BLUE OR BLACK INK
The church’s financial institution (bank) has asked that all checks deposited be written in either blue or black ink. In the event you should happen to use another colored pen, we will write above the numerical amount, the same amount, in blue or black ink. We would appreciate your honoring this request.

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Once again I had the privilege of representing Archdale UMC at the Western North Carolina Conference in Lake Junaluska. The conference was held on June 9-12. This year there were a lot of items to discuss in the meetings.

The big topic of the weekend was a proposal to cut the conference down to 8 districts. There are currently 15 districts in the conference. In January 2013, the plan will be in action with the 8 districts and the conference will be saved one million dollars. Also, a great deal of time was devoted to electing delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Our church was honored by receiving the “Faithful Steward” Award, along with nine other churches in our conference. The weekend also included ministers being ordained as deacons and elders. There was also a service honoring retiring clergy and clergy who have passed on over the past year.

It was a great weekend overall, spending time and worshiping with other Christians in our conference.

John Kidd
Please pray for those serving our country.

- Robbie Auman - US Military
- Chris Bordoni - US Navy, Afghanistan (friend of the Holthams)
- Chris Clark - US Military (Rick & Karen Dietz’ son-in-law)
- Kasey Hawley - US Air Force, Doha, Qatar (friend of Joanne Carter)
- Carlton Idol - US Military (friend of Steve & Wanda Stutts)
- Richard Ivy - US Military, Germany (Lewis Stroud’s grandson)
- Dylan Jones - US Army, Italy (Steve & Nita Coltrane’s grandson)
- Jake Lawrence - US Army (friend of Rebecca Kidd)
- Marcus McKeregan - US Navy (Gayle Rearwin’s cousin)
- Rory O’Connor - US Military
- Aaron Parker - US Coast Guard (friend of the Grimmetts)
- Eric Schneider - Afghanistan (Don & Rachel Jackson’s son-in-law)
- Rusty Sexton - US Military, Iraq (friend of Sharon Crist)
- Joel Summerlin - International Guard, Iraq (Jill Conner’s brother)
- Alex Jordan Trent - US Military (friend of Wanda Stutts)
- Jonathan Welborn - US Marines (Bill Welborn’s great-nephew)
- Zach Willey - US Army (Chuck & Jane Liescher’s son-in-law)

On his television program in 1969, the late Red Skelton relayed the story of his teacher, Mr. Laswell, who felt his students had come to think of the Pledge of Allegiance as merely something to recite in class each day.

Now, more than ever, take to heart the meaning of these words.

I, me, an individual, a committee of one.

PLEDGE: dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

ALLEGIANCE: my love and my devotion.

TO THE FLAG: our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there’s respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody’s job!

of the UNITED: that means that we have all come together.

STATES of America: individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that’s love for country.

And to the REPUBLIC: a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it’s from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands, ONE NATION: one nation, meaning “so blessed by God”.

INDIVISIBLE: incapable of being divided.

With LIBERTY: which is freedom -- the right of power to live one’s own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.

And JUSTICE: the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

FOR ALL: which means, boys and girls, it’s as much your country as it is mine.

Since that time, two words have been added to the pledge of Allegiance. UNDER GOD

Wouldn’t it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer that would be eliminated from schools too?

God Bless America!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jason & Carla Metters on the birth of their son, Carter Ryan Metters, born June 11th. Proud grandparents are Butch & Debbie Robertson, great-grandmother is Carol Darr.

Congratulations to Stuart & Courtney Hunter on the birth of their twins, Henry Stanton Hunter & Maxwell Attley Hunter, born June 27th. Big sisters are Emma & Avery Collins.

Having a baby is like having Heaven in the palm of your hands.

2011 FAITHFUL STEWARD AWARD

At the June Western North Carolina annual conference, Archdale UMC was one of ten churches to receive the Faithful Steward Award. This new initiative was sponsored by the United Methodist Foundation. The time frame was April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 for a variety of criteria concerning financial stewardship. The most any church could qualify for was 250 points. Our total was 190 points. We just became aware of this award in February 2011. The Finance Committee supported the submitting of this information.

There are 13 districts with over 1100 churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. Only 10 districts with 10 churches were recognized. Archdale UMC was the church from the High Point District. Please look at the www.archdaleumc.com website to see a picture of our lay delegate with the sign which was displayed at Lake Junaluska.

"Well done good and faithful servant."
UMW July Happenings

REMINDE RS
The Morning Circle will NOT meet in JUNE, JULY or AUGUST.
Their next meeting will be September 12th.
The Evening Circle will NOT meet on July 12th.
Their next meeting will be August 9th.

July 14-17 - Spiritual Growth at Pfeiffer University
July 17 - Ice Cream Social in the AUMC Fellowship Hall

Interested in becoming a United Methodist Woman?
All ladies of the church are invited to attend the monthly meetings of either of the two circles:
(1) the morning circle meets on the second Monday of each month at 10:30am; and (2) the evening circle meets at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday. Our mission supports women, youth and children locally and world-wide. Come see how you can make a difference in the lives of others.

July 3 - No Youth Event - Celebrate our Independence
July 10 - Volleyball Game
July 17 - Ice Cream Social
July 24 - Fiesta!
July 31 - “Thru the Roof” Theater

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The annual UMW Ice Cream Social
Sunday, July 17th 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

I scream, you scream, we ALL scream for ICE CREAM!!!
Bring your favorite flavor, homemade or store bought, or your favorite dessert. Join us for ice cream, goodies and lots of fun.

METHODIST MEN
Next meeting will be July 24, 2011

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TAKE TWO

The Take Two Committee has put a picnic table and trash receptacle at the play ground. We hope your family will be enjoy these additions to our wonderful play ground area. Thank you to Take Two for these additions.

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THRU THE ROOF MINISTRIES

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

HONOR ROLL

Archdale-Trinity Middle
Kayla Dabbs - A Honor Roll
Shay Felder - A Honor Roll

Braxton-Craven Middle
Hayden Webb - A Honor Roll

Grantham Elementary
Sarah Game - A/B Honor Roll

John Lawrence Elementary
Marcus Connor - A/B Honor Roll
Alexa Fulcher - A Honor Roll
Charlotte Hicks - A Honor Roll

Myrtle Beach Christian
Paul Game - A Honor Roll

Trinity Elementary
Madelin Dabbs - A Honor Roll

Wheatmore High
Matthew Connor - A Honor Roll
Zach Lax - A/B Honor Roll
Claire Webb - A Honor Roll

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DATES TO REMEMBER

* July 4 - Independence Day
* July 14 - Blood Drive at AUMC
* July 17 - Ice Cream Social
* July 17-23 - Youth Mission Trip
* July 31 - Church Council Mtg

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2011

July 17th - 23rd

Please pray for our Mission Team as they minister to the people of Jacksonville, FL.

Faith Camp Kickoff Dinner
Sunday, July 10th at 6:00pm
For Faith Camp 2011 participants and their parents
(If you have not been contacted by Tim about this dinner, please give him a call.)

Methodist Men

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Open Hearts...Open Minds...Open Doors

A Season of Creation

I went to Music Week at Lake Junaluska last week. It was wonderful, as always. There is no way to describe the feeling of peace that I feel when I am there. I saw a bumper sticker that read, “Lake Junaluska – It’s not just a lake. It’s an experience.” I totally agree, and I want everyone to go and have this experience.

Our theme for this year was “A Season of Creation”. I figured it would be a very environmentally friendly theme, and we were given the responsibility of taking care of God’s creation. We were reminded that creation, as God created it, is broken. This includes us, God’s favorite creation. It is our job to mend and heal God’s creation.

We all know the creation story. We have heard it a million times. God created the man – because He was lonely. Think about it – the great God longed to be with Adam and Eve, so much so that He met them every day in the cool of the evening to talk. Imagine meeting your best friend in the cool of the evening at Creekside Park every day to walk the trails and to talk to them. What do you talk about? Does it matter? No, the important thing is to be with your best friend. That is the way it was with God and Adam and Eve. They looked forward to meeting God, probably at the same place every day at the same time. It was their favorite time of the day. The same could be said of God. It was His crowning creation – a creature in His image, with His thoughts and words. Everything was GREAT for God and for mankind, until they sinned and hid from God.

Our pastor for the week, Dan Martin, told us that God still LONGS to be with His creation. We were created to be with God and to have a relationship with God. Isn’t this an inspiring thought – that not only do we need God, but nothing pleases Him more than for us to set aside time just to be with Him?

Can you set aside some moment of the week. It can be outside or inside, in your car or with a lot of people around. Of course, I suggest two of your hours of the week to be Sunday mornings! Sunday school is the time to study God’s word, to bond with your Christian brothers and sisters, to support each other, and to pray for others. During the worship service, I encourage you to hear God in the words and music. This is creation, too. Enjoy being still with God, and singing your praises to God. He longs to be with you – His greatest creation.

I will see you in church.

Keep the faith.

Cheryl
The Charitable IRA Rollover is Back
If required withdrawals from your traditional or Roth IRA create a tax burden, recent tax law changes could save you money. The charitable IRA Rollover is back for 2011, allowing individuals 70-1/2 and older who are required to take IRA distributions to transfer up to $100,000 to a church or charity - and the transfer won’t be counted as taxable income. To qualify, the gift must pass directly from the IRA administrator to the church or charity.

Such gifts could be especially beneficial to capital improvements at Archdale UMC.

As always, you will want to consult a professional advisor to ensure that such gifts fit with your charitable and financial goals.

A Gathering of the Laity
August 12, 13, 14, 2011
“Serve Joyfully”

Come join laity from around the Western North Carolina Conference and beyond for a time of spiritual growth, renewal, and revitalization in the beautiful North Carolina mountains at Lake Junaluska!

Brochures are available in the church office or on the table near the Wesley Room.

COAT is in need of food. More and more families are in need of assistance. It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep our shelves stocked.

Donations can be dropped off at Archdale UMC or at the COAT office located at First Baptist of Archdale (10607 N. Main St).

Below is a list of suggested items. Any help is appreciated!

Peanut Butter  Spaghetti Sauce  Saltine Crackers  Canned Vegetables
Jelly  Pasta  Cereal  Rice
Flour  Sugar  Canned Fruit  Canned Meats

Memorials:
In Memory of Ruby Elder Made by: Bill & Lois Welborn
In Memory of Betsy Kennedy Made by: James F. Payne
Lewis Stroud
Bill & Lois Welborn
In Memory of David Smith Made by: Lewis Stroud
We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of:
Shelly Bodenheimer (mother of Nancy Matlock)
Lynn Everheart (friend of Shelby Buchanan)
Dorothy Smith (aunt of Marie Mock)

FREE FANS FOR SENIORS AND THE DISABLED
The Randolph County Senior Adults Association has received a limited amount of free 20-inch box fans available to seniors and the disabled who have not received a free fan last year. Due to the limited amount of fans, those who received one last year will be put on a waiting list.

Fans are available to Randolph County residents, age 60 and over and the disabled who have an existing home situation that presents a threat to the person’s health and well-being. Seniors and the disabled must provide their name, date of birth, phone number, address and the disabled under 60 must also provide proof of Social Security income or Medicare card as well.

Fans can be picked up at your local Senior Adult Center. Call 431-1938 for more information.

July Birthdays
07/01 Ken Swanner
07/02 Dana McKim
07/02 Betty Roach
07/03 Pete Sarmiento
07/04 Jason Allen
07/04 Matt Gaskey
07/05 Barry Collins
07/07 David Boyd
07/07 Margaret Brannon
07/07 Douglas Harmon
07/07 Jim Pepper
07/07 Steve Smith
07/08 Lizzie Smith
07/09 Kim Aspley
07/09 Lisa Bowser
07/10 Sherry Fields
07/10 Carla Metters
07/10 Austin Roberts
07/10 Paul Sechrest
07/11 Margaret Bass
07/12 Angele Johnson
07/12 Raye Love
07/14 Kathy Brown
07/14 Jason Dunlap
07/15 Reagan Davis
07/15 Don Spell
07/16 Amy Dabb
07/17 Eddie Causey
07/17 Jack Poetzinger
07/18 Ricky Frazier
07/18 Angie Glasscock
07/18 Tom Scearce
07/18 Gerald Sellers
07/18 Mark Walker
07/19 Bruce Webb
07/20 Betty Lambert
07/21 Julia Johnson
07/22 Vicki Butler Morris
07/23 Donna Johnson
07/24 Danielle Lynch
07/25 Vicki Causey
07/25 Leslie Lowe
07/26 Chad Blossom
07/27 Zula Dobbins
07/27 Blair Farlow
07/27 Phyllis Renn
07/28 Michael Geiswich
07/28 Mary Jean Smith
07/28 Jennifer Stevens
07/29 Thomas Reagan
07/29 Fred Turner
07/30 Bradford Pruitt
07/30 Wiyet Russell
07/31 Chance Kennedy
07/31 Dan Warren

Happy Birthday!