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THE LIGHTHOUSE

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The Call to Patience

Times of difficulty often calls us to Patience. The Christian understanding of Patience is closely connected to the nature of Peace. Psalm 46 gives us this understanding with "Be still, and know that I am God." The Call of Discipleship requires a Call to Patience. Have you ever felt like, "I don't have time for being patient"? To understand patience is to understand a key element of Faith in the Holy Scripture. Love is described as "patient." To be patient is not concerning a matter of time, but a matter of belief and trust. "In God's Time" is always better than "In our time." We live in a world that demands immediate actions, responses, feedback, opinions, and results. In this "driven" lifestyle, we madly rush into things and then madly rush out of them often without understanding why in the first place. Patience encourages us to ask why, to seek the deeper meaning, to find the greater purpose, to be still and know God and God's Will. Patience can be practiced in both objective and subjective ways. To objectively practice patience is to be "forbearing" or understanding and in preparation of expected events and unfolding relationships; to subjectively practice patience is to "patiently endure" as in our response to imminent events and immediate actions. Patience is an important gift from God that affords us the abilities to overcome persecutions, tribulations, troubles, anxieties, and issues.

It is important that we understand patience in relationships. To take the proper time to listen before responding, to step back from responding so we can step forward in understanding, to look in the person's heart instead of looking at their actions, to pray for a person before you share with them, these are important elements of patience. Joy and Rejoicing have a direct connection to patience. Forgiving and Reconciliation have a direct connection to patience. Patience helps us to take the time to sing, celebrate, listen, care, help, reach out, dream, hope, trust, believe, and greater than all these - Love.

Learning Grid:

- Love, How do we show Love in our lives?
- Patient, In what ways can we discover God's Time?
- Kind, How can we be Kinder, with a more Christ-like spirit?
- Boastful, How can we be more selfless and less selfish?
- Provoked, How do we overcome being provoked to anger?
- Rejoice, When is the last time we rejoiced in the Lord?
- Endure, How much can we stand alone and why do we even try?
- Love (insert word) all things (bears, believes, hopes, endures)



11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP

*Nursery
Workers*



8:30 A. M.
WORSHIP

February 7th Fletcher Casey
February 14th Cameron Parrish
February 21st Rena Zimmerman
February 28th Blake Parrish

Button Daniels / Marla Beasley
Kristy Wright / Kelly Davis
Bonny Bonner / Carol Saunders
Barbara Tillett / Caroline Stetson

Angie Basnight
Audra Shackelford
Nancy Gray
Lisa Lewis

Monthly Schedule:

† Baum/Gibbs Circle:

Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

† Milah Meekins Circle:

Thursday, February 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Hosts: Millie and Button

† Hispanic / Latino Outreach Dinner

Thursday, February 18th

From 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

† Senior Luncheon With Preschool

Thursday, February 25th

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

† United Methodist Men

Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 7, 2010
- Transfiguration of the Lord, February 14, 2010
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2010
- Presidents' Day, February 15, 2010
- Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010
- First Sunday in Lent, February 21, 2010
- Second Sunday in Lent, February 28, 2010

RADIO MINISTRY

Saturday mornings at 8:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

WOBX - AM 1530 kHz

“Outer Banks Christian Radio”

The Bethany UMC Radio Ministry with Pastor Jerome.

Weekly Meetings at Bethany:

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship (Contemporary)

9:50 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Traditional)

6:00 p.m. Children's Meeting

6:00 p.m. Junior MYF

6:00 p.m. Senior MYF

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday

7:00 p.m. Easter Cantata Practice

8:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study Disciple I

(New Testament)

Children's Choir

4:30 p.m. on 3rd Sunday - Practice and Supper

11:00 a.m. on 4th Sunday - Sing for the Church

Preschool

Tuesday - Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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"Good fish, good flounder," is what some of the guests at the Hispanic/Latino dinner said as they gave their good-byes and thanks Thursday, January 21. Being a resourceful ministry, we went shopping in our own church kitchen and came up with macaroni and cheese and fish from the education dinner and tortilla chips and pizza from the children's suppers. We added a little beans and rice and had instant supper. We didn't hold back on the quantity and had a gracious plenty to deliver to the Dare Challenge men as well.

We had a sweet family eat with us this month: a single mother and her three pre-teen children. The mother has been out of work for several months since she was laid off from her job of sanding at a boatyard (a hard job for a man, much less a woman!). She hasn't been able to find work and said that it was the first time since she was twelve years old that she didn't have a job. The children were neatly dressed and mannerly. All three of them made sure to say thank you for their meal.

We thank the Lord that our small effort here may be affecting the life of just one person.



FREE SEMINAR FOR LITERACY TUTORS

In an effort to provide continuing education to trained literacy tutors, the Dare

Literacy Council will conduct several in-service seminars throughout the year for its tutors. The first seminar is scheduled for Saturday, January 30 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Kill Devil Hills Library. The seminar will provide several teaching ideas that tutors can take with them to use immediately with their students. The brief seminar promises to be fun and informative.

Please pre-register by calling (252) 216-7773 or emailing dareliteracy@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for future in-service seminars scheduled for Saturday, February 27 and Saturday, March 27. Times and topics are still to be determined, and the Dare Literacy Council would like to hear from its tutors about subjects they would like to see covered. Please contact the DLC with suggestions for upcoming seminars.



Chicken and Pastry Dinner for Missions
Saturday, February 20th 4:30 to 7:30
Church Dining Hall
Chicken and Pastry
Potato Salad, Green Beans and Tea
\$7.00 a plate



Desserts will be available.



Outer Banks Dare Challenge
Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, March 13 4:30 to 7:30
The Whole Ministry Center in Wanchese
Come out and enjoy home cooked
Spaghetti, Cucumber Salad, Garlic Bread, Tea and
Dessert **ALL FOR \$7.00**

For more info or tickets please contact Mark 473-6462



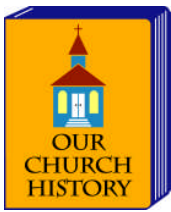
REPORT FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Jack and Trudy Etheridge Vegter (Charles and Martha Etheridge's daughter) have been serving as foreign missionaries in South America for the past 18 years of which the past 12 have been in Quito, Ecuador. Jack has been teaching at the International Christian School in Quito and with Trudy they have worked with local pastors in children's ministries, compassion programs and education. They appreciate and thank their friends in Wanchese who have given time and resources over the years to help them share the love of Jesus with the children. God had opened a new door of ministry to the children in Northern Asia. Recently the mission board asked them to transfer to Northern Asia where Jack will be the principal of an International School. They are looking forward to sharing God's love as new doors of opportunity open.

They will be here Sunday, February 7th. They will do the 8:30 a.m. service and Caroline's Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m.. They will also share a few minutes at the 11:00 a.m.. service. We will have an opportunity to help them financially as they serve the Lord.



Starting on Wednesday, February 3
Bible Study: Disciple I
will start studying the New Testament
everybody is welcome to come and join the
group.



The history of Bethany United Methodist Church has been completed and the book will be ready in January 2010.

The book will be a 8" X 10 1/2" paperback with a perfect binding. It will be approximately 100 pages with 125 black and white photographs. There will be 300 copies printed. We will be selling it for \$20.00 each which will cover the cost of the book and the costs of producing it.

If you would like to reserve a copy of the first books printed please pre-pay for your book. You can give your check (made out to Bethany UMC) to Denise Mann. You can also mail a check to the Church at P. O. Box 239 Wanchese, NC 27981. Please put History Book on the memo line.



Seniors' Luncheon

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON WITH THE PRESCHOOL.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE CHURCH DINING ROOM.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE CALL GAYLE TILLET AT 473-3759 BY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 24.



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST MEN SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline for application is April 15th
Scholarship will be presented on Senior Sunday
See Craig Parker for application or questions.

MELVIN R. AND CARRIE D. DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP

Application from church:
See Paula Mann or Denise Mann
Application must be returned by May 1
Scholarship will be presented in August during Daniels' Day

W. R. DAVIS EDUCATIONAL FUND

Contact Randy O'Neal 473-6684 or
Bea Basnight 473-3856
For more information and application

FOR MORE SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT LOAN INFORMATION GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE: www.gbhem.ogr



- 1 - Mazie Austin
- 1 - Cullen Malarney
- 2 - Romona Creef
- 2 - Mary Schillings
- 4 - Aaron Blivens
- 4 - Amber Malarney
- 5 - Fred Felski IV
- 5 - Katlin Snapp
- 6 - Marc Snapp
- 6 - Amanda Gaskill
- 6 - Jordan Daniels
- 7 - Madee Toler
- 8 - Timothy Daniels
- 9 - Kelly Davis
- 9 - Jonson Utz
- 10 - Nathan Davidson
- 10 - Lisa Hunter
- 10 - Jackson Utz
- 11 - Affie Machie
- 13 - Tracy Walker
- 14 - Loralee Grimes
- 15 - Marie Swain
- 16 - Judd Beatty
- 16 - Kristy Wright
- 17 - Hayes Wilson
- 18 - Woodie Stetson
- 18 - Annie Fitzgerald
- 19 - Martha Tillett
- 19 - James Wright
- 21 - Maggie Dough
- 22 - Fisher Beasley
- 22 - Douglas Drummond
- 23 - Bart Garrison
- 23 - Chris Underwood
- 25 - Beryl Williams
- 27 - William Brown
- 27 - Jay Woodson
- 29 - Jacob Meekins

- 1 - Gilbert (Moon) and Jean Tillett
- 2 - Andy and Ann Mihovch
- 19 - David and Cara Twiford



RENEW YOUR CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Please see Denise Mann by Sunday, February 21st to renew your subscription
I will need a check made out to Bethany United Methodist Church for \$12.00.
If you like to subscribe or need more information on the Christian Advocate see Denise Mann.



OUR PRAYER LIST

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Frank Ackens	Lacey Fitch	Nelson
Al Carpenter	Allen Gill	Tracy Payne
Cathy Clawson	Windy Gray	Sylvia Perlakowski
Nancy Comstock	Jim Harris	Dee Riddick
Ron Cox	Robin Jackson	Peggy Rogers
Elaine Daniels	Linda Mann	Dave and Shirley Webber
Sandy Daniels	April Medcalf Family (Fire)	Beryl Williams
Norm and Marilyn Fabri	Michelle Meredith	Rena Zimmerman

ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman	Jamie Gibbs	Matthew Rayburn
Carolyn Basnight	Crystal Gray	Orville Rogers
Stephen Bateman	Barbara Hirsch	Donna Roughton
Mary Ann Bland	Lorraine Johnson	Mary Roundtree
Martha Borden	Judith and Jill	Amira Sansotta
Albert Creef	Gracie Kelly	Linda Sawyer
Danny and Peggy Daniels	Daniel Khoury	Nancy Scarborough
Mickey Daniels	Nancy Ward Meekins	Chip Shafer
Marion Edwards	Larry Miller	Golden Simpson
George Evans	Bob Nick	Ron Tillett
Vanessa Foreman	Hudean and Jennie O'Neal	Blaine Toler
	Sheldon Raskh	Melissa Wright

Unspoken
Haiti
Loved Ones in Prison
Our Nation
Youth

LOST LOVED ONES



Family of Jean Arnwine	Family of Rev. Sam Dixon
Family of Nancy Frizelle	Family of Jack Gray
Family of Jaden Morris	Family of Estelle Tillett
Family of Darrell Tolson	



REPORT FROM HAITI MISSION TEAM

The call from American Airlines stopped us short of leaving for the Raleigh Airport on our flight to Haiti. But the call did not stop us from staying in touch with Pastor Yvon Pierre and Mrs. Helen Little for instructions on how to help the orphans in Coix de

Bouquet, Haiti. Amid the devastation, Mrs. Helen and the medical team she was with in Haiti at the time of the earthquake became missionaries of a different sort that they had not expected.

They worked with earthquake victims until their medical supplies simply gave out. They returned home with plans for our team and their team to return to build the only church, school and orphanage in the village of Michot, Haiti just a few miles northeast of Port Au Prince.

The building project in Michot, Haiti is an ideal way to make a direct impact after the earthquake. The blueprint for the building is already drawn up, a block wall has been built around the site (although two sides of the perimeter wall were damaged in the quake), the concrete slab is almost complete for the foundation and a deep well for water has been installed.

> Rev. Yvon Pierre and his family were living in rented quarters with ten orphaned children awaiting the completion of the new orphanage/school/church building. When the new facility is complete, it will be able to house thirty two orphans plus the director and his living quarters.

> This permanent orphanage, already under construction, has received its 501C status and has purchased a van to take the resident children to church and school in another community, as well as to medical facilities if necessary. The rented facility they were occupying is now destroyed and they are sleeping outside.

> The new building will provide a school for the orphans and surrounding community with a capacity to educate 180 students.

> The new building will serve as a focal point for the community and give access to a Christian church (church capacity: 170 people). It will also provide a safe shelter during storms and hurricanes.

> The ultimate goal for the children's home is to become at least partially self sufficient. Other students from the community will pay tuition to attend school. In addition, a cement block maker has been purchased for the construction of the orphanage. After the building is completed, the orphanage will make and sell cement blocks to generate income.

**The United Methodist Church will transport health kits to the stricken area of Haiti very soon. Hopefully, the kits will already have arrived in Haiti when this newsletter arrives to you. Craig Parker and Britton Shackelford met with twenty-four young volunteers to assemble 104 of the health kits to add to the 72 kits already prepared by our church.

Bethany UMC delivered sheets, towels and all the luggage Mrs. Helen had asked us to carry to Haiti to Clayton, NC for a missionary flight into Haiti. Our thanks to the ladies who donated sheets and towels at a moment's notice and to Liz Ann Creef and Brenda Hall who made the trip to Clayton in Liz Ann's car loaded with over 300 lbs. of supplies for Haiti.

On Wednesday, January 27, Richard Moore will fly to Haiti with J.L. Williams to be involved with another ministry there. Mr. Coy Tillett sponsored Richard's travel and was happy for Richard to take a few items along with the electrical inverter we had purchased for the orphanage. At this time, arrangements are being made for Richard to meet Pastor Yvon when he arrives in Haiti.

The church in action is a beautiful sight. With you in mission, Caroline

HAITI MISSION INFORMATION

The first and most immediate response any of us can make is the financial support needed by the United Methodist Committee on Relief. As you are aware, thanks to our apportioned giving, we are able to insure that one hundred percent of special emergency appeals get to the place of need. You may make a contribution through your local church which your treasurer will forward to the conference office as “**Haiti Emergency UMCOR #418325.**”

Other responses are forthcoming. Each district in the Annual Conference is being asked to bring supplies to the MERCI center in Goldsboro. The Elizabeth City District is supplying health kits (see below). There are three collection dates: the first collection should be received by January 31 and delivered to MERCI before February 6; the second, by February 21 and delivered before February 27; the third, by March 21 and delivered by March 27.

Collection sites have been established throughout the district to transfer health kits to Goldsboro by the deadlines. **They are at Windsor UMC, Mann’s Grocery Store (next to Bethany UMC in Wanchese), and Riverside UMC in Elizabeth City.** Volunteers will be needed to transport the kits; if you are willing to assist with the transportation, please ask your pastor to send your contact information to the Reverend Ed Rutenkroger, our District Missions Secretary. Volunteers at the MERCI Center will also be needed from the Elizabeth City District on Saturday, March 27, to inspect, sort, and pack containers for shipping to Haiti.

Health Kit Items

Health Kit Items - \$12 Value

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Important Kit Assembly Information

All items included in kits must be NEW items.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Food Kits Items – \$12 Value

New, unopened & sealed bag of dried beans

- New, unopened & sealed bag of rice
- New, unopened cans of vegetables (pop top lid)
- New, unopened cans of fruits (pop top lid)

Important Food Kit Assembly Information

NO GLASS JARS!!

All food items included in kits must be NEW items.

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Are you ready to BOWL?

The Bethany United Methodist Church Children are going bowling

When: Sunday, February 7th

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Beach Bowling Alley

If you need a ride, van will leave from the church at 1:40 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Cara at 423-0536

CHILDREN'S NIGHT OUT:

When: Saturday, February 13th

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Place: Bethany United Methodist Church in the Dining Hall

This will include a shell craft with Caroline Stetson - then we will eat - and show a movie.

Parents you can drop your child off and have a few hours to yourselves.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE:

Sunday, February 21st at 4:30 - we will feed them supper

On Sunday, February 28th the children will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Just for KIDS

Our first love

In Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV), Israel is asked a question that's also for us to answer: "What does the LORD your God ask of you?"

To find the answer, write the words from the puzzle pieces on the matching shapes in the completed heart.

... your heart and with all your soul ...

Answer:
 "...fear the LORD ... to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD
 your God with all ..."

A JAR OF
Love and Appreciation

Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.

What you need:

- Plastic jar with lid
- Heart-shaped foam pieces
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or crayons

What you do:

1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!

Bible Quiz

What did Jesus say his earthly mission was all about? Choose the correct answer from the list below:

- A. Doing his own will
- B. Doing God's will
- C. Doing the will of the people
- D. All of the above

Answer: (See John 5:30.)



HUMOR & WISDOM



"They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine 'til they got to apple."

Thinking of Lent

Advent prepares us for Christ's birth; Lent prepares us for the glorious act of Christ's resurrection. Churches have special services during the weeks of Lent, but it's what each of us does regarding our spiritual life that makes Lent most meaningful.

Lent is a good time to read, study and inwardly digest the four gospels. (The word gospel means "good news.")

A college student decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for his Lenten devotional time. Soon he was fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumbfounded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant son of God, who was only in his 30s. Get to know the good news, and you'll understand the young man's amazement.

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