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NOTE: This is a Month-Long Issue.

Welcome to Our 2010

Confirmation Class

On Sunday, May 2, we confirmed seven of our youth who became members of Saint Mark. They are: (top left) **Emma Baldwin, Taylor Daum, Sarah Baldwin, Georgia Childress,** (bottom left) **Connor Cox, Ryan Hirt and Gabe Sanders.** When you see them, please make them feel welcome.



Congratulations To Our Graduates

2010 Seneca High School Graduates:

Jake Edgar
Erin Garland
Lance Glenn
Faith Holley
Adam Lacey
Kyle Rogers
Aubrey Rushe
Taylor Wilson
Devan Williams



2010 College Graduates

Bradley Cherry - United States Naval Academy
Carrie Cottingham - The Charleston School of Law
Abby Fincannon - Winthrop University
Vince Gaulin - School of Art Institute of Chicago
Chris Heck - Southern Wesleyan
Melody Holley - Tri-County Tech
Rebecca Li - USC
Kelly Lowe - USC
Patrick McCracken - University of Tennessee
Lauren Miller - Sweet Briar College
Lauren Pipher - Florida State University
Kathryn Pollock - College of Charleston
Rachel Amanda Smith - Presbyterian College
Paige Matthews Wolfe - Candler School of Theology — Emory University
Matthew Sloop - Nashville Automotive and Diesel College
Charity Yost - North Greenville University

Reception Planned for Dr. Stillwell

A reception to honor our District Superintendent, Dr. Robert E. Stillwell and Marian, will be held on Sunday, June 6, from 3:00-5:00 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1809 North Main Street, Anderson.

Deposits Now Due for Next Pilgrimage Journey to Holy Land

Our 2nd Saint Mark trip to the Holy Land is set for **February, 2011**. The 10-day itinerary will include some of the same sites as the first, plus some additional sites we have arranged.

We need to confirm our reservations with the airlines. If you are interested, please submit your deposit now.



Also, the number of seats on the bus is a factor in taking reservations.

We promise an unforgettable and life-enriching experience of insight into scripture.

Please see **Steve** or **Jeff** for further information.



First Steps Ministry

Children Preschool-Kindergarten
with Lisi Campbell



Youth and Children's Ministries

Sailing Toward the Sun

Grades 1 - 12 with Donna



Carrot Ministry

- A free monthly "Parents Night Out" childcare ministry offered for children infant-12 years.
- Next date: **Friday, June 4th** from 6:30-9:30
- RSVP for reservation: lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org by Thursday, June 3.
- Children will need to bring a snack; lemonade will be provided.



Nursery and Children's Sunday School



We are always looking for volunteers in these 2 ministries. I hope you will contact me at lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org. I promise that it will truly be a blessing to be a part of watching these young children grow in their faith.

Vacation Bible School 2010

- Set for the evenings of August 1- 4
- Theme: Experience the deep, rolling water of God's love with a *High Seas Expedition*
- Volunteers needed for decorating, registration, publicity, recreation, crafts, music, and more
- Please contact Lisi to 'set sail' with us this summer: lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org



We are now collecting the following items for VBS:

- nets (soccer nets, fishing nets, etc.), life preservers
- ship wheels, wooden barrels, large light houses
- seaweed, lanterns, anchors
- crabs, lobsters, fish, dolphins, large bells
- other nautical knickknacks



Please label anything you would like returned when VBS is over. Contact Lisi with questions



Summer at Saint Mark

We are fortunate to have so many opportunities to reach out to others during our summer. Thank you for giving of your time and talents. Have a wonderful "God filled" summer!

Donna

Youth Summer (completed grades 7-12)

June 12-19

- Youth will deliver popsicles to Oconee Salkehatchie sites each day



June 24-30

- Wings for the Lord choir tour to St. Louis
- Homecoming concert, 7 pm, June 30.



July 10-17

- Youth to Lexington, Laurens and Rock Hill Salkehatchie

July 27-29

- Youth mentor Special Friends Day Camp

August 1-4

- Youth help with Vacation Bible School

Children's Summer (completed grades 6 and under)

June 8 - Children's Swim party at Stillwater

July 18 - Children's Summer Party at Port Santorini

August 1 - 4 - Vacation Bible School

- Bible school will be at night this year.



Print at Home or Continue to Receive Through Mail?



In this world in which communication is increasingly by electronic means, we in the church want to practice good stewardship.

We are happy to continue sending our monthly *Navigator* newsletter to persons by regular mail.

If, however, you are able and willing to print it off at home or work from email, please contact **Karen** at the church office and she will add your name to our growing email newsletter mailing list.

The newsletter is also available on the church web - www.saintmarkumcseneca.org.

Honoring Drop-In to Be Held For Reverend Pattie Gordon

We at Saint Mark are cordially invited to attend the drop-in honoring the ministry of Reverend Pattie Gordon, who will be moving this year from our sister church at New Harmony UMC to serve another church appointment.

We have come to love and appreciate Pattie's devotion and spirit of collegiality and wish her God's fullest blessing in her future ministry.

The drop-in for her will be:

Saturday, June 19
3:00 - 5:00

at

New Harmony UMC



The deadline for submissions to the next

Newsletter Navigator will be Friday, June 25, 2010 at noon! Thank you for your help!

Congregational Care Notes *by Jeff Childress*



We Extend Our Sincere Sympathies to:

Polly Massey and her family on the death of her daughter, **Linda Klein**. Her memorial service was held May 28 in Texas.

Congratulations to:

- **Ryan Keese and Cora Allard Keese** on their wedding held May 21 at Wayah Bald near Franklin, North Carolina
- **Paige Matthews Wolfe**, Daughter of Jim and Susan Matthews, who will be commissioned as a Provisional Deacon on June 12 at the South Carolina Annual Conference in Florence, South Carolina.

Personal Prayer Notes

Bud Burke – Husband of Ree Burke, at home with various health concerns

Jeff Cain – With recurrence of cancer and scheduled for surgery June 3 at Greenville Memorial

Lorraine Carlson – Mother of Judy Hopp, under Hospice care in Atlanta, Georgia

Joyce Carney – Scheduled for knee replacement surgery June 7 at Oconee Medical Center

Joan Chittenden – Recovering at home following recent hospitalization for blood clot

Wy Davis – With daily improvement at Greenville Memorial Hospital, and doctors requesting no visitors for now to aid in her recovery process

Lynn Dobson – Recovering from recent biopsy procedure and awaiting test results.

Jackie Hamilton – Home after recent hospitalization and continuing treatment for pneumonia

Karen Hansen – Has completed series of chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma

Jim Jolly – Continuing under doctor's care at Greenville Memorial Hospital

Carolyn Kohlenhoefer – Scheduled for back surgery June 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Greenville

Ed Mainous – Father of Carolyn Mainous, undergoing treatments for prostate cancer

Paul Oliver – Relative of Pauline Adams, with recent diagnosis of colon cancer

Kim Thomas – Neighbor of Charlie and Florence Garcia, undergoing treatments for brain tumor

Jim Turner – Undergoing rehabilitation therapy at Lila Doyle following recent surgery

Delegates Collecting Care Packages for Troops

Every year the South Carolina Annual Conference sponsors service project opportunities for its delegates and the churches they represent.

From among the options for this year's Conference, we, your 2010 delegates, have chosen "*Care Packages for Troops*" as our favored project and invite your contributions. Items for these packages will be brought to the Conference, then assembled into packages to be delivered to overseas service persons.

The care packages include the following:

Books

CDs

DVDs

International Phone Cards

All-Occasion Cards

Hand-held games

Small toys (for soldiers to hand out)



Please bring any items you would contribute to the atrium entrance way on the Ben Hilda side by **SUNDAY, JUNE 6**.

We will then take these things with us to Annual Conference in Florence when we go on June 10-13.

Thank you on behalf of our troops.

**Carolyn Keese, Jeannette Martin,
Jim Morrison, Jane Pridgen
Debbie Wallace**



Thank You For Helping Haiti from UMCOR

A massive earthquake on January 12 devastated Haiti, taking thousands of lives and leaving more than a million in need of water, food, shelter and medical care. Within hours, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) friends like you responded with prayers and gifts.

Because of your generous giving we were able to send \$6,500 to aid the Haitian people. Your contribution is helping UMCOR to be in Haiti for as long as it takes to understand the people's needs, and work to create a sustainable integrated infrastructure and address the psychological impact to a traumatized nation.

Steve's Log

Dr. Steven Morgan, Senior Pastor



Annual Conference to Meet on Weekend

For the first time in memorable history the South Carolina Annual Conference will be meeting on a weekend – June 10-13.

This seems so appropriate, and it is exciting to think about the ministerial appointments being made in the context of Sunday morning worship on Sunday, June 13. Again this year, the Conference will be meeting at the Civic Center in Florence.

Toward this end, our bishop, Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, has asked all pastors to secure other persons to lead in worship in all the churches throughout the conference that Sunday, so that pastors may be present in the conference worship that morning. We thank our Lay Leader, Jens Holley, for his willingness to prepare and lead our Saint Mark services that day, while Jeff and I, along with our five Saint Mark delegates will be participating in that service of celebration of appointments in Florence.

In the business session one of the tough issues we will be discussing and voting on will, of course, be health insurance.

A high point in the Conference for Saint Mark will be the commissioning of **PAIGE MATTHEWS WOLFE** as a provisional deacon. As a graduate this year of Emory's Candler School of Theology, this means that she will be approved to be on the track to be ordained in a couple of years, like Jeff, as a deacon in the United Methodist Church. We invite your attendance in this service of ordination and commissioning:

**Saturday, June 12
7:00 p.m.
Civic Center, Florence, SC**

Our congratulations, prayers, and best wishes for Paige.

Blessings,
Steve

Faith Matters for May 1-23, 2010

Attendance, Sunday, May 2

Sunday School	289
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	122
9:15 am Celebration	266
11:15 am Traditional	262

Total Worship 650

Attendance, Sunday, May 9

Sunday School	242
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	130
9:15 am Celebration	180
11:15 am Traditional	290

Total Worship 600

Attendance, Sunday, May 16

Sunday School	250
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	107
9:15 am Celebration	195
11:15 am Traditional	201

Total Worship 503

Attendance, Sunday, May 23

Sunday School	260
Worship 8:15 am Traditional	109
9:15 am Celebration	230
11:15 am Traditional	154

Total Worship 493

Financial Information through May 23, 2010

Budget Needed to Date	\$492,233
Budget Income to Date	\$477,347 *
Expenses to Date	\$462,507

Mortgage Balances:

* 2008 Mortgage	\$1,630,827
1995 Mortgage	\$391,916
Parsonage Mortgage	\$74,216

* NOTE: Presently our 2008 mortgage is being paid out of our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND (not included in Budget Income noted above) at the rate of \$12,675 per month (\$50,700 through April). The balance remaining in this CAPITAL FUND account is \$95,558, which will be depleted by the end of the year. At that time, we will need to honor our commitment to cover the debt by either refinancing our 1995 and 2008 mortgages or by securing additional gifts/commitments from our congregation to cover the mortgage payments, or a combination of the two.

Additional financial information is available on the bulletin board outside Faye's office and upon request to her.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

Forming A New Class of Confirmation Students



Confirmation
2010-11

Do you have or know a youth currently a rising 7th grade or older who would enjoy participating in our Saint Mark Confirmation program? Confirmation will begin in August 2010 and continue through the first part of May 2011. The confirmation journey will take your youth through the history, traditions and practices of our church and help them become disciples of Christ. It includes several interesting field trips and at least one weekend retreat. At the end, they will have the opportunity to become a full member of Saint Mark. If interested, please contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office as soon as possible – 882-2603 or mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org.

2nd Annual Family Retreat

Our plans are in place for our 2010 Family Retreat at Asbury Hills www.sccampsandretreat.org/asbury-hills/ on **Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29**, this year at Asbury Hills. You can pick up a brochure in the literature rack in the atrium or you can find the brochure and register on our church website saintmarkumcseneca.org. Look under “Hot Topics.” The cost will be \$40 per person (children/youth and adults) and includes the cost of lodging, 4 meals and all of our activities for the 24+ hours we will be there. Activities will include swimming, canoeing, hiking, a challenge course and tree climbing. Remember, you don’t have to have children at home to “qualify.” Anyone and everyone is invited to join us. This event is co-sponsored by the Education and Spiritual Formation Ministry Teams. Questions? Contact **Jane Barker** at 882-4489 or **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION UPDATE

Looking for Small Group Study Leaders



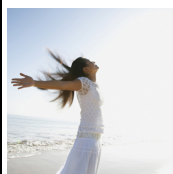
We are already looking toward fall and some of the classes/studies/seminars we want to offer. First, we offer classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:15 as part of our Church Family night. We are looking for persons who would be interested in teaching or facilitating a study on anything from Bible study to Christian living to hobbies or skills such as photography. These series of classes run either five or six consecutive Wednesdays each quarter. We also offer evening classes, as well as daytime classes on almost any day of the week. If you would be interested in offering an hour-long class on Wednesdays or a class, study or seminar at another time, please contact **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603 or mfuller@saintmarkumcseneca.org.

Circle of Friends Retreat

Ladies, we are going back to Lake Junaluska for our next *Circle of Friends* 24 hour Women’s Retreat. Mark your calendars now for **Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18**. What a great time of year to be at Lake Junaluska!! Watch for details.



Practicing the Presence of God



Living in God's presence is the ultimate gift of God. Better than anything in the world, living in God's presence combines the greatest features of earthly existence with all we can understand of heavenly existence. We live in the world but are not of the world, because we are of God's kingdom. Right here. Right now.

- Author unknown

Opportunities to Get Involved

SAINTS IN SERVICE AT SAINT MARK

God has gifted each and every one of us to serve. Where will you use your gifts, talents and passions in service to God and His church? Look below for some upcoming opportunities to serve:



† *Will You Plug In? – Teachers for 2-3 year old Sunday School Class (10:15 am)*

Do you love small children? We are looking for two groups of two people to teach this Sunday School Class on a rotating schedule – one month at a time. You could be a married couple or invite a friend to join you. Lessons are very easy to plan! They are clearly outlined in a teacher's book that also provides coloring sheets and craft ideas. **We need volunteers now.** If you would love to serve in this way, please contact **Lisi Campbell** at 882-2603 or lcampbell@saintmarkumcseneca.org.

† *Will You Plug In? – Pontoon Drivers for Special Friends Day Camp*

We will need pontoon drivers for Special Friends on July 27th leaving from South Cove Park around 10:45-12:00 noon. Each special needs child will have a youth or adult with them. Contact **Lynn Dobson** at bnldobson@alumni.clemson.edu if you are interested and can help.

† *Will You Plug In? – Van and Bus Drivers for Special Friends Day Camp*

Support our Special Friends (children with disabilities) by providing transportation to and from activities. We will need drivers who can provide their own vans for transport on July 27th, in addition to the two church vans and one bus. Contact **Lynn Dobson** at bnldobson@alumni.clemson.edu if you are interested and can help.

Event and program leaders, if you need *Saints in Service* and want to place an “ad” like this in the *Navigator*, please contact **Marla Fuller** at the church office – 882-2603.

Worship Matters for Sunday, June 6, 2010

Acolytes: Gabe Sanders (8:15 am); Kelsey Sauer (11:15 am); **Altar:** Lisa Kiser (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Deryl and Carolyn Keese (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Pam Powell, Anna Wilson; **Counters:** Alicia Spivey, Jane Brosnan; **Greeters:** Bob and Carol Holmes (8:15 am); Jan and Bob Carlson (9:15 am); Sharlene Hammond, Van Fair (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bob Holmes (8:15 am); Mack Cason (9:15 am); Larry Waterman (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Anna Baldwin (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Ann Albert/Linda Lovelace (9:15 am); **Sound:** Greg Wales (8:15 am); Russ Poston (9:15 am); Jeff Pearson (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Kathy Henry; **Ushers:** Richard Christensen (Head), Phyllis Christensen, Larry and Jane Gabe (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Jack and Joanna Donegan, Jane Gelsomino (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, June 13, 2010

Acolytes: Courtney Johnson (8:15 am); Haley Pearson (11:15 am); **Altar:** Joyce Carney (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Bart Sauer (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Linda Skene, Mary Jo Clarkson; **Counters:** Mary Ann Schrecengost, Debbie DuBose; **Greeters:** Jack Peck, Marlene Edlund (8:15 am); Janna and Chuck Smith (9:15 am); Paul and Dorothy Ritts (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Frank Lamson-Scribner (8:15 am); Larry Waterman (9:15 am); Bill Nelson (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Mike Wallace (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Mary Barnette, Sarah Boylston (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jack Davis (8:15 am); Bob Walker (9:15 am); Mike Baldwin (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Jean Rogers; **Ushers:** Alan Van Heusen (Head), Gene Snyder, Robert Gray, Charles Sisk (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Jack and Joanna Donegan, Jane Gelsomino (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, June 20, 2010

Acolytes: Sarah Beth Wilson (8:15 am); Loren Wales (11:15 am); **Altar:** Sheryl Cherry, Lilly Blue (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Lonny Ensign (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Ami Edwards, Carrie Meigs; **Counters:** Frank Lamson-Scribner, Bruce Phillips; **Greeters:** Ron and Jeri Schoel (8:15 am); Ginny and Ray Lightfoot (9:15 am); Bob and Rena Walden (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Bud Search (8:15 am); Larry Waterman (9:15 am); Gene Snyder (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Adam Boggs (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Carol Detwiler (9:15 am); **Sound:** Jane Barker (8:15 am); Basil Carney (9:15 am); Basil Carney (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Sandy Nelson; **Ushers:** Clyde McCall (Head), Dean Garland, Carolyn Kohlenhoefer, Jack Peck (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Bill Metcalf, Mike and Barbara McGrey (11:15 am)

Worship Matters for Sunday, June 27, 2010

Acolytes: Billy Boggs (8:15 am); Corinne Stephenson (11:15 am); **Altar:** Paula Daffin (9:15 am); **Chairs:** Neil and Lisa Carney (9:15 am); **Children's Church:** Debbie Wallace, Beth Voss; **Communion Servers:** Marlene Edlund, Gladys Chastain, Charlie Argue (8:15 am); Jim and Susan Matthews, Doug and Charlotte Hirt, Sheryl Cherry, Joni Gregg (9:15 am); Billy and Sally Boggs, Ed McCann (11:15 am); **Counters:** Debbie DuBose, Todd Walker; **Greeters:** David and Polly Harshbarger (8:15 am); Betty Bryant, Freida Phipps (11:15 am); **Lay Readers:** Gene Snyder (8:15 am); Jane Johnson (9:15 am); Joanna Donegan (11:15 am); **Projectionist:** Bob Dobson; (9:15 am); **Refreshments:** Kelly Pew (9:15 am); **Sound:** Russ Poston (8:15 am); Gladys Chastain (9:15 am); John Prescott (11:15 am); **Stephen Minister:** Paul Agnew; **Ushers:** David Harshbarger (Head), Polly Harshbarger, Skip and Joyce Soderdahl (8:15 am); Van Fair (Head), Bill Metcalf, Mike and Barbara McGrey (11:15 am)

From Our Members

“Grand” Stewardship

Show your grandchild (or “adopted” grand) how to cultivate the fruits of the spirit by teaching ethics, morals, and values, and by leading a spiritually-conscious life. Because grandparents are uniquely suited to connect with their grandchild in a contemplative state of mind, both are naturally primed to marvel and evaluate the mysteries of the universe in a profound manner. By doing so, you will illuminate and transform yourselves for the better.



Here are some guidelines to help you celebrate this special relationship:

- Take time to think through your own attitudes and philosophy concerning this role.
- Decide how you will implement this role in the most authentic way possible in the light of your own values, philosophy and experience.
- Make your beliefs and intentions to be a spiritual guide known by word and example.
- Coordinate what you intend to do concerning both your spirituality and your established religious practices with the child’s parents.
- Spend time alone with your grandchild in nature.
- Engage in a charitable activity with your grandchild.
- Share your own spiritual experiences with your grandchild.
- Listen to your grandchild’s conceptions of the meaning of life, nature and God.
- Discuss the “fruits of the spirit” mentioned above with your grandchild and your family.
- Demonstrate spiritual values in action and language.
- Transmit religious beliefs when appropriate and with parental consent.

Note: Even those grandparents who profess no spiritual beliefs can teach goodness. Set an excellent personal example: teach generosity, kindness, and concern for others by engaging in charitable activities with a grandchild.

*These notes are taken directly (most verbatim) from the work of Arthur Kornhaber, MD, author of **Grandparent Guide**.*

- Polly Fehler

McCormick Prison Visit

“But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them....”

This passage from Acts 16:25 has always puzzled me: how could prisoners, such as Paul and Silas, who had been beaten and put in chains, find anything to sing about? I got an answer when I saw the saving power of God at work in the lives of men as Joe and I joined about 12 other Saint Mark members and journeyed to McCormick Correctional Institute in McCormick, SC. I was a little nervous as I waited to pass through the prison security, not sure of what I would experience on “the other side”. I was feeling pretty proud of myself for finally obeying Jesus’ call to visit those in prison, but as I entered the sanctuary and was greeted with such warm smiles of welcome, I immediately realized that I was the one who would be receiving the blessing that night.



The service began with some of the most inspired singing that I have ever heard. The faces of the men revealed the sincerity of their heart as they sang of Jesus’ love and forgiveness, and their happiness was evident in every choreographed step and clap. The sermon assured each of us that God meets us where we are and desires that we all come to a knowledge of His saving grace. After the service we had a chance to visit with some of the prisoners, and again I was struck by their joyful countenance. As we left the prison and entered the outside world again, I was reminded of James 1:2, where James encourages the Christians to “Count it all joy...when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.” Just as God gave Paul and Silas something to sing about, it seems that He has given the men at McCormick that same assurance of His love and presence in their lives.

- Sandy James

This was my 4th trip to McCormick. I must admit that on the first trip I couldn’t help but wonder if the faith of these prisoners was real or just a ploy to ingratiate themselves to the parole board. Their genuine outpouring of warmth to us, and even more so to each other, melted my skepticism on that first visit. Each time since, I get the sense that the Holy Spirit truly dwells with them. “All things work together for good for those who love the Lord”. Looking around the room one can’t help thinking what did this prisoner or that prisoner do to end up here? After a lifetime of tribulation many or most of these men have turned their life around and chosen the way of the Cross. I feel they are indeed saved by God’s Grace. You know, in spite of the depravity these men experienced in their lives, God was able to pull them up and restore their very souls. They truly have something so many of us on the “outside” don’t have - an intense and personal faith journey they live out every day. Go on one of these trips. I promise you the memory will stay with you a lifetime.

- Joe James

Spotlight on Members and Group Events



CROSS Club for Kids presentation of *100% Chance of Rain* was outstanding. Working with our children is a pleasure. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

Chancel Choir will rehearse 7:00 – 8:00 pm June 2, 9, 16 and 23. They will sing for services through July 11. Soloists and small ensembles will provide special music during the choir break. Chancel Choir will resume rehearsal on August 18.

Wings for the Lord Homecoming Concert is Wednesday, June 30, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. I hope to see you there.

- David Wilcox



Lot For Sale

The Board of Trustees has a 1.7 acre lot for sale in Western North Carolina near Lake Toxaway. Great for individual or group purchase. For more information, contact **Nancy Cottingham** at 888-8483.

THANK YOU!!!!

Dear Saint Mark Members,

The Native American Committee wishes to thank you for your recent donation of \$1,182 when *Keepers of the Word* was there. Your generous donation will help tremendously towards our cause to help our Native Brethren.

SC Conference Native American Committee Board

Caring Ministry,

The family of **Norman Gay** appreciated your caring and prayers for our family. Also for the meal you supplied for our family after the service, the music was beautiful. Knowing people care make our loss a little easier. **Regina Gay and Family**

Saint Mark United Methodist Church,

My wife, Nancy, and I are very appreciative of all the thoughts, prayers and concerns that came from the members and staff of Saint Mark while I was in the hospital and at home on the road to recovery from hip replacement surgery.

I am now in physical therapy and am recovering slow but sure; thanks to having so many people praying for us. We really appreciated being included on the prayer list, but now that I am recovering I should be removed to make room for someone more deserving.

Again thanks for all the many visits from **Steve and Jeff** and visits from members of the Caring Ministries, the cards wishing me well and the many thoughts, prayers and concerns from everyone. **John and Nancy Wilson**

NOTICE OF CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Council of Stewards will be convened into Charge Conference session in its meeting at 7:00 pm on Sunday, June 6, in the Saint Mark Commons Room. The purpose of the Charge Conference will be twofold: a. To elect a new chairperson of the Stewardship/Finance Committee and b. To vote on a resolution from the Board of Trustees regarding the sale of the Adams House and adjoining lot for the purpose of applying the proceeds to the 1995 mortgage.



Reinking Memorial Service



A memorial service for **Norman Herbert Reinking** will be held Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 pm in the Saint Mark Center. If you plan to attend, please call **Barbara Reinking** at 944-1926.

CDC Is Having A Car Wash

The CDC will have a carwash on Wednesday, June 30th from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Please bring your vehicle to the circle and your car will be sparkling when you drive off. Donations only - all proceeds will go toward supplies for the CDC. - **Carolynne Nix**



Library Corner

We are excited about updating our children's section of our church library. Gene Fehler was kind enough to do a book signing for us on Sunday, April 25. You may have purchased a copy of his book, *Never Blame the Umpire*. Through that book sale and signing fundraiser, we raised over \$235.00 toward the purchase of children's books and DVD's that will go into our library. Thanks to all of you who purchased a book.

We are also looking for donations of lightly used faith-based books and DVD's for children to make available in our library. For example, do you have DVD's from the popular *Veggie Tales* series that you would donate? OR *Adventures in Odyssey*? By definition, faith-based books and DVD's should help children to learn about the Bible, help them develop Christian values and character or could be fiction that has valuable life lessons. Just drop them off on or near the library desk. If you have questions, contact **Donna Gordon** at 882-2873 or **Marla Fuller** at 882-2603.

