

APRIL RESPONSIBILITIES

	6th	13th
Lay Reader	L. Redmond	D. Thompson
Infant Nursery		
SS	G. & L. Palaima	W. & H. Shelton
Worship	M. Kiger & J. Cooke	J. Stewart & S. Denny
Children Worship		
Preschool	J. Andrews & D. Winebarger	J. & S. Best
School Age	Jo Hunter & A. Cardwell	L. & M. Williamson
Flowers	S. Butler	J. Waters
Cupcakes	L. Winfrey	F. Ray
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Lay Reader	20th	27th
Infant Nursery	T. Cox	S. Boak
SS	M. Hunter & B. Grubbs	D. Dougherty & T. Cromwell
Worship	C. Swink & E. Couch	A. Stewart & N. Lemons
Children Worship		
Preschool	K. Middleton & S. Elder	E. Pegram & Janice Wall
School Age	R. Foust & Jo Hunter	M. & M. Moore
Flowers	G. & L. Palaima	Judy Wall
Cupcakes	D. Kiger	M. L. Shreve

Acolytes: Rachel Kiger, Kelby Lemons, Matthew Love, Tanner Moore, William Swink

Safe Sanctuary Monitoring: Wesley Class

Wild Cards: Jan Stewart

Luke's Group: Wayne & Hilda Shelton

Ushers: Pat Stone & Elaine Pegram co-captains, Susan Denny, Sharry Davis, Jeanie Holcomb, Trudy Cox, Lisa Williamson, Wilma Neubach, Lori Redmond, Sabra Elder

Bereavement: Jo Hunter, Chair, April Beeson, Sarah Butler, Eva Hale, Mildred Ingram, Dora Lee Shouse, Robin Walker, Diann Holland

Crisis Control Gift for April
Jelly

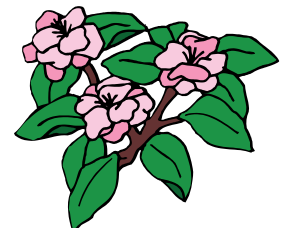
Samaritan Ministries Gift for April
Canned Tuna; Foot Powder & Socks

Please place items on the table downstairs.

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The Messenger



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Return Services Requested

General Conference of the United Methodist Church - April 23 through May 2, 2008

The United Methodist Church's top legislative assembly, the General Conference, will meet to set direction for the denomination for the following four years.

What is General Conference?

As the top policy-making body of the international United Methodist Church, General Conference is the only body that officially speaks for the 11.5 million member denomination (13 million if including baptized children who have not become members)

During the nine-day session, 992 delegates will revise the "Book of Discipline," which regulates the manner in which local churches, annual conferences and general agencies are organized. The book also set policies regarding church membership, ordination, administration, property and judicial procedures. The assembly may modify most disciplinary paragraphs by majority vote, but the Constitution can only be amended by a 2/3 affirmative vote, followed by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the aggregate number of members voting in annual conference session. Delegates may not revoke or change the Articles of Religion or the Confession of Faith unless 2/3 of the delegates agree to this provision."

Delegates also revise the "Book of Resolutions," a volume declaring the church's stance on a wide variety of social justice issues. The book contains more than 300 resolutions that are considered instructive and persuasive, but are not binding on members.

General Conference will act on more than 1500 Petitions that have been submitted by Annual Conference, Churches and General Boards and Agencies of the Church. More on what happens later. You can help this process by praying for God to work in and through the delegates and the actions of General Conference.

Organ Dedication Service

Kingswood will have a dedication service for our organ on Sunday, April 6 at 4:00 pm. Our organist for this service will be Tony Yancey. Tony is married and is the father of three boys and has three grandchildren.

Tony is a graduate of Brevard College and Greensboro College with a major in piano and minor in organ. After college, Tony served in the Air Force. While at Laredo Air Force Base in Texas, for four years Tony was organist for the base chapel and played services for all denominations.

Since 1970 Tony has been Institutional Sales Manager for Moore Music Company representing Allen Organ Company. His talent and knowledge of Allen organs is unsurpassed. Please come to this service and enjoy the many different, beautiful sounds of our Allen Renaissance Organ.

Dear Rev. Lanier,

Thank you so much for coming to the service honoring my husband and giving glory to God for using him in his service for the last 27 years. We have appreciated the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ over these last 18 months. Please relay our appreciation to the others at Kingswood for prayers and Christian love.

In Christ,

Lee Vos & Family (Jeannie Holcomb's brother)

Sybil and I want to thank you for your cards, visits, prayers and consolation following the death of my mother. We treasure your friendship.

Jerry McLeese

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to all who sent cards and expressed personal condolences to us in the loss of Lee's sister. May God Bless each and everyone.

Lee and Julianne Ratcliff

Kingswood Family News

- ◆ Congratulations to Mallory Redmond, daughter of Lori Redmond, who was married to Roger Brammer in June of 2007. Her new address is 2602 Westridge Avenue North, Apt V-204, Tacoma, WA 98466.
- ◆ Our Christian sympathy to the family of Kathi Wilcox.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Becky Austin – Trudy Cox's mother
Sylvia Neal
Marian Sloan – Jean Waters' sister

Samuel Walker – Julianne Ratcliff's friend
Carol Whitaker



April Birthdays

1 Cindy Hunter	14 Stuart Jee
1 William Swink	15 Mackenzie Hunter
2 Ted Hunter	18 Seth Parker
5 Ruth Gentry	19 Ivah Harris
6 Dylan Griggs	22 LaRee Hansel
8 Rheannon Hunter	24 Jennifer Schlotfeldt
10 Harold Threatt	25 Stephanie Garrison
11 Claudine Payne	26 Katherine Thomas
11 Josh Estep	26 Sarah Thomas
12 Lori Kiser	27 Betty Kapp
13 Dora Lee Shouse	28 Molly Southern
13 Lee Winfrey	28 Logan Best
14 Jane Holder	29 Allison Denny

UMM BBQ

Saturday, April 26, pick-up 10:30—1:30. Pre-orders only, look for order form in Sunday’s bulletin.

**Menu: one-half chicken or pulled pork
baked beans, slaw and rolls for**

Cost: \$9.00

Order deadline Sunday, April 13

UMM Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, April 12

If you are interested in helping the UMM with roadside clean-up meet at the church at 8:30 am.

PlaySchool Corner

- ◆ Registration is well under way and many of the classes are almost full. If you are interested in registering your child please let me know.
- ◆ We are all looking forward to spring break March 31—April 4.
- ◆ Our four-year classes enjoyed a wonderful Easter Egg hunt at Oak Summit Nursing Center. The other classes enjoyed their parties and egg hunts here at school.
- ◆ We collected cereal for the “Wee Care” program sponsored by Crisis Control Ministry. We appreciate the participation our Playschool parents give.
- ◆ We will be taking spring portraits on Thursday, April 17. Evening appointments are available. If interested please let me know.

Until next time,
LuAnn

Children’s News

A special thank you to all who donated eggs for the Easter Egg Event. A special thank you to Manly Winfrey and Jerry Williamson for cooking the hot dogs, to all who helped at the various craft stations, and to our youth for hiding the eggs. A great time was had by everyone!

Youth News

We had a lock-in on Feb. 29 and had a great time of fun and fellowship. Also we enjoyed a wonderful meal of chicken tenders cooked by Bill Foust, George Palaima and Rob Swink. We appreciate Bill coming and sharing in a most meaningful devotion.

We have a special Mother’s Day service planned and we are busy working to pull it all together.

A special thank you to Pastor Sid and Patti for opening their home to us and serving dinner and we enjoyed the movie “Amazing Grace.”

We have a lot of things planned for April including a retreat for a couple of our middle school age youth. March 29 and 30 some of our youth will be attending the Battle Cry Youth Conference in Greensboro.

Thanks to all who ordered Easter Lilies. We appreciate the support we receive from the church.

in Christ,
LuAnn and Rob

Crisis Control Ministry “Feed the Hungry Challenge”

Here’s how you can help.

Give money—every dollar counts

Give food—each item of food donated counts as \$1 donation.

The Feinstein Foundation will match up to \$1 million across all participating organization.

Hunger remains a critical issue in Forsyth County. Crisis Control Ministry’s Client Choice Food Pantries are setting the standard for a dignified approach to helping our neighbors in need. They provided food for over 2,000 families last year. Children made up 48% of those receiving food. Your donations between March 2 and April 20, plus the Feinstein match, will enable them to offer assistance to clients, including nutritious grocery choices. Please write a check to Kingswood and mark it for “Crisis Control” before April 20 and help to alleviate hunger in our community.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Easter season is upon us. People often ask about proof of the resurrection of Jesus. One proof is the church. Christianity could not exist on a lie or untruth. So the existence of the church is proof that Jesus is alive. The church is alive.

Approximately 2,000 years ago a man lived whose name was Jesus. He was like other people and yet different. As others, he learned a trade, assumed family responsibilities, experienced hunger, grief, anxiety, impatience, rejection, suffering, death. But like no other, he was uniquely gifted, as God in human flesh, with wisdom, truth, love, trust, compassion and power. Although sinless, he identified with the sinner's need for mercy through baptism. As all humankind, he was tempted to be selfish, to exploit, to compromise. His life's devotion was to reveal God's word and love. He told folks that life should be more than day to day survival. He taught them about love--for God, neighbor, self. He exemplified that love in reaching out to the lonely, the diseased, the helpless, the hurting, the outcast, the condemned, the righteous. He multiplied bread for the hungry, calmed the storm for the fearful, cried with the sorrowful, laughed with the children, danced at a wedding. His mission took him to mountaintops, lakesides, gardens, roads, Jewish synagogues, wells, even the wilderness. Sometimes with as many as 5,000. Other times with as few as one. Usually with twelve. He said the kingdom of God was present—not just a dream of tomorrow. He affirmed the traditional values, morals, laws of his religious heritage. But he challenged the assumption that laws and rituals can save people from inner submission to evil, or equip people with the strength to overcome deadly obstacles, or to interpret life's quest for purpose and fulfillment. His ministry aimed at the inner evils which cripple or destroy life: things like guilt, greed, pride, doubt, jealousy, self-righteousness, hatred. His prayer was that all humankind experience a new birth—that is, a transformation from self to God dependence by which the human spirit can be healthy, whole, secure, peaceful, challenged and victorious. To know Jesus was to know God better. The loving parent seeking reunion with us, the shepherd rescuing the lost sheep, the master who invites the public to banquet. Lives were changed. Some self-righteous dropped their stones. The multitude was fed. Many of the sick were healed. Ordinary people were shown love. Fishermen were made servants. Swindlers vowed never to swindle again. Nobody was pressured. Listeners always had a choice. To believe was to repent and follow. That was heaven's beginning. To ignore, or reject was to live without God. That was hell. In either case, judgment would be self imposed.

But lives were threatened. Many did not want to be healed or ruled by love. Folks resist having their "castles of gain" questioned. Evil is hard to give up when it pays well. His message was rejected. He was executed by crucifixion. He died innocent. Condemned by sin's utter greed and hatred of righteousness.

God was not finished. By a power unimaginable to mortal thinking, Jesus' dead body was given a new life, one that could be mortal and yet not bound by confines. Mourners were greeted by a Jesus who could be killed but not destroyed. By beholding his life people could know that there is no evil or obstacles which God cannot overcome. The world has never been the same since that Easter morn. A spiritual force is alive and operative in this sin-sick world which transforms sinners into saints, turns graves into resurrection altars, places Light in the midst of darkness, and daily renews the mortal spirit in love, hope, trust, dignity and purpose. He is Alive . . .

Pastor Sid

April Calendar

Sundays	9:45 am Sunday School weekly 11:00 am Worship weekly 6:00 pm Youth	Monday, 7	7:00 pm Scout Committee
		Tuesday, 8	7:00 pm PlaySchool Comm.
Mondays	7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy/Cub Scouts	Saturday, 12	8:30 am Road Clean-Up 5:00 pm UMM Supper
Tuesdays	First & Third at 6:30 Girl Scouts	Monday, 14	7:00 UMW
Wednesdays	6:30 pm Handbell Practice 7:30 pm Choir Practice	Sunday, 20	8:30 am UMM
		Monday, 21	Messenger Deadline
Tuesday, 1	11:30 am Senior Citizens 7:00 pm Church Council	Tuesday, 29	10:00 am Circle Meeting