

HINSHAW HAPPENINGS

November 2006

Into the Word—Into the World

PRAYERFULLY WRITTEN

One of the most important prayers for each of us to share with God is, "God, what is your will for Hinshaw Church?" One of the best ways to discern the will of God for his church occurs when we sit still long enough to make prayerful observations. This reminds me of a conversation I had with Tom Smith. We had this conversation during the preparation of the Brunswick Stew. Tom told me about one of his favorite activities. He said, "I am a people watcher. I love to go to Four Seasons Mall, find a chair, and watch people. I have particularly been impressed by the ways that complete strangers show kindness to one another. I wonder what it is about the environment of the mall that invites persons to be friendly to one another. I wish people would treat each other with the same consideration when we drive our cars."

After our conversation, I started paying more attention to everyone who was taking part in the preparation of The Brunswick Stew. I prayed, "God, please help me observe everyone here. Help me see what you are teaching us about the ways you want us to be in ministry together. Are there any clues here of your vision for us in the future?"

I will share some observations I made. (For those of you who were able to be present on November 11, please think about your own observations. Please let me and others know what God revealed to you.)

Some observations.... Everyone had an important role to play. Some persons enjoyed chopping vegetables. Other persons worked their muscles by stirring the stew. Many persons rotated from job to job. A few persons who had a lot of experience in making the stew offered others helpful advice. Persons worked on an assembly line together packing the stew. Drivers transported the stew to the fellowship hall. Some persons collected money and tickets. Others sold the delicious baked goods others lovingly made. Many persons carried stew out to the cars for people. I heard several expressions of encouragement, a lot of laughter, and some good stories. Persons who came by to pick up the stew received several greetings and words of welcome. We had the opportunity to see new members and renew our relationships with members we had not seen in a while.

Some of us even got to see Lake Bryson, Ruby Wall, Marion Thomas, and Steve Smith's daughter, Elizabeth; not to mention several other special people, all of us included. We enjoyed being together and serving God. Of course, the clear blue sky, the gentle breeze, the beauty of the day, and the presence of God helped all of us to see the best in each other.

Growing up in a community of love and faith is crucial to our growth. As followers of Jesus Christ, all of us are on a pilgrimage of becoming more like him. If we are going to become like him, it is important that we enjoy as many opportunities as possible-being together, working together, and following his plan.

I wonder what would happen if we sat down and shared observations around the questions, "What is God trying to show us through the amazing way we come together to prepare Brunswick Stew?" "What would happen if making Brunswick Stew became kind of a creative metaphor for the way we prepare all of our ministries?" "Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening."

In the Stew Pot with you,

Rev. Dr. Bart Milleson

MAF

The Methodist Adult Fellowship group is for friends, neighbors, relatives, anybody and everybody. You do not have to be a member of Hinshaw to enjoy these great experiences and friendships.

The group's time at the Greensboro Historical Museum visiting the brand new "Welcome to the Gate City!" exhibit along with the other exhibits was well worth the time. Great visiting and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone!

Always remember to call the church 299-6330 and place your name on the list for the various trips, programs or meals. It helps with planning and communication. In December everyone will have an opportunity to travel to Bear Creek to the Southern Nutty Fruitcake factory. We'll load the bus for Bear Creek at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 8th and return after we enjoy a nice lunch. Bus fuel will be \$3.00 a person. It's a tasty shopping experience and we also tour the factory. On Thursday, December 14th we'll load the bus at 7:30 a.m. and travel to Ashville to see the gingerbread houses at the Grove Park Inn. Eat breakfast before coming to the church and there will be several coffee breaks. We'll enjoy lunch and most likely supper together before returning back to church in the early evening. Bus fuel will be \$7.00 with a 18 person minimum. On Tuesday December 19th at 8:00 a.m. MAF will gather in the fellowship hall for the traditional Christmas breakfast, time of sharing and caroling. Please call the church office to put your name on the list for all MAF events.

Youth Fellowship

It's time to begin building the Live Nativity Scene which will operate December 20th—23rd, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. What a wonderful way to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

Winter mountain spiritual life retreats are in January. There will be one for the younger group and one for the older group.

AKD for December

December 7 Bad Weather Date 14
Cheese Straws - Merlin
Little Wieners - Susan
Cheese Balls & Crackers — Jewel and Betty R
Meat Balls — Warren
Vegetable trays with Ranch - Charlene
Potato Salad — Jean
Cranberry Congealed Salad - Dot
Cherwine Punch - Billie B.
Christmas Dessert — Nancy and Marsha
Volunteer Waiters needed - Please call Jim Waynick

Children's Christmas
Celebration

"A time of caroling and sharing"

Sunday night December 17th
7:00 p.m.

How is your daily scripture reading?



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Cowan, Elaine
2 Heffernan, Elizabeth
2 Reddick, Anna
4 Hartmann, Frances
4 Walker, Bonnie
6 Duval, Madeline
6 Brentnell, Jonathan
7 Quinn, Denise
8 Stephens, Merlin
8 Wyrick, Bryan
9 Yow, Robert
10 Cole, Genevieve
11 Coffin, Rick
12 Frazier, Kerry
12 Wright, Jo
13 Blair, Timmy
13 Pressley, Charles
13 Reynolds, Debbie
13 Smith, Bobbie
13 Dixon, Joey
14 Turner, Michelle
15 Wilson, Susan
16 Maynard, Derek
16 Warren, Robert
17 Alderton, Sarah
20 Wright, Troy
21 Jones, Linda
21 Bowman, Brittany
24 Hardeman, Scott
24 Weast, Janie
25 Wireko, Jennifer
27 Blair, Tim
27 Powell, Connie
29 Jenson, Mary
29 Winchester, Roscoe
30 Murphy, Russell
31 Schreiner, Leslie
31 Weast, Kara



HINSHAW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Hinshaw Women have been happily busy accomplishing our goals for 2006. We hosted the Greensboro District Officers Executive Committee meeting and later hosted the Greensboro District Officer Training Event. The best ever brunswick stew was cooked and the 1400 quarts made are almost gone. There are only a few quarts left to sell in the event you want to stock your freezer for the cold winter day when it will taste heavenly. (Call the church office, 299-6330, if you want more and if available, Vickie will take your money and have it ready for your pickup.) I invite you to check out photos in the album in the narthex of the church. Thank you - thank you - for the men, women, and youth who helped.

The November AGAPE/UMCOR pickup has been made and our boxes included food, sewing kits, Dove Soap Packets, boxes and boxes of fabric, boxes of notions, 18,000 yds. of commercial type white thread, and much needed funds for shipping the container to Armenia. We do a great job of supporting Project AGAPE and UMCOR.

UMW CHRISTMAS DINNER IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, at 6:30 pm. Great entertainment has been lined up, the Lights of Love Christmas Tree will be lit, and special memberships will be awarded.

We look forward to our special December Circle meetings. We always have a great time.

2007 - General meeting is Tuesday, January 2nd, 7 pm. Officers, coordinators,, and circle chairpersons will be installed. Circle members should come and show support for our 2007 slate of officers.

**Dot Shaw
Communications Coordinator**

**A wife invited some people to dinner.
At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said,
"Would you like to say the blessing?"
"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.
The daughter bowed her head and said,
"Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"**

Sharing of ourselves and receiving a blessing !

Stay in contact with our church family in care facilities and with those that live at home.

If you wish to submit a name for special prayer or to remove a name, please call the church office.

HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Pinkie Abernathy	Mt. Vista Health Park, 106 Mt. Vista Rd, Spring 54 (Hall) Denton, NC 27239
Sarah Alderton	Conover Nursing & Rehab Center, 920 4th St. SW, Room 207 Conover, NC 28613
Florence Fruitt	Cross Road Retirement Community, 1302 Old Cox Rd, Asheboro, NC 27203
Becky Johnson	Outlook Pointe, Room 209, 600 Newton Rd. Raleigh, NC 27615
Jessie Murphy	Evergreens Nursing Home, 4007 W. Wendover Av., Room 443, Greensboro, NC 27407
Kathleen Neal	4600 Laurel Run Dr., Gnbo, NC 27410, Tel# 286-0231
Joe Patrick	#PCW-248, 701 Plantation Estates Drive, Mathews, NC 28105
Gertrude Stephenson	Sardis Oaks, 5151 Sardis Road, Room 300, Charlotte, NC 28270
Christine Suits	Heritage Greens 801 Meadowood St., Rm.336, Gnbo, NC 27409
Marion Thomas	Heritage Greens 801 Meadowood St., Rm.307, Gnbo, NC 27409
Steve Wyrick	Brighton Gardens of Greensboro, 1208 New Garden Rd. Apt. 324, Greensboro, NC 27410

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Sarah Alderton, Colleen Allred, Kylie Bean, John Benoit (Steve Benoit's father), Blondell Bowman, Monica Butler, Bobby Coble, Lorri Coggins, (friend of Ray Grant) Mary Cook, (A. Hardeman's friend), Inez Counts, (E. Labis' sister), Christine DesVerges, Emma Fuller, (Michael Durrett's mother) Stella Gregory, (S. Magas's mother), Kay Holland, (Hardeman's neighbor) Tiaquan Holloway, Akira James and baby Arrianna Robertson, Jessie Johnson, (Janice Gerringer's father) Chase Jones, Christine Jones, Lenny & Linda Jones, Jane Kerr, Gene & Sybil Larimore, (B. Baynes' brother-in-law & sister-in-law), James Moody, Lou Moose, (B Baynes' friend) Michael Melvin Jr., Cheryl Myers, John Myers, Sharon & Steve Myers, Jerry Neal, Mary Oliver, Jeremy Page, (Mary Beth Page's nephew), Deborah Patat, (Waynicks' neighbor), Marietta Roberts, Sharon Robertson, (G Frazier friend) Nick Scandale, Huey Shepherd, Bob Simmons, Dennis & Donna Smith, Winston Smith, (brother of Sherine Smith), Christine Suits, Eddie Taylor, Jon Taylor, Leon Thornton (nephew of B. Dixon), John Trull (Carolyn Edward's Father), Ruby Wall, Doris Warren, Don & Jackie Wilson (M. Hardeman's family), Lib Wyrick.

Serving in the military: (Iraq) Jason Gregory, nephew of Erika Ward.

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A FUN ADVENT STUDY

(Tuesdays 7:00 PM in December)

Beginning on December 5 there will be a fun study offered on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Through the month of December, this class will study lessons related to the Advent season yet with a unique twist. Each week's topic of conversation will be focused with an African American spiritual. We will listen to and study a different song each week. In this study, each session has several components: the lyrics to the spiritual, a musical and textual interpretation of the spiritual, how the spiritual connects historically and biblically, a reading of the Bible text, and an exhortation for living out the Nativity in the twenty-first century. The spirituals studied are: "Mary Had a Baby", "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow", "Children Go Where I Send Thee (You)" and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain". We will meet in the sanctuary building. Everyone is invited to this fun and unique study!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will have poinsettias in the church during the worship services on December 10th and 17th. The cost will be \$8.56 each. December 4th is the deadline for taking orders. Make checks payable to Hinshaw Memorial UMC and mark them for Christmas Poinsettias. You can also call the church office to place your order at 299-6330.

HINSHAW UNITED METHODIST MEN

Please join us for our next breakfast meeting on December 10th at 7:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring canned goods for Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry.



From The Finance Committee

Your finance committee wants to take this opportunity to thank you for your financial support for the missions and ministries of our church throughout the year. Without your financial and voluntary support we could not provide the ministries we do for God's Kingdom.

As in the past we are running behind on our financial support for the year and we need everyone to prayerfully do their best to help us catch up by the end of the year. We are like a business where there is fixed cost involved such as salaries, lights, heat, telephone, water, insurance, supplies, repairs, etc.; our church is no exception. Thanks again for all of your support and may God bless.

From Your Trustees

All of us can be proud of the many projects that God made possible for us this year. Projects that made our church a more attractive and pleasant place to worship. As chairperson of your trustees, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that was responsible for contributing to the implementation and completion of the following projects: bus shelter, new sanctuary doors, new sanctuary ramp door, fellowship hall sound system, painting of the fellowship hall, new tables for the fellowship hall, landscaping and planting of flowers on our church property, new sink in men's bathroom, new sanctuary door lamps (to be installed soon), and many general maintenance repairs.

For 2007 we will continue our mission of improving the appearance of our church buildings and church property, both inside and outside. As mentioned in previous newsletters, thanks to a generous donation, an electronic sign is planned for our church. Other projects planned, to mention a few are: upgrading of the women's fellowship hall restroom, painting of the shelter beams, new cover for the back door entrance to the church, property beautification, etc. With God's help, these projects, along with others, will become a reality during 2007.

I'm sure you can think of other things that can enhance the appearance of our church. Please let me or any one of the trustees know. We are open to all suggestions and of course, any special gift that you would like to contribute toward our goal of making our church a wonderful place to worship would be appreciated.

Ray Grant. Chairperson of your trustees.

UPCOMING WORSHIP NEWS

- December 17: Christmas Cantata 11 am service— No 9:00 a.m. service
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service 11:00 am service—No 9:00 a.m. service
- December 31: 9 and 11 am services along with Watch Night Service at 11 pm

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A three part series

Many thanks to George Labis for contributing this much appreciated information

Part 3

North Carolina Consumers Have Rights:

You have the right to free copies of the information in your file (your "file disclosure"). An initial fraud alert entitles you to a copy of all the information in your file at each of the three nationwide agencies, and an extended alert entitles you to two free file disclosures in a 12-month period following the placing of the alert. These additional disclosures may help you detect signs of fraud, for example, whether fraudulent accounts have been opened in your name or whether someone has reported a change in your address. Once a year, you also have the right to a free copy of the information in your file at any consumer reporting agency, if you believe it has inaccurate information due to fraud, such as identity theft. You also have the ability to obtain additional free file disclosures under other provisions of the FCRA. See www.ftc.dov/credit.

You have the right to obtain documents relating to fraudulent transactions made or accounts opened using your personal information. A creditor or other business must give you copies of applications and other business records relating to transactions and accounts that resulted from the theft of your identity, if you ask for them in writing. A business may ask you for proof of your identity, a police report, and an affidavit before giving you the documents. It also may specify an address for you to send your request. Under certain circumstances, a business can refuse to provide you with these documents. See www.consumerdoWidtheft.

Equifax 1-800-525-6285 www.equifax.com

Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait." Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Have you looked at all the great pictures on the church website? Great pictures to be enjoyed!!!

Just put in this web address - <http://www.hinshawumc.org/>

JOBS FOR LIFE – Building lives, one job at a time....

We are almost half way through our inaugural *Jobs for Life* program! Hinshaw is partnering with Glenwood Methodist Church to provide a second chance for unemployed and underemployed individuals. *Jobs for Life* provides a unique job training and support strategy designed to empower people to be successful at work and at life.

The 16-week course is a combination of classroom, group activities, and individual one-on-one support to the students. After a shared meal, we dig into topics like character, integrity, attitude, and accountability using a study of biblical role models like Noah, Joseph, David and Jonah. These concepts are expanded to practical applications including resumes and job interviews.

A great deal of attention is focused on barriers to finding and retaining a job so that previous roadblocks to employment may be overcome. Students have homework assignments each week, which include an on-going search for employment opportunities that match their skills and abilities.

We put the students in contact with community resources which will help them to identify and pursue a targeted job goal. Because follow-through is so important, we will support and track our students after completion of the course as they search for and secure employment.

The students are not the only ones being educated. As instructors, we are humbled by the circumstances under which our students have struggled. We are learning what it is like to walk in their shoes. Our eyes have been opened wide as we learn to be more grateful for the many blessings we have been given. We have a new appreciation of what it really means to minister to other children of God.

We look forward to February when we will celebrate as our first group of students graduate to a new life – one in which they are “work-ready” and productive.

Hinshaw volunteers include Billie Baynes, Fern Haeling, Mark & Jana Garrett, Bill & Lois Fowler, Mike Hardeman, Bart Milleson, Jim Waynick, Susan Magas and Jenny Elnajjar.

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“Lights of Love” will be shining on a Christmas Tree outside at Hinshaw Memorial United Methodist Church.

I would like to purchase _____ “Lights of Love” @ \$2.00 each.

Please print the names for listing in the bulletin/newsletter as follows:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given in love by: _____

****THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 3RD**

Please fill out this form and give it to Lois Fowler with the money for the number of “Lights of Love” that you want; or contact Lois by phone (292-0374) or email (loisi@triad.rr.com), or you may mail the form and money to the church. Lois will return “In honor” and “In memory” cards that you can mail to the recipient or the family. Please make checks payable to Hinshaw Memorial UMW.