2011

This letter was sent to Bishop Taylor with the consent of the McCormick UMC Council at its recent meeting on July 24, 2011. The letter addresses the Resolution reported in the 2011 Annual Conference Minutes that asked for a vote to allow the Conference to contact State Legislators asking them to vote no on Senate Bill #20 that deals with the issue of Immigration Reform.

Aug. 14, 2011

Bishop Mary Taylor
South Carolina Conference of United Methodist Church
4908 Colonial Dr.
Columbia, SC, 29203

Bishop Taylor,

The Church Council of the McCormick United Methodist Church is writing this letter because of a Resolution that was presented, and very narrowly approved, at the 2011 Annual Conference. The Resolution that we refer to deals with the issue of Immigration Reform, specifically Senate Bill #20. As you may recall, the Conference asked for a vote allowing the Conference to contact the State Legislators asking them to vote no on this Bill.

Subsequently, this Bill was presented in the South Carolina Senate and passed.

As a Church we are greatly disturbed that the Conference would consider taking such a stand on an issue of this nature. This is an issue that is being addressed in many states across the U.S. and, if left unchecked, will have a disastrous impact upon this Country. While we wish no undue harm upon anyone, we do believe that the State, and specifically Law Enforcement, should be given the tools with which to perform their duties. The Immigration issue must be addressed and quickly.

While we do believe in the Biblical basis of Hospitality to all, which forms a basis for our faith and belief, we do not believe that those persons outside of the law should be treated the same and have the same rights as those within the law. We would sincerely hope, that as issues occur in the future, the Conference remembers that it represents all members within this State. We cannot believe that our Lord and Savior would approve of, or look favorably upon, those persons that knowingly and willfully abuse the Laws and policies of our Country.

In the future we ask that you give a great deal of thought and Prayer about the impact of the actions that you are suggesting.

Regards,

Norma Curtis
The Church Council Chairperson
McCormick United Methodist Church

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of the month.



A CUT ABOVE CC GROUP



The "Cut Above" Christ Care group added a new mission to our lawn care mission this past year. We adopted a family starting in January, 2011. Our goal is to assist them with managing limited resources and health issues as well as assisting the two children with their educational progress so they may move forward in academic achievement. All of this is designed to strengthen the family unit to meet future challenges. Our Christ Care members have established an account at Citizens Bank so that anyone may make contributions toward helping the family. The funds will be used only to benefit the children in such things as tutoring and other programs related to improving the abilities of the children so they may advance and be more successful in school. The fund will be under the control of our Christ Care members.

We need people with expertise in working with children 10-12 years of age. This would involve tutoring, assisting by taking children to special events that would introduce them to different types of events. We welcome new members to our group. We meet each month at the Church on the first Tuesday at 4:45 P.M. For more information call me at 378-3839.

Byron Thompson

24:7 CHRIST CARE GROUP NEWS



I'd like to send out a song to the members of the 24:7 Christ Care Group, and the song is "**See You In September**"! Since we did not meet during the month of July, it seems like a very long time since we've been together. We have remained in contact with one another electronically, however. Our meetings in September will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 and on Sunday, Sept. 25 in the Christ Care Training Room. As we reconvene for the fall, we will begin our study of the book *God's Psychiatry* by Charles L. Allen. We will also make plans for our continued mission service at Bell Ridge.

Linda Kidd

A Teacher's Prayer

We pray for the children who put chocolate fingers on everything, who love to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin new pants, who eat candy before supper and who can never find their shoes in the morning.

And we also pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who have never bound down the street in a new pair of shoes, who never played "one potato, two potatoes," and who are born in places that we would not be caught dead in and they will be.

We pray for the children who give us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleeps with their dog and who bury their goldfish, who hug us so tightly and who forget their lunch money, who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who watch their fathers shave, and who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those who will never get dessert, who have no favorite blanket to drag around behind them, who watch their fathers suffer, who cannot find any bread to steal, who do not have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures are on milk cartons instead of on dressers, and whose monsters are real.

We pray for the children who spend all their allowance by Tuesday, who pick at their food, who love ghost stories, who shove their dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse the bathtub, who love visits from the Tooth Fairy, even after they find out who it really is, who do not like to be kissed in front of the school bus, and who squirm during services.

And we also pray for those children whose nightmares occur in the daytime, who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who are not spoiled by anyone, who go to bed hungry and wake up hungry, who live and move and have no address.

We pray for those children who like to be carried and for those children who have to be carried. for those who give up and for those who never give up, for those who will grab the hand of anyone kind enough to offer it and for those who find no hand to grab.

For all these children, we pray today, for they are all so precious.

Ina J. Hughs

<http://desperatepreacher.com>





24-7 CHRIST CARE GROUP MINISTRY IN ACTION

A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words!



Tamara Moss - Bell Ridge resident who won a state award with the SC MHA for her art work. She came by our Flag Day Party to show off some of her work - as you can see, she was very proud!



Connie Robinson and granddaughter Hope visit with Bell Ridge resident, **William Gregory**.



Jean Thompson, Sue Mitchell, Jo Burch, and Linda Kidd with **Patsy Rhinehart and Fran**



SCHOOL'S OPEN!
Watch out for kids & busses.



Martha Crace welcoming new Bell Ridge resident, **Beth Sorrow**.



Faye Cotty, Shirley Garling, and Ellen Zimmerman with **Graylin Wideman, Ann Parham, and Edith Isaac**, residents of Bell Ridge.

BIRTHDAYS—SEPTEMBER

Sep	2	Dick Sterling
Sep	3	Becky Bushling
Sep	4	Sundee Luedecke
Sep	5	Faith Killius
Sep	5	Maggie Metz
Sep	7	Lorraine Shealy
Sep	10	Ted Armstrong
Sep	12	Pat Sharpe
Sep	12	Madge Krotzer
Sep	13	Earl Wright
Sep	15	Gladys Lovin
Sep	15	Abbie Caywood
Sep	15	Tom Metz
Sep	18	Mary Parnell
Sep	18	Wayne Stowe
Sep	19	Tom Huber
Sep	21	Carolyn Trantham
Sep	23	Dick Killius
Sep	24	Tyler Rushton
Sep	26	Byron Thompson

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO JANICE HARDY.
Janice's birthday was August 20. She was inadvertently left off the birthday calendar in the Jul/Aug UMC Newsletter

ANNIVERSARIES—SEPTEMBER

Sep	4	Linda & Dan Higgins
Sep	5	Aida & Arvid Peres
Sep	7	Barbara & Ernie Burleson
Sep	14	Laurie & Ed Slimm
Sep	15	Bet & Rich Dombrowski
Sep	17	Irene & Bill Crowley
Sep	25	Lynn & Jerry Miller
Sep	26	Shirley & Ron Garling

LABOR DAY POEM
"no work today"

no work today,
the day of labor day,
no school today,
the day of labor day,
last day of white
to be worn,
last day of summer
to enjoy.

by Gary R. Hess (www.poemofquotes.com)

SEPTEMBER COUNTERS

9—6	Dot Bandy
9—12	Carol Bailey
9—19	Betty Smith
9—26	Shirley Garling

**SEPTEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE**

(Primary & Secondary)

Sept 4—Mary Thompson, 391-5644; Madeline Toland, 391-5300

Sept 11—Cheri Kelber, 391-3512; Shirley Garling, 391-3605

Sept 18—Sue Mitchell, 852-1023; Emilee Groh, 391-4393

Sept 25—Carol Struck, 391-8494; Marcia Brown, 852-2769

**SEPTEMBER FLOWER CALENDAR**

9—4	OPEN
9—11	OPEN
9—18	Ronnie & Linda Kidd
9—25	OPEN

**September Birth Flower—Aster**

Asters, one of the *September birth flowers*, are symbols of Love, Afterthought, Faith, Wisdom, Valor, and Light.

**SEPTEMBER RESPONSIVE READERS**

8:30 am Bruce Motsinger
11:00 am Penny Sockman

**SEPTEMBER USHERS—8:30 Service**

Ron & Donna Hutto

SEPTEMBER USHERS—11:00 Service

*Lead Usher

9—4 Bob & Carol Struck, Jo Graziano, *Byron Thompson
9—11 Byron & Mary Thompson, *Ron & Shirley Garling
9—18 *Sam Krotzer, Jo Graziano, Arvid Perez, Jimmy Smith
9—25 *Don & Toni Graham, Jo Graziano, Jimmy Smith

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Our dear friend Jo Burch is now a permanent resident at Bayberry Retirement Inn, 116 Abbie Drive Greenwood, SC 29649.



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

SEPTEMBER 2011

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
4 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	5 LABOR DAY  2:30 Prayers & Squares CC 7:30 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 Couples for Christ CC	6 8:30 Welcome Group CC 9:00 Guided By Him CC 4:45 Cut Above CC 6:00 UMM Mtg/Dinner	7 9:30 Whatever CC 10:00 Coffee & Conversation 4:00 Bell Choir 6:30 For Heaven's Sake 7:15 Chancel Choir	8 6:00 Stephen Ministry	9 9:30 Morning Glories Circle 4:00 Mary & Martha CC	10
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OUTREACH MISSIONS **GOLD RUSH DAYS CHURCH YARD SALE**

September 17



We are still collecting stuff for our fall yard sale. Nothing is too big or too small. We will take it all. You may take your items to the church social hall or I will pick up if needed.

**Email Frank Chewning @ schewning50@yahoo.com
or call 378-1448 or 391-5022.**



MISSION TRIP TO ALABAMA

We have a work mission trip planned for North Alabama. We are leaving on Sunday, October 23 and returning on Saturday, October 29. We will be repairing houses damaged from the Tornados. If you would like to be part of that team and have not already talked with me, please give me a call. If you would like to go but cannot stay all week, that would be alright. (*You should stay at least 3 to 4 days to make it worthwhile.*) If you have any questions, give me a call. I will be having a meeting about two weeks prior to trip to give you all the particulars.



Photos above: Items already collected for yard

**Frank Chewning - Outreach
Missions Chairman
378-1448 or 391-5022**



UMM Meeting

The United Methodist Men will meet at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6 in Fellowship Hall** for a Southern Fried Chicken Dinner and a short business meeting. Janice Grizzard, Director of the MACK, will be the speaker. Please plan to attend. **Cost is \$6.00.** For questions please call Jack Haffeman at 391-3208.

UMM Pancake & Sausage Breakfast **With Orange Juice & Coffee**

**Gold Rush Saturday, Sept. 17
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Adults \$5.50.
Children 12 and under \$2.50.**

All proceeds to UMM projects and missions.

Deepest sympathies to the families of John Spence, Linda Marx, and Ron Western. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss.

Your McCormick UMC Family

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for all the ways you have remembered me. Maybe I can visit you soon. May God bless you all.

Jo Burch

UMW NEWS

Report for UMW Quarterly Meeting

Our UMW quarterly meeting was held on July 21, 2011 at 6:30 pm. There were 38 women present to enjoy our program theme of "Making Peace with Our Earth." We learned facts about how much paper, energy and other things are consumed in the United States and ways of reducing waste and saving energy.



Our food preparation managers included Becky Bushling, Shirley Moffett, Toni Graham, Lois Waugh, and Sis Peterson. Jeanne Thornburg played the piano for us.

Our program readers included Dot Bandy, Sally Culpepper, Linda Kidd, Betty Smith, and Penny Sockman. Table decorations were by Sally Culpepper.

Many thanks to all who attended! YOU make the UMW meetings worthwhile events in the life of our church! Our next meeting will be Oct. 20. Mark your calendars! This meeting will be a missions meeting. Thanks again for your faithful attendance.

Sally Culpepper

UMW District Meeting

Our annual district meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Tranquil UMC in Greenwood, SC. Our speaker will be Corina Shaw, Executive Director of the Wallace Family Life Center. She has a great heart for her work and it will be a wonderful experience to hear her speak. Plan to attend. Thank you!

KITCHEN HOSTESS NEWS



We will have our annual Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 12th. Watch for information to follow in November.

Kay Kloppenburg

Stephen Ministry Corner

We have started training!! We have seven participants who are going thru the 50 hours of required training to become a Stephen Minister. It is not an easy 50 hours ... we train over a 2 month period and these individuals will have reading assignments prior to class. It's like going back to school again!! Only it is easier somehow ... perhaps because we know that the training has such a giving, caring, and loving Christian purpose.



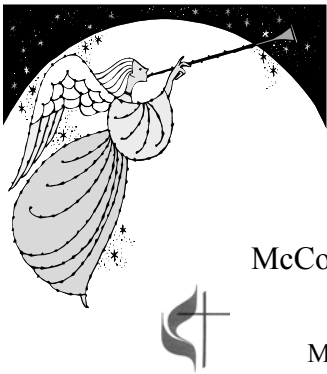
These students stand at the beginning of a life-changing journey. They have been called to this ministry ... just as surely as if they were standing on the shores of Lake Galilee and hearing Jesus say, "Follow me." Their hearts have been opened to the needs of suffering people and, during the training, they will hear the voice of Jesus as they learn and grow and they will feel the Holy Spirit fill them as they are equipped and empowered to love others as Jesus loves us all.

Topics this first month will include feelings (yours, mine, and ours), the art of listening, distinctively Christian caring, assertiveness (Speaking the Truth in Love), and boundaries. As you can see from the topics ... we cover a lot of ground and the goal is to learn about and explore the characteristics of a Stephen Minister in the areas of compassion, faith, trustworthiness, and skills.

So please keep us all in your prayers this month ... the students as they nurture their gifts and acquire new skills so that they can bring Christ's love to hurting people ... and the Stephen Leaders who will guide them thru their training.

And remember ... if you should 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 thru the church office (852-2394) or Beverly Western (391-5967).

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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"

JOHN SPENCE

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REMEMBER 9/11 PRAYER

Almighty God, the past year will be indelibly inscribed in our memories.

We looked with horror on the terrorist attacks of last September 11th. But we looked with honor on acts of courage by ordinary people who sacrificed themselves to prevent further death and destruction.

We shed our tears in a common bond of grief for those we loved and lost. We journeyed through a dark valley, but your light has led us to a place of hope. You have turned our grief into determination. We are resolved to do what is good, and right, and just.

Help us to remember what it means to be Americans—a people endowed with abundant blessings. Help us to cherish the freedoms we enjoy and inspire us to stand with courage, united as one Nation in the midst of any adversity.

Lord, hear this prayer for our Nation. **Amen.**

<http://www.appleseeds.org>

The White House Commission on the Day of Remembrance

Compiled by a Navy Chaplain

