

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

New Member Sunday
9:00 & 11:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Kids Own Worship
4:00-6:00pm Women's Bible Study
(Reception Room)
5:00pm Upward Basketball Meeting
(Library) – Volunteers Needed
6:00-8:00pm UMYF
6:00pm Lay Leadership Committee
Meeting (Library)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4:30pm HPHE Basketball (FH)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:15am Exercise (Multipurpose Rm)
9:30-11:30am Kindermusik Nursery
(Reception Rm)
6:30pm Prayz Choir&Musicians (FH)
8:30-9:30pm Adult Basketball (FH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00am Intercessory Prayer
2:00pm Joyful Sounds perform @
Piedmont Christian
6:15pm Christ Ambassadors
6:30pm AA Group (Multipurpose Rm)
6:30-7:30pm Handbell Ringers
7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:15am Exercise (Multipurpose Rm)
4:30pm HPHE Basketball (FH)
6:15-7:30pm TOPS (Multipurpose Rm)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:15-11:15am Friday Bible Study
(Reception Room)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 & 11:00am Communion
9:45am Sunday School
12:00pm Called Charge Conference
Meeting
4:00pm Crop Walk (Wesley Mem. UMC)
4:00-6:00pm Women's Bible Study
(Reception Rm)
6:00-8:00pm UMYF

USHERS:

Bobby Yates, Capt.
Brunell Wise, Jimmy Bowman
Tyler Butcher, Randy Wagoner

GREETERS:

Jim and Ann Morgan

REACHOUT CALLERS:

Pat Hart, Janie Shell

TRUSTEE OF THE

MONTH: John Jones

ACOLYTES:

September 25th

HELPERS:

September 25th

ALTAR GUILD:

Betty Stevens, Susi Hudson

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

9:00 CHILDCARE (RM 213)

Jenni Hall, Kim Collins

11:00 BABIES/TODDLERS

Ginger and Sam Best

11:00 KIDS OWN WORSHIP

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Amy Adams, Susi Hudson

CONVALESCING

Paul Collins, Pennybyrn
Willie Haley, Greensboro Place
Greensboro, NC
JayVon & Martha Rike
Camden Place Health & Rehab,
Greensboro, NC

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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“Disciples in Action – Transforming the World”

Sunday, September 25th, 2011

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

Sunday School – 9:45a.m.

Worship – 11:00a.m. – Sanctuary

Speaker: Rev. Matthew Farabow

Message: “A Place to Belong...Not Just Attend”

Scripture: John 17: 1-11

Waking to God's Dream...

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” Proverbs 29:18

A couple of years ago read a book that continues to lead me in my journey as a pastor. It is a book written by Bishop Dick Wills, of the Nashville area of The United Methodist Church. His book Waking to God's Dream, is a wonderful guide for leadership and the future of the church.

In the introduction he talks about developing a vision for the future of the church. He says, “A vision is not seeing what is now, but what **can be and will be** in the future. Too many people see only what is now, or only what has been.” God put our eyes in the front so that when we look backward, we get a stiff neck. God wants us to look forward.

Bishop Wills also lists 10 principles for how a church can grow through the changes and challenges we face:

1) Joy comes from walking with God and is not dependent on external circumstances

-Simplified: Our lives are to be joyful from our walking with God together and not jaded by what is happening around us.

2) God blesses obedience

-In other words, God wants us to follow Him and rid ourselves of our own self-interests. His only remaining commandment to us as His redeemed people is that we love Him above all else, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

3) Growing larger by growing smaller

-Small groups in a church are essential for discipling, discipleship, and being faithful disciples.

4) Not my ideas, but a willingness to be a part of what God is blessing

-We need to look at what God is doing in our midst and jump on board with his Spirit.

5) The bible is the best source of what the church needs to be

-The bible is our guide, our story, and our future as we seek to live like Christ.

6) Form Follows function

-A new vision and future hinges upon what and who God has here in this place now.

7) The greater the relationship, the fewer the rules

Focus upon loving relationships with each other rather than upon regulating each other's lives.

8) You cannot share what you do not have

If we do not share a love for one another, God will never call others to this place to learn of his love.

9) God honors shared leadership

-As disciples we all are called to work for the kingdom, each with our own gifts and graces to be his hands and feet in the church, community and world.

10) Individual change precedes organizational change

-We are less willing to change ourselves than we are others; I need to change within myself first before I can help others to change.

11) Growing your relationship with God takes time

-Each of us must continually spend the time necessary to grow our relationship with God so that our lives can reflect Jesus in a broken world.

Bishop Wills sees only two options for the church today. Those options are either **deep spiritual change or slow death**. When we are faced with change or death, how do we respond? Wills lists three usual reactions:

Peace at any price – Don't rock the boat. Leave things as they are. Don't upset anyone. Keep trying to please all the people all the time. Wills writes, “When this happens, something precious in you dies.”

Exit – You leave. Clergy leave their pulpit for another appointment; leaders and members leave the congregation for another church. It is the simplistic illusion that all of a congregation's problems will be solved if the pastor departs, or all a leader's pain will be eased if they depart the church. Either way, Wills sees this alternative as falling victim to the old lie that “the grass is greener on the other side of the hill.”

Deep Spiritual Change – This is the final and best solution. Personal change on behalf of members of a congregation (both pastors and lay people) precedes organizational change. Deep spiritual change is what is needed to lead the church today into the future.

When a person seeks deep spiritual change in his or her life, there is always God's invitation to walk by faith, not by sight. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says, *"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"* (Matthew 6:33).

So what do you all think? Peace at any price? Exit? Or Deep spiritual change? Personally, I believe with all that I am that God is growing within each of us wonderful disciples who strive to know God and love each other. It may be hard work...but that is deep spiritual change and I see it happening around us at Christ UMC! -Grace and peace, Matt

Adult

High Point District Lay Rally is Sunday, October 9th, at Mt. Vernon UMC, Trinity, NC, at 3:00p.m. Guest Speaker: Rev. Donald Jenkins, Pastor at St. Paul UMC in Winston-Salem. We have 30 Laity Service Award recipients who will be recognized and presented with Laity Service certifications.

ASP Adult Trip

Our fall **ASP Adult Trip** is Thursday, September 29th-Saturday, October 1st, to Jonesville, Virginia. We request the church to pray for our effectiveness in caring for the people we meet, that we can meet their home repair needs, and that we have a safe trip. Also that as we "go," the church "goes with us." *Craig Kivett*

Bark for Life of High Point

The 1st **Annual Bark for Life of High Point** event is Saturday, October 15, 2011, at Creekside Park. The event will be filled with fun and games – for humans and canines. Bark for Life is a non-competitive dog walk to benefit the American Cancer Society. You can register for the event as an individual or as a team! Get a group of friends together – and set up a team. Register online at www.relayforlife.org/barkhp. Registration is \$20 per canine. The walker receives an event t-shirt, and the canine will receive a bandana. If you have any questions, please call 336-834-0844. – *Your Bark for Life Committee*

Charge Conference Meeting

There will be a called **Charge Conference** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on October 2nd. All members of the Administrative Board are encouraged to attend this brief meeting.

Children's Breakfast

The Quarterly Children's Breakfast will be Sunday, September 25th, in the Multipurpose Room at 9:45a.m. We will be recognizing children with July, August and September birthdays.

CUMC Sole Seekers

WHITEWATER RAFTING & MORE - Saturday, October 8th, 2011
The CUMC Sole Seekers is a Christian outing group open to all. Come join us for a THRILLING day at the US National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC. Whitewater Rafting (Class III+), Rock Climbing, Ziplines, Adventure Ropes Courses, Mountain Biking (bikes provided), Eco Trekking and MUCH MORE for \$49! Bring towel, change of clothing & shoes, warm socks, \$ for lunch/locker, and your bike helmet. Wetsuits available for rent. You pick what YOU want to do! Closed toed shoes only, no flip flops. Are you ready for adventure? Call Lew Stookey at 454-6283.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Rebecca and Joseph Hammond** on the birth of their son, **Mason Joseph Hammond** on July 14th. The proud parents also have two sons, Caleb and Josh, who are the proud *big brothers*. Mike and Ann Current are the grandparents.

Crop Walk

Sunday, October 2nd, registration for crop walk is 3:00p.m. at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. Walk begins at 4:00p.m. and is 3 miles (with a 1 mile route option). Entertainment provided by Green Street Baptist Church Contemporary Band. Hot dogs and refreshments served after the walk. Goal – 700 walkers and \$30,000 raised! *T-shirts available to the first 700 walkers who raise at least \$20 in sponsorships.*

Contact: Steve Key at Open Door Ministries, stevekey@hotmail.com, 336-885-0191.

Give Blood, Get Points, Win Big

Change Lives Together – Join fellow Americans who are helping save lives by **giving blood**. Where: Christ UMC on **Monday, October 3rd**, from 3:00-7:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Brenda Thomas at 431-8861 to make an appointment! Walk-ins welcome - photo ID required. All donors will be eligible to win Delta Airline tickets! Volunteers are needed to bring cookies and drinks to serve our donors.

High Point District Impact Community Day

Impact Community Day is less than a month away and we need your help! We are happy to announce that we have added our district UMAP house to our concentrated list of sites. The other sites are Ward Street, West End Ministries, and the High Point Korean Church. We realize your church may have another project near and dear to your heart. Please let us know if you have suggestions about work projects (we may not be able to incorporate them until next year, but we might need them now). You can contact me, Carol Carkin, at ccarkin@wnccumc.net or at 906-7003. We hope to get most people preregistered. You can register yourself and your church group at www.impacthighpoint.org.

In a time of crunched budgets one of the real challenges this year is funding the work, which in the past has been provided by our partner agencies. We especially need landscaping bargains if you have any connections in that field. In the beginning we were led by God to invite the community to our Closing Celebration Hot Dog Lunch at West End and at Ward Street. We still believe that is God's desire so we can provide a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and be in fellowship with those we seek to serve, but our dollars can only stretch so far. If you would like to contribute to the supplies needed or if you have a group that can help cook, please let me know. We will also be providing smaller scale hot dog cookouts at the UMAP Home for the residents and volunteers and at the High Point Korean Church. *Carol Carkin and the Impact Community Design Team*

Meetings

Lay Leadership Committee, October 2nd at 6:00p.m., **Children's Ministry Team**, October 3rd at 6:30p.m., **Trustees Board**, October 6th at 6:30p.m., **Council on Ministry**, October 10th at 7:00p.m., **Staff Parish Relations Committee**, October 16th, at 6:00p.m.

Worship Committee, October 17th at 2:00p.m., **Stephen Ministry**, October 17th at 6:30p.m., **Finance Committee**, October 18th at 6:30p.m., **Youth Council**, October 18th at 7:00p.m., (Youth Rm.), and **TTW Ministry**, October 27th, at 5:30p.m. All meetings will be held in the Library except as noted.

New Member Sunday

We will welcome our new members into our congregation on Sunday, September 25th, at the 11:00a.m. worship service.

Joyce R. Cox, 2680 Ingleside Dr., 2-A, High Point, NC 27265
Susan Peach, 120 Marywood Dr., High Point, NC 27265
Sylvia L. Potts, 3928 Wallburg-High Point Rd., High Point, NC 27265
Margaret and Orville Samuelson, 4000 Clubhouse Ct., Apt. 1F, High Point, NC 27265
Sonja and Ed Tomlinson, 3324 Rockingham Rd., High Point, NC 27265

Shopping Extravaganza Bazaar

It's Bazaar time! Just like the changing of the leaves, Fall brings a time to have church bazaars. This year's bazaar will be **Saturday, November 5th**, in the Fellowship Hall. Time: 8:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Setup times are as follows: **Thursday night, November 3rd, from 6:00p.m. until 8:00p.m.; Friday morning, November 4th, from 10:00a.m. until 1:00p.m.**

The cost: \$25 per table. Each table will be approximately (8) feet long. If you do not need a whole space, you may share with someone. One person is to be responsible for payment and registration. (No split payments).

SINCE THIS IS A FUNDRAISER, WE MUST HAVE APPLICATIONS BY **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**, AND CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING BY **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**. THIS WILL ALLOW US TIME TO FILL ANY CANCELLED APPLICATIONS.

We would appreciate all vendors setting up prior to the event but if you have special circumstances, please let me know in advance so we can develop a plan. **United Methodist Men** will serve a **pancake breakfast** from 7:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks again for your support and I look forward to seeing each of

you! If you have any questions contact: Phyllis M. Lopez, by email: pmlopez@northstate.net; or 336-431-0422; (office); 336-475-5928 (home); or 336-847-8771 (cell)

Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Sam Best in the death of his mother, **Mrs. Meta Best**, who died on Friday, August 26, 2011.

Women's Bible Study

Interested in a Bible Study with other women seeking a closer walk with God? Join us on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00p.m. for 'Faithful, Abundant, True', a seven week Bible Study featuring Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer and Kay Arthur. The study will begin Sunday, September 25. The workbook: **\$15**. If you're interested, contact Sharyn Andrews at (336) 906-5594 or smandrews@gtatextiles.com. Join us for a wonderful learning and fellowship experience.

Upward Basketball

Upward for 2012 is already beginning to get organized and we need your help. We need people to pray about volunteering, coaching, refereeing, and praying for the children and families involved. At the present time a number of Upward fundraisers are being worked on; but if you would like to help out with your financial support please feel free to do so. Upward costs over \$70 per child involved. In the past our church has discounted the costs in order to get more involved and reach out to the needy in our community. It has been a wonderfully successful ministry in our church. I hope you will continue to support Upward with your time, finances, and prayers this coming year. It is an incredible ministry to kids in our community and great for our church!

If you interested in volunteering for Upward please join us on Sunday, September 25th, at 5:00p.m. in the Library. Contact Angela Hunnewell @ 207-9157 if you have any questions.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet Monday, October 3, at 11:00a.m. A very special musical program will be presented by Ronnie Conaway who will be performing at 11:00 prior to our business meeting. Ronnie sings a variety of music and you are sure to be blessed and entertained by his wonderful program. Lunch (\$6) will be served at 12:00, so please come and join this wonderful group of Young Hearts as we greet the month of October with music and fellowship. Call the church office (889-4777) to make a reservation if you are not already on a calling list. *Betty Stevens*

Memorials

In Memory of Grady Cox

given by Darrell and Martha Bullock given by G. L. Stroud, Jr.
given by Peggy and Buster Shepherd given by Donna Sims
given by Zack and Elaine Clinard given by Ann and Jim Morgan
given by Cumby Family Funeral Service given by Carol and Jim Newman

In Memory of Meta Best

given by Ann and Jim Morgan

In Memory of Doris Bulla

given by G. L. Stroud, Jr.

In Memory of Ruby Collins

given by Bruce Weavil given by Ann and Jim Morgan

In Memory of Robert Samuels

given by Ann and Jim Morgan

Worship Attendance

	Sunday, September 11, 2011	September 18, 2011
Sunday School	147	99
9:00 Worship Service	45	49
11:00 Kids Own Worship	7	7
11:00 Worship Service	<u>181</u>	<u>146</u>
Total Worship Attendance	233	202