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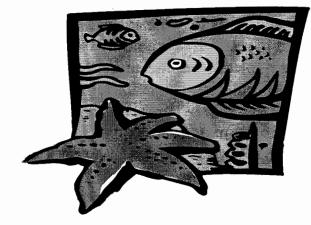
Marvin United Methodist Church

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Vacation Bible School

S. C. U. B. A. Super Cool

Undersea Bible Adventure

When: July 14-18

Time: 5:30 PM Snack Supper;

6:00-8:30 PM Bible School

Where? Marvin Methodist

Family Life Center

Come out and bring your friends & neighbors, cousins, nephews; etc. It will be loads of fun for children ages 4-13.

For info or to register or volunteer call Alan Smith at 863-0510.

Pastor's Corner

Last week at Annual Conference, I got to look at the state of North Georgia United Methodism. In spite of all the discussion about resolutions, budget, insurance, etc., the most important act was the electing of the North Georgia delegation to our General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. This single event, which took days to accomplish, was an epic occasion. When I attended my first annual conference in 1975, the conference argued about sharing the investment funds with minority banks and not just the traditional Atlanta bank. We spent hours haranguing about nominations for inclusiveness. The former Georgia Conference, which was African-American, and the North Georgia Conference, which was white, had only merged five years earlier. Over the last several years all of these issues disappeared as we became one annual conference. The event marking the beginning of a new North Georgia Conference came when my friend Jonathan Holston was elected to lead our clergy delegation. Jonathan grew up in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and became a United Methodist as an adult. His election proved that ability and leadership were more important than the color of one's skin. If he is elected as bishop of the church next year, it will be a moment to be celebrated by all North Georgia Methodists.

Grace and Peace,

Alan and Judy are moving in July-their new address effective July 1st is 4676 Brookwood Lane, Grovetown, Georgia 30813. Their new phone # will be 706-855-2884.

Our Care Team Visitation Ministry
is in place. Thanks to all those who
volunteered their time and energy to this
worthwhile project. We could still use

worthwhile project. We could still use some help from some of you that would like to just send cards to some of our shutins and sick. If you feel you could serve in this capacity please call the church office.

If you have an hour or two to give <u>Columbia Co. Cares</u> could use some help. The food pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM and on Friday until 3:00 PM. For those of you that do not know about the pantry, feel free to stop in. Please call Jo Ann Cobb for more information 541-2834. Thank you and God bless all of our volunteers.

They could also use coffee, tea, lemonade, Kool-aid or other dry drink mixes (can be sweetened or unsweetened). You can drop them off at the church or bring them on Sunday. Remember grits on the 1st Sunday to benefit Columbia County Cares. You have been doing a great job of remembering this. Keep up the good work.

We are still collecting soap and towels on the 3rd Sunday to benefit local shelters. Used cell phones are also being accepted for the Battered Women's Shelter.

Thanks for all the things like this that seem so simple but mean so much to others.

Golden Harvest Food Bank is having a shortfall of expenses for their Brown Bag and Homebound programs that serve senior citizens living on fixed incomes. They are in danger of having to eliminate 300 seniors from this program. With just \$60 a month you can provide one elderly person in need with one year of brown bag deliveries. You can call 736-1199 or e-mail- foodbank@goldenharvest.org.

Congratulations!!! Marie Glenn has now made 100 school bags for the program at Sager Brown to benefit children who cannot afford their school supplies. Awesome Marie. If you like to sew this would be a great thing to try your hand atpatterns will be in the Narthex. Now, we need to begin filling them. For a list of needed items drop by the office or pick one up in the Narthex. (Please do not deviate from the list-this is very important!!) Scissors especially need to be blunt. Thanks and have fun with this.

Spin the Dial Our own James Boothe was on *The Price is Right*. James realized a dream from his childhood when he got to spin the wheel and won prizes on the game show. It aired on TV on May 21st. James won prizes totaling nearly \$5000.

Have any fun news like this about church members or others in your family. Are your children on the honor roll at school? Did they have a special achievement? Did you? Call the office and let us knowshare it with your church family.

Preschool Registration 2003-04 We still have openings for the fall in all three classes. Please call Jacky Stone at 868-8127 with questions or for info. Preschool will begin for the 2003-2004 school year on August 19th. Thank you for all the prayers, calls, visits and all the concern for mom, (Bertha Young). She is progressing well and is in the "fast rehab" section she says, so she can come home soon. Our families thank you, Marvin & Rose Ann Young, Verna Eaves, Charles & Delores Knudsen and Bertha Young.

Can you imagine a world minus sin? Have you done anything recently because of sin?

At the very least, you've complained. You've worried. You've grumbled. You've hoarded when you should have shared. You've turned away when you should have helped. You've second-guessed, and you've covered up. But you won't do that in heaven.

Because of sin, you've snapped at the ones you love and argued with the ones you cherish. You have felt ashamed, guilty, bitter. You have ulcers, sleepless nights, cloudy days, and a pain in the neck. But you won't have those in heaven.

Because of sin, the young are abused and the elderly forgotten. Because of sin, God is cursed and drugs are worshiped. Because of sin, the poor have less and the affluent want more. Because of sin, babies have no daddies and husbands have no wives. But in heaven, sin will have no power; in fact, sin will have no presence. There will be no sin.

Sin has sired a thousand heartaches and broken a million promises. Your addiction can be traced back to sin. Your mistrust can be traced back to sin. Bigotry, robbery, adultery—all because of sin. But in heaven, all of this will end.

Can you imagine a world without sin? If so, you can imagine heaven.

from When Christ Comes by Max Lucado

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ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Ron & Elaine Carter21 Bobbie Joe & EdwenaCrosby
- Gary & Debbie Yates 24 Nick & Cathy Sengstacke
- 31 Ed & Mary Boothe

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Walt Fulghum, Rodney Holder
- 03 Jesica Edelmann, Duane Shiver
- 06 Mike Darby, Gabriel Denham, Cassie Rountree, Nicole Yates
- 08 Pam McClung, Michael Wise, Keri Brown, Tim Greene, Amanda Hamilton
- 09 Gayle Lamb
- 10 Melissa Collins, Elizabeth Hemphill
- 11 Elliott Werts
- 13 Chris Blackman
- 14 Jasmine Key, Ann Darden, Andy King
- 16 Sara Yates
- 17 Mike Lester
- 18 Robbie Lester
- 19 Teresa Fulghum, Jennifer Salazar, Billy Roberts,
- 20 Cole Shiver, Joseph Powell
- 21 Terry Holder
- 22 Christina Eash, Cathy Sengstacke, Gina Hankins
- 24 Greg McMillan, Alan
- Brown 25 Dylan Mathews, Adam Strotman
- 26 Laura McGlynn
- 27 Annabelle Rosier
- 28 Marvin Gray, Tom
 Barksdale, Bert Mathews, Nancy
 Lamb, Maggie Graves, Freida
 Harrison, Mandy Whitmire
- 30 Gary Yates

Sager Brown Mission Opportunity.

We need folks who sew, to make bags again this year for school kits for the Sager Brown Depot. Alan will let us know later the date and recommended supplies for the bags. If you need the pattern let Pastor Alan know. Marie Glenn has made 100 bags already and is aiming for more by the end of the summer! Catch her if you can!!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ed & Karen Gross, Della Bunch, David & Sherry Guillot, Nell Blanchard, Dominic France, Lila & Emory Lewis, Sylvia & Ed Anthony, Mildred Boggs, Bo Gray, George & Margaret Carden, Janie Kirchner, Cecelia Johnson, Jennnifer Langley, Dot Myers, Mat & Stephanie Loyal, Ellen Smith, Bill Rook, Dan Whitmire, Pearl Boynton, Bobby Barwick, Bob Hess, Tina Coffey, Randel family, Barbara Knight, Haley, Yearwood family, Bertha Young, Scott Edwards, our friends at Wimberly and at Morningside, vacationing families, YDC families, our country, our military and their families, our pastor, and always our church and one another.

PRAISES:

The Alpha program, teacher Allen Hamilton, babysitters at Alpha-Becky and Sarah.

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE SUMMER: JULY The office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 8-11 AM only. The week of July 21-25 we will be open on Monday & Tuesday 8-11 AM. You may still call the office from 8-AM-2 PM Monday-Thursday. Alan will be in the office daily Monday-Thursday. We will be closed every Friday. In an emergency page Alan on his beeper at 241-0171.

We have gotten so many calls about sending cards to Karen Gross who is at Emory. She is still in I.C.U. as of this letter so our recommendation is to send them to her home. Address:

