

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 & 11:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Kids Own Worship  
4:00pm Women's Bible Study  
(Multipurpose Room)  
No UMYF

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9

11:00am Young at Heart (FH)  
4:30-8:30pm HPHE Basketball (FH)  
6:30pm Children's Ministry Team  
Meeting (Library)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:15am Exercise (Multipurpose Rm)  
9:30am Kindermusik (Reception Rm)  
4:30-6:30pm HPHE Basketball Games  
6:30pm Prayz Choir & Musicians (FH)  
8:00-9:30pm Adult Basketball (FH)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30am Mobile Meals (meet @ Montlieu  
Elementary School)  
10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
10:15am Preschool Chapel Time  
6:00-8:00pm Upward Basketball (FH)  
6:30pm AA Group (Multipurpose Rm)  
6:30pm Handbell Ringers  
7:30pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:15am Exercise (Multipurpose Rm)  
2:00pm CWU Exec. Bd. Mtg.(Library)  
4:30-8:30pm HPHE Basketball (FH)  
6:10-7:30pm TOPS(Multipurpose Rm)  
6:30pm Circle 5 (SS Classroom 211)  
6:30pm UM Men Meeting & Dinner  
(Reception Rm)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

9:15-11:15am Friday Bible Study  
6:00-8:00pm Upward Basketball (FH)  
6:00pm Scrapbooking(Multipurpose Rm)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00am-12pm Upward Basketball (FH)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 & 11:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Kids Own Worship  
6:00-8:00pm UMYF  
6:00pm SPR Committee Meeting  
(Library)

### USHERS:

*Ray Cross, Capt.*  
Rick Briley, Chap Marley  
Richard Ray, Tyler Butcher

### GREETERS:

Robert and Barbara Underwood

### REACHOUT CALLERS:

Risë Kelley, Cindy Walsh

### TRUSTEE OF THE

MONTH: Bill Simmons

### ACOLYTES:

### HELPERS:

### ALTAR GUILD:

Gerry Hollingsworth  
Pam Suggs

### PRESCHOOL TEACHERS 9:00 CHILDCARE (RM 213)

Rebecca and Joey Hammond

### 11:00 BABIES/TODDLERS

Rita Williams, Cathy Danford

### 11:00 KIDS OWN WORSHIP MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Carla and Chuck Long

### CONVALESCING

Willie Haley, Discovery Place

### HOSPITAL REPORT

No one at this time.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Serving in the Military:**  
Doug Norton, Aaron Biel,  
Wes Craven, Steven Hall

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## **VOLUME XI January 4, 2012 Number 1**

### **Staff**

Rev. Matthew S. Farabow, Senior Minister  
Dr. Marc Foster, Director of Music  
Rev. Jeffrey Martin, Minister of Senior Adults  
Kim Collins, Director of Children & Youth Ministries  
Carol Briley, Director, Through-the-Week Program  
Peggy Shepherd, Church Organist  
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Carolyn Flowers Wright, Administrative Assistant  
James Wright, Jr., Building Supervisor

### **A Stephen Ministry and Christ Care Congregation**

# Christ United Methodist Church

*"Disciples in Action – Transforming the World"*

*Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

*Prayz Service – 9:00a.m. – Fellowship Hall*

*Sunday School – 9:45a.m.*

*Worship – 11:00a.m. – Sanctuary*

*Speaker: Rev. Jeffrey Martin*

*Message: "Water, Spirit and Fire"*

*Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

The amazing poem below was submitted anonymously to me a couple of months ago when we asked people to respond to the question: *What my church means to me...*

### **CLOUD OF WITNESSES**

Sweet, misty cloud  
embraces me outside the walls,  
when morning greetings  
float over cartops  
Jesus calling.

Inside, the choir warms  
with familiar voices.  
notes mingle with laughter  
and conversation.  
Friends Worshipping.

Down hallways lined  
with broad, smiling faces  
and handprints small,  
generations walk.  
Bibles (and hearts) opening.

From iron skillet  
and deep ovens  
come the sweet aroma  
of service  
with friendship stirred up in every dish.  
Hands serving.

Familiar garden window  
with shards of colored glass  
so artfully combined  
Like the souls below  
lifting earnest prayers.  
Cloud of witnesses forming.

May these words continue to be made true through each of us as we seek to be the church Christ has called us to be and continue to work to fulfill the incredible potential that lays herewith.

*Grace and peace in this New Year, Matt*

### **Children and Youth**

**UMYF News:** There will be no UMYF on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We will start back on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00p.m.

### **Christ UMC Mission Ministries**

**Christ UMC Mission Ministries** would like to thank the following people for their participation in the recent weeks:

Lew Stookey, Dick Ray, Rick Briley, Frank Biel, Frank Parsons, Craig Kivett, Ed Bowling, Maddie Bowling, Nicky Bowling, Pat Bowling, Justin Collins, Lane Brann, Ron Butler, Kim Collins, Grayson Hicks, David Long, Corey Payne, Max Stanick, Claire Stringfellow, Meredith Stringfellow, Spencer Stringfellow, David Taylor, Paul Taylor, and Roy Andrews.

If you are interested in helping with an ongoing project that would involve painting, moving furniture and appliances, wood floor finishing, fence installation, installing a shower surround kit on a bathtub, vinyl flooring installation, or other types of work, please contact Craig Kivett @ 803-1106 for more information.

In the near future, we have a handicap ramp project coming up for another one of our church neighbors. Keep a watch for further information on this project too!

It is our hope that in the upcoming months the Christ UMC Mission Ministries will provide opportunities for people to participate in hands-on ministry of outreach to many in our community. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Craig Kivett at 803-1106. *You don't need skills as much as willing hands and hearts!*

### **Compassion Food Pantry – 2011 Summary**

At year's end we are currently helping 17 families comprised of 29 adults and 35 children. During 2011, we dispensed over 350 bags of food to neighborhood families. This wouldn't have been possible without volunteer help, food donations, and financial gifts from a caring congregation. Thank you for supporting this important mission to our neighborhood! If you have time available, the pantry needs more help in distributing food on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30a.m. For further information contact Dennis Chesney at 454-4184 or email at [dkchesney@hotmail.com](mailto:dkchesney@hotmail.com)

### **Genesis Gospel Choir HPU**

The **Genesis Gospel Choir of High Point University** would like to cordially invite you to the **Collegiate Gospel Fest** scheduled for **Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 6:00p.m.** in **Hayworth Chapel** on the campus of High Point University. The gospel fest will feature the choirs of Appalachian State University, Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University, and High Point's own Genesis Gospel Choir.

There is no cost associated with this concert; all we ask is that you bring a non-perishable food item(s) to substitute as your admission fee. The concert will benefit **Open Door Ministries**, a food bank located in High Point, NC. Please bring donations assembled at your church to the concert; a representative from Open Door will be present to collect them.

### **High Point University**

**High Point University** presents Greensboro Symphony featuring Conductor Dmitry Sitkovetsky and guest cellist Sergei Antonov at Hayworth Fine Arts Center, Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:30p.m. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, to [reservations@highpoint.edu](mailto:reservations@highpoint.edu) or 336.841.9209.

### **Meetings 2012**

**Children's Ministry Team**, Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.m., **Worship Committee**, Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00p.m., **Staff Parish Relations Committee**, Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00p.m., **Stephen Ministry**, Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.m., **Finance Committee**, Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.m., **Youth Council**, Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00p.m.; **Trustees Board**, Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, **Council on Ministries**, Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>,

at 6:45p.m., and **Through-the-Week Ministry**, Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30p.m. **All meetings will be held in the church Library.**

### **Kester Family**

**Dear Friends at CUMC**, there are so many people I need to thank at our dear Christ Church. So many did so much to make Tom's Memorial Service and the Reception afterward special. I can't even begin to mention each name. We have always felt that CUMC is our home church even though we have been away for thirteen years. This special Church opened its arms and welcomed us home at a very difficult time. I will be forever grateful for the love and comfort that I received. *It is in Christ's love I remain, Kathy Kester*

### **Sossaman Family**

**Dear Friends**, a very sincere **"thank you"** for all of the support you have given our family over the past months. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and gifts of food have sustained us through the last year, and most especially over the last few weeks. My Dad loved this church and was happiest when he was serving in any way. He would want you to know how much he loved you and he would urge all of us to continue growing in faith, serving God, and loving each other. Thanks again for your many acts of kindness. *Love, Betty Stevens and family of R. B. Sossaman*

### **Sympathy**

Christian love and sympathy to **Mrs. Willie Haley** in the death of her husband, **Jack Haley**, who died on Friday, December 23, 2011.

### **United Methodist Men**

**United Methodist Men** will meet for their dinner and meeting on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.m. in the Reception Room. **Dick Ray** will be our guest speaker. Dick is a member of our church and a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He served three years in the military and one year in Vietnam. He will show a slide presentation of the Vietnam War during the 1960's.

To all our brethren, let's start the New Year 2012 with great attendance in support of Dick. Please contact Maurice Perkins by email at [mperkins6@triad.rr.com](mailto:mperkins6@triad.rr.com) or by phone at (336) 869-1022 for a headcount for dinner.

### **Upward Basketball Information**

If you have not registered for Upward Basketball you have until **Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Form and registration fee may be dropped off at the church office anytime between 9:00a.m. until 4:00p.m. Practices will begin in January (every Wednesday and Friday) from 6:00-8:00p.m. and also on Saturday, from 9:00a.m. until 12:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The first game is **Saturday, January 21, 2012**. Contact Angela Craven by email [hunnelwell@gmail.com](mailto:hunnelwell@gmail.com) or at (336) 207-9157 or the church office with questions at (336) 889-4777.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Our **Bible Study for Women** will start on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. We are excited to announce that we will be doing the newest Beth Moore study, **James: Mercy Triumphs**. This eight week study will take us deep into the words of the brother of Jesus. Beth has revamped her study format, and you will be challenged to go deeper into the Word of God! If you are interested in this study, please contact Sharyn Andrews at (336) 906-5594 or [smandrews@gtatextiles.com](mailto:smandrews@gtatextiles.com).

### **Young at Heart**

**Young at Heart** will meet **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:00a.m. This month we will be entertained by one of Roy's Folks, **Nella Silverspear**. **Nella** makes and plays beautiful wooden flutes and I think you will be blessed by her presentation. Lunch (\$6) will be served at 12:00, so contact the church office for a reservation if you are not on a calling list. Please consider joining us on January 9<sup>th</sup> for a delightful program and a wonderful time of fellowship to begin 2012! *Betty Stevens*

### **Memorials**

#### **In Memory of Richard Sossaman**

given by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Yarborough given by Craig and Joyce Kivett  
given by Alex, Tammy & Bobby Parham given by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Stone  
given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Furr given by Douglas Collins  
given by Dammie B. Collins given by Ray and Joyce Cross  
given by Elizabeth W. Edwards given by Frances Culler  
given by Margaret H. Furr given by Zack and Elaine Clinard  
given by Bruce Weavil given by Joyful Sounds  
given by Andrea S. Clodfelter  
given by The George R. Parham II Family  
given by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sossaman, Jr.

#### **In Memory of Jack Haley**

given by Frances McFarland Bible Class

#### **In Memory of Posey M. Harris**

given by Jack M. Harris

### **Honorary**

#### **In Honor of Nancy and Rody Gibbs**

given by Charles and Carolyn Riddle, Sr.

### **OPEN DOOR MINISTRY MEALS – 2012**

*Third Tuesday of Each Month*

Month/Day	Church Group Name	Contact Person
January 17	Children's Council	Lisa Cline 475-2354
February 21	Bill Harris Sunday School	Dick Ray 869-9003
March 20	Seekers In Service	Cathy Danford 889-4859
April 17	Open	
May 15	UMYF	Claire Stringfellow 885-8991
June 19	United Methodist Men	Maurice Perkins 869-1022
July 17	Come As You Are	Sharyn Andrews 889-0643
August 21	Open	
September 18	Chancel Choir	Marc Foster 601-506-3934
October 16	Agape Class	Betty Stevens 861-1865
November 20	United Methodist Men	Maurice Perkins 869-1022
December 18	Open	

- Dinner is served promptly at 6:00p.m.
- Open Door Ministries, 885-0191
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Lopez, Missions Committee Chair (H-475-5928)

### **Worship Attendance**

	Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
Sunday School	120	127	none
9:00 Worship Service	48	57	none
11:00 Kids Own Worship	21	none	none
11:00 Worship Service	<u>204</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>90</u>
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>90</b>

### **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

Sunday School	63	
9:00 Worship Service	38	
11:00 Worship Service	<u>146</u>	(No Kids Own Worship)
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>184</b>	