

## The Messenger

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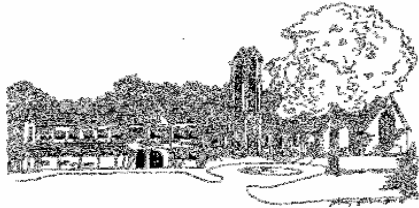


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**Next Messenger Deadline:**

*"I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support Groce United Methodist Church by my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Witness, and my Service."*

### BY OUR SERVICE

#### CHURCH STAFF

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#### Sunday, 7/11

**Ushers: (8:30)** Joe Allen, Stan Boyd;  
**(11:00)** John Morse, Jonathan Lowder-  
milk, Eliot Durner, Hayden Davis  
**Offering Steward:** John P. Smith  
**Acolytes: (8:30)** Ally Boram;  
**(11:00)** Matthew Gorman  
**Visitation:** Geri Ingram, Dudley Culp  
**Coffee Fellowship:**  
United Methodist Men  
**Altar Guild:** Dale Woods  
**Narthex Decorated By:** Sandra  
Justus & Suzanne Londenber

#### Sunday, 7/18

**Ushers: (8:30)** Brad & Mary Ledbetter;  
**(11:00)** Gary Burgin, True Morse, Tim  
Towery, Ed Horni  
**Offering Steward:** Mike Kerr  
**Acolytes: (8:30)** Zachary Hamrick;  
**(11:00)** Nathan Fulbright  
**Visitation:** Margaret & Tom Kuhn  
**Coffee Fellowship:** New Hope Class  
**Altar Guild:** Sally Morrison  
**Narthex Decorated By:** Sandra Justus  
& Suzanne Londenber

Since last fall, United Methodists in the Western North Carolina have heard about "The Power of 3 in WNCC." At Lake Junaluska last month, Bishop Larry Goodpaster reiterated that, "My hope is that every church across the Western North Carolina Conference will be a thriving and healthy congregation, a place where Jesus is worshipped and served - in the way we live our lives." The goals for the "Power of 3" to be completed between now and the end of 2012 include:

- 300,000 members in the WNCC
- 30,000 more people in worship
- 3,000 mission teams sent in the name of Christ into the world
- 300 resurrected, refocused, re-energized, or re-missioned churches
- 30 new faith communities



During the Annual Conference session, some of the good news shared with us was that the WNCC had a seven percent increase in the number of professions of faith in 2009. More churches are conducting confirmation classes. More people transferred into the United Methodist Church from other denominations than out. We exceeded the goal of sending 3,000 mission teams into the world by 267. Impact Community Day sent thousands out into communities across the conference on Saturday, June 5. Across our conference, 14,653 volunteers were involved in hands-on mission and outreach projects that had an impact on 629,639 lives.

Of course, every local church has a stake in achieving these goals. Every congregation can develop and design ministries to fulfill Christ's call upon us as faithful disciples. Bishop Goodpaster challenged the delegates at Annual Conference by saying, "We are inviting you to join us in re-thinking what it means to be the Body of Christ in the 21st century and move out to the community and make a difference in our world." What do you think? In what ways is God calling us to share and witness our faith as we follow Jesus, make disciples, and transform the world?

**The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship,**

## Coming in August

**Ice Cream Social with entertainment by the Lake Junaluska Singers**  
⇒ **Sunday, August 8, at 5pm**

- ♦ Admission - free (A love offering will be taken for the Lake Junaluska Singers for their expenses.)
- ♦ Come join us for some cool fun and ice cream on a hot August evening!



## MUSIC NOTES



### + Sunrise Choir

Our next singing Sunday will be **August 8**. Please arrive at 8:08 AM for warm-up.

### + Children's Choir

⇒ Thanks to all who participated in our VBS "High Seas Adventure" - it was great fun.

⇒ Enjoy your summer break ! Children's Choir resumes **Tuesday, August 24**.

### + Chancel Choir

⇒ Thanks for your music so far this year, and enjoy your summer break.

⇒ We resume **Wednesday, August 4**, and **Sunday, August 8**.

### + Handbell Choir

⇒ Summer Bell Ensemble is now underway; target Sunday is **August 1**.

⇒ Plans are underway for a dinner party at the home of Vicky Rogers **Monday August 16**.

⇒ Ringing God's Praise resumes weekly rehearsal **Monday August 23**.

## From the Board of Trustees

### Church landscaping

♦ The Trustees are excited about all the interest in improving Groce's landscaping. In order to unify and coordinate this direction, the Trustees feel the first step is to create a master plan that will address the variety of existing issues and set a path for a planned approach to guide group or individual efforts.

♦ Given the variety of challenges, from difficult shade and soil conditions, as well as dying hemlocks, the first step will be to use a landscape designer. We will be talking soon to some of those who have previously done work on the landscaping and those who have expressed an interest to help with the effort.

♦ In addition, the Trustees approved the city's request to install sidewalks along the Tunnel Road edge of our property and partially down Beverly Road towards Haw Creek. They are also installing sidewalks all the way to Wachovia. This is part of an overall plan to make Asheville a more pedestrian-friendly city. As part of this work, they will also make the bus shelter handicapped accessible.

♦ The Trustees members working on this are Loring McIntyre and myself. Please call one of us if you'd like to discuss any of these issues. Thanks.

## Community Event

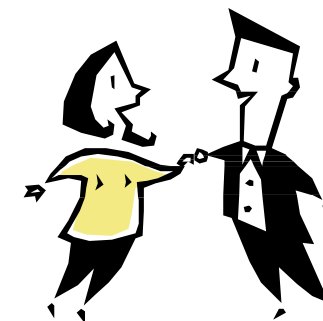
**Free Day at the Nature Center for Asheville Residents!**

**Saturday, July 31, 10:30am - 4:30pm**

- ♦ Enjoy one of Asheville's great attractions-free to Asheville residents on this date.
- ♦ Open now through August 24 is the beautiful **Butterfly Exhibit**. This is a fun experience for kids - and adults too!



The congregation and staff extend their sympathy to Harvey Davis on the recent loss of his mother and Robin Swain on the passing of her father.



**Help Avery get to know you -  
Please remember to wear  
your nametag!**

*(If you don't have one,  
need a new one or new cord,  
just call the church office.)*

**Add to your church directory/  
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