



Laity Sunday — Oct. 16

Disciples Transforming the World - Through Gifts

By Sandy Jackson

Transforming the world through our gifts sounds like a grand, over the top, ideal, doesn't it? (Read I Peter 4:10-11 in the sidebar on page 14.) What gifts could accomplish this major feat? Once again we think about the vows we make when we become members of

The United Methodist Church. We promise to uphold the Church by our prayers, our presence, our **gifts**, our service and our witness.

I believe that typically when we talk about "gifts" in this context it is translated into giving – money.

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OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ

Lawrence Allen, Virginia Agee, Brian Beckley Jr., Evelyn Daniel, Ashley Draper, Leola Frayser, Thomas Jackson, Jane Gray Kibler, Betty McKee, Pat Moran, Virginia Moran, Alvin Patteson, Betty & Harvey Roach, Rita Robinson, Benjamin Shannon, Lavelle Sheffield, Steve Sheffield, Carolyn Stone, Gloria Slingerland, Johnny Taylor, Mary Walker, Kim Winfrey, Karl Wolff

Breaking News

Welcome **Rev. Anita Mays** — our new Minister of Christian Education!

After School Ministry

Hitting the Ground Running in 2011

By Lyndsey McCall

Greenwood's After School Ministry is off to another great year! Amy Wolfe and I have been working hard to start a new rhythm of activities each week.

On Tuesdays we have Chapel where I teach the kids faith songs, read scripture and then present it in a creative way. After that, we end with repeating the Lord's Prayer.

On Wednesday we have "Crazy Craft Wednesdays" where we spend time working on some type of craft activity. Previous Vacation Bible School crafts have



come in handy for our projects thus far!

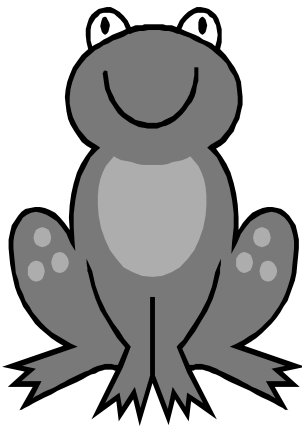
Thursdays are our "Theme Days" where we discuss different

topics that are relevant to the week or general month.

Fridays are "Free Fridays." The kids have no homework on Fridays and enjoy playing their favorite games of choice.

In general, each day the kids come in after being picked up from school, hang up their book bags and pick a classroom to

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From The Pastor

Editor's note: Rev Dean is dealing with the pains in his back (no, not me! I cause him pains a bit lower) and his impending surgery on October 18. Rev Dean's "From the Pastor" will, Lord willing, be back next month. In the meantime, pray for his surgery to be successful

The Outreach Page

Fall Festival Set for November 5

Greenwood's annual Fall Festival is planned for Saturday, November 5. Let's everyone get involved and make this a big success. Remember all of the money goes towards Missions. The following people have volunteered to head up these different areas:

Stew: Brenda & Harry Shuler

Yard Sale: Willing Workers Circle

Bake Sale: Dorothy Sties

Vendors: Adamarye Patteson



Please give these people a call and let them know how you can help.

Fellowship Dinner

Fellowship dinner -- October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Menu: Homemade meatloaf, Scalloped potatoes, cooked broccoli, French bread, German chocolate cake. Only \$5.00. Sign up today in the church bulletin or call the church office at 266-5341.

Another Successful CARITAS!

Brenda and Adamarye would like to give a big THANK YOU!!! to everyone who helped with CARITAS.

This was a very good group we were working with and I am sure they are very thankful for everything we did to make their week run so smoothly.

Lamb's Basket Update

Win a Quilt, Help the Lamb's Basket

By Nancy Yeary

The Friendship Circle Quilters group that meets at Greenwood has donated a full size quilt (63" x 64") to the Lamb's Basket as a fund raising project. Tickets are available now for \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00. If you want to donate money for tickets, please get in touch with Nancy Yeary. (804 262-7655) The drawing will be held December 2 — just in time for Christmas.



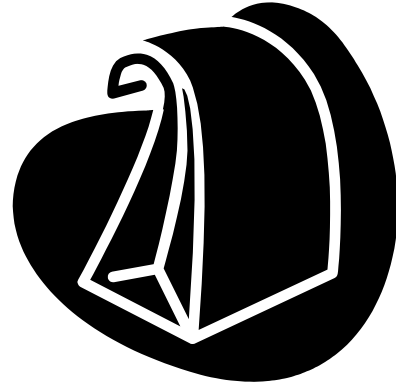
The Lamb's Basket can purchase chicken from Central Virginia Food Bank for 10 cents per pound. If you would rather make a monetary donation to the pantry instead of bringing canned goods, that would be a great help also. Your check would be a good way to keep up with tax exempt donations. Your support for the Lamb's Basket is so appreciated.

The Lamb's Basket is looking for a Pantry Manager. This position is available to one person or two people on a job-sharing basis. Applications may be obtained from Teddy Martin, President. Contact him via email at groundhog651@verizon.net, call him at home (262-8219) or leave a message at Lamb's Basket (565-8007). Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. November 15, 2011. Feel free to contact Teddy for further information. An interview with the Search Committee will be required as will a writing sample prepared at the

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FunRaisers

Bag Lunch – .Pick up after worship services on October 23. Menu: bologna & cheese sandwich, homemade potato soup, cookies – all for only \$7.00. Sign up today in the Narthex or call the church office at 266-5341.

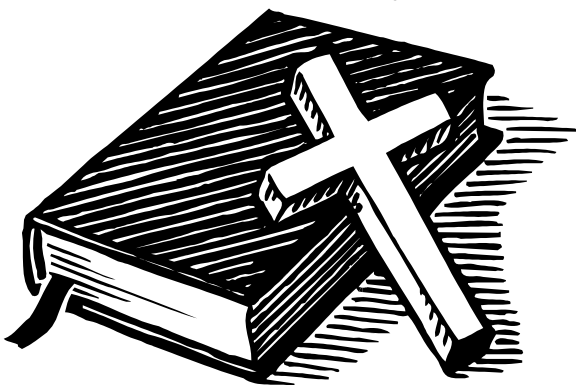


FunRaisers' next big project is to buy a screen and projector for the church sanctuary. We hope to buy all the equipment to allow us to step into the 21st century. This would be a real asset to the church, enabling us to have slide shows and other capabilities. It will take a long time to pay for this, but we are hoping you will continue to buy our bag lunches after worship services so this can happen.

Just Friends Class Starts New Study

We all relish instant results, but God refuses to be rushed. We look for shortcuts; God takes the long way around.

So how do we become spiritually mature Christians? That's what the Just Friends Sunday School class will discuss during the next



few months. In October we will begin a study of James Moore's book, *Lord, Give Me Patience!...And Give It To Me Now!*

We meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m., and everyone is invited to join us, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey.

Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. with Arline Shafer. We will be meeting at her new home at the Hermitage.

Anyone is welcome to attend. Just give Adamarye a call (266-6364) for directions or a ride.

At the last meeting we decided to give the After School ministry \$100 to be used for supplies. We helped with CARITAS by filling toiletry bags for everyone and we did a picnic on Friday night. Thanks Harry Shuler for cooking and Roger Eckwright for spending the night for us.



We will continue to help a family at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will remember our college students away from home with a goody box.

We will continue with our Bible Study at our meetings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Charge Conference — October 23, 4 p.m. at Laurel Park UMC

Community Thanksgiving Service — November 22 at Good Shepherd UMC

Christmas Cantata — December 18 in the Sanctuary

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And it is true that the church needs these monetary gifts. Giving our tithes to the church is evidence of our commitment to the ongoing work of the church both locally and abroad. It is also evidence that we take our membership, or more importantly, our discipleship seriously.

However, I would like you to think about upholding the church with **another type of gift**. Think about the value of your spiritual gifts. Think about the wide reach and effect of those gifts on the world! What wonderful and powerful things might happen if each member used their spiritual gifts – not only in the church but in their homes, workplaces, schools and communities?

Spiritual gifts are God-given abilities to serve the church effectively. All of these gifts are controlled or characterized by the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4 says that certain gifts were given: "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Chapter 12 of I Corinthians tells about the varieties of gifts and that each gift is equally important within the Body of Christ.

"We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." (Romans 12:6-8 NRSV)

God has gifted each of us differently and has given the exact gifts that are needed in each congregation. If there is something lacking in your congregation perhaps someone is not using their



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After School Off to a Great Start

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work on their homework individually. After they're done with their homework they return to the Fellowship Hall where they play and wait for all others to finish so that they may have snack together.



After snack we may do our activity, play indoors but mainly we try to find the most time to play outdoors if the weather is good. Outside the kids enjoy playing jump rope games, swinging on the swings, playing basketball and writing with the chalk. Inside, Amy and I pull out different board games, coloring supplies and the Legos. The Legos and the doll house supplies seem to be the biggest hit so far.

Overall things at the After School seem to be going quite well. We have a total of 10 kids enrolled and one of those will join us after basketball season. Technically, we only have one more seat on the bus and we sure would love to fill it! So let us continue to get the word out about our active program.

I couldn't write this without saying how grateful I have been to Amy Wolfe who has done a great job teaching me the "ropes" and being extremely supportive of my new ideas. Amy is a pleasure to work with and I know I couldn't do it without her! Thanks Ms. Amy!

	<h3>October Communion Offering</h3> <p>Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center (VUMAC) http://vumac.org/home/</p>
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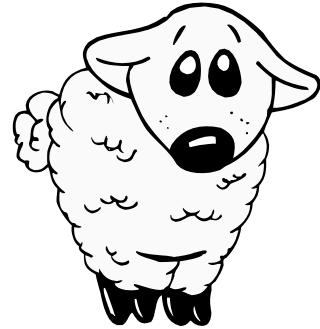
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interview.

If you have been looking for a way to serve in your community, this may be the place to be. You need management and organizational skills, the ability to work with others, and a smile that just won't quit. This is a perfect job for two people who can work well together in sharing the time required for this very important job.

Give prayerful consideration if you feel you have what it takes to help run this organization.



Greenwood's After School Ministry Wish List

We are a couple weeks into the school year and as I've gotten to know these wonderful kids, I've also learned more about what toys they like to play with most.

The girls **love** the dolls and the boys **love** Legos. If you feel so inclined, we would be delighted to receive more of these types of creative toys! I know the kids would love it! Thank you for all the donations we have received already! It really makes a huge difference. — Thanks, Lyndsey

Scriptures for October 2011

October 4 — Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Matthew 21:33–46

October 11 — Exodus 32:1–14; Matthew 22:1–14

October 18 — Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Matthew 22:34–46

October 25 — Joshua 3:7–17; Matthew 23:1–12

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God given gifts.



So as you think about "transforming the world" as a disciple, **what gifts do you have** that could lead to transformation? Remember that the world is not only those far- away places that we hear about or visit; it is the places outside your doors.

Perhaps you have not discovered your spiritual gifts. I would encourage you to do that soon. I would also encourage you to help others discover their gifts and then become equipped to use them; in the congregation, in your home, in the rest of the places that make up your world. Consider the possibilities for transformation that acknowledging your spirit given gifts and putting them to use could bring about.

Every believer needs to **understand spiritual gifts, discover them, and use them** to build up the Body of Christ and to transform the world. "For we are what (God) has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." (Ephesians 2:10 NRSV)

Did you notice that in Romans 12:6-8 it mentioned the gift of giving? That those who have the gift of giving; should give generously! Both types of gifts are need within and beyond the congregation. Gifts of money and the spiritual gifts are needed to equip the saints for the work of ministry and to build up the Body of Christ. And each believer should **use their gift according to the grace** that they have been given.

What transformation would occur in your congregation and in the world if each member gave their gifts of money and spirit?

Small Group Opportunities

Call the contact person listed for more information on each group

Group	Contact
Cornerstones Meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m., 3 rd Wednesday each month	Maurice Hawkins 804-262-4489
Fellowship Sunday School Class Meets Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Education Building	Brenda Shuler 804-746-4694
Just Friends Sunday School Class Meets Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Sanctuary	Linda Walker 804-262-7720
Ruth Circle Meets 1 st Wednesday each Month	Adamayre Patteson 804-266-6364
Sanders Childrey Sunday School Class Meets Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Sanctuary	Ray Smith 804-262-3273
United Methodist Men Meets for Breakfast, 8 a.m. 1 st Saturday each Month	Roger Eckwright 804-328-4688
Willing Workers Circle Meets 1 st Wednesday each Month	Gay Stapleton 804-672-8408
Young Adults Sunday School Class Meets Sunday at 10 a.m. Education Building	Mike Workman 804-746-4335

Greenwood Church Family Celebrations

Birthdays



Tara Morgan.....	October 1
Charlene Hawkins.....	October 2
Leola Frayser.....	October 3
Dean Pittman.....	October 4
Steve Morgan.....	October 6
David Stanley.....	October 6
Andy Neagle.....	October 9
John Butler.....	October 13
C.J. Neagle.....	October 13
Carlos Rios.....	October 15
David Shuler.....	October 20
Amy Yeary.....	October 21
Taylor Stapleton.....	October 22
Kimberly Shuler.....	October 26
Michael George.....	October 29
Charley Banks.....	October 31

Anniversaries

Andy & Tina Neagle.....	October 3
Harold & Nancy Yeary.....	October 3
Jim & Lorrie Bowie.....	October 18

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"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ." *1 Peter 4:10-11*

September Attendance and Offerings

“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce”

— *Proverbs 3:9*

Date	Sunday School	Worship	Giving
September 4	25	49	\$4,270
September 11	26	51	\$1,593
September 18	22	36	\$872
September 25	25	53	\$1,724
<i>September Totals</i>	98	189	\$8,459
<i>Weekly Averages</i>	24.5	47.25	\$2,115
3rd Quarter Totals	275	667	\$24,889
3rd Quarter Averages	91.7	222.3	\$8,296
Year-to-Date (YTD) Totals	926	2258	\$86,952
YTD Monthly Averages	102.9	250.9	\$9,661

\$2,725 offering needed weekly to meet Greenwood's 2011 operating budget of \$141,712. Your generosity is appreciated

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