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INFORMER

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HOLY SPIRIT

*Holy Spirit,
Giving life to all life,
Moving all creatures,
Root of all things,
Washing them clean,
Wiping out their mistakes,
Healing their wounds,
You are our true life,
Luminous, wonderful,
Awakening the heart
From its ancient sleep.*

Hildegard of Bingen

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the forty day season of Lent. Lent comes from the Latin word “leneten” which means spring. The Lenten season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two encounters with our God and ourselves. We confront our own mortality remembering that we will not live forever and cannot in the end evade God. We also confront and confess our sin, acknowledging our many faults and failures which keep us from the abundant life to which Christ calls us. Ashes have a long history in Jewish and Christian worship as a sign of mortality and repentance. The service is a somber but very meaningful time of worship. During the service you will receive ashes on your forehead in the sign of the cross. The ashes are prepared by burning last Palm Sunday’s dried palms and mixing them with olive oil.

I hope you will make time to be here with your church family on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. to begin a Holy Lent.

Susan

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Our Mission: Follow Jesus Make Disciples Transform the World

SUNDAY SERVICES

Early Service 8:45 Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00

Join us for coffee, snacks and friendly conversation in Fellowship Hall between the two services

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MARCH

<u>SATURDAY, MARCH 1</u>	
Community Table.....	8:00-10:00 am
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5</u>	
Friendship Club.....	10:30 am
<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 9</u>	
United Methodist Men's Breakfast & Meeting.....	7:00 am
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 10</u>	
United Methodist Women's Meeting.....	7:00 pm
<u>FRIDAY, MARCH 14</u>	
Pinto Bean Supper.....	5:00 pm
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 17</u>	
Witness Committee Meeting.....	6:45 pm
<u>FRIDAY, MARCH 21</u>	
Movie & Popcorn Night.....	6:30 p.m.
<u>SATURDAY, MARCH 22</u>	
CPR Training.....	9:00 a.m.
<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 23</u>	
Senior Banquet by MS Youth.....	12:30 p.m.
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 25</u>	
Preschool Committee Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
<u>SATURDAY, MARCH 29</u>	
Dinner & Entertainment by HS Youth.....	6:00 p.m.
<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 30</u>	
Worship Meeting.....	12:30 p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

Middle School Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
Sr. High School Youth Group.....	6:00 pm
VUMC Basketball.....	6:30 pm

MONDAYS

WAG.....	6:15 pm
Tutoring/Homework help.....	6:15 pm
Boy Scouts.....	7:00 pm

TUESDAYS

Prayer Group.....	10:00 am
Exercise.....	6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm
Cub Scouts.....	6:30 pm

THURSDAYS

AA Meeting.....	7:00 pm
Girl Scouts & Daisies.....	7:00 pm

PEOPLE SERVING IN FEBRUARY

ACOLYTES

2 – Morgan Ketchie
 9 – Julia McClain
 16 – Sydney Honeycutt
 23 – Jenna Stutts
 30 – Sarah Johnson

USHERS

2 – Dwight Neill, Roger Walker & Mark Bottoms
 9 – Johann Stoltz, Annabelle Black & Matt Black
 16 – Stan Stutts, Billy Benfield & Chauncey Rodden
 23 – Tony Fogleman, NB Arnold & Austin Davis
 30 – Paul McClain, Lydia McClain & Julia McClain

BUDGET AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2014

Needed for the Budget:	\$42,656
Collected for the Budget	\$34,352

NURSERY WORKERS

2 – Kathy Neel & Ashley Pulver
 9 – Karen Peltier & Jeanie Carmen
 16 – Stefanie Neill & Beth Downing
 23 – Faye Ketchie & Nell Weddington
 30 – Sandy Woodward & Randa Templeton

KIDS J.A.M. WORKERS

2 – Jeanie Carmen
 9 – Stefanie Neill
 16 – Veronica Naas
 23 – Donna Arnold
 30 – MUSIC SUNDAY

BY MY PRESENCE

Average attendance Feb 1 to Feb 23, 2014	
Sunday School	83
Early Service	24
Worship Service	122



March Birthdays

3 Joan Harwell
 5 Morgan Ketchie
 Jack Kaufman
 Joey Neil
 6 Chloe Winecoff
 7 Kevin Winecoff
 8 David Blair
 9 Austin Dagenhart
 David Robinson
 Chandler Benfield
 10 Jeremy Erwin
 Michael Johnson
 Paul McClain
 Tom Pierce
 11 Randa Templeton
 12 Payne Edmonds
 Makenzye Harward
 13 Adam Neill
 14 Caroline Bottoms
 15 Susan McCarter
 John Van Rooyen
 16 Michael Harwell
 Sam Lucas
 Peggy Garwood
 17 Terry Corson
 James Bush

19 Trevor Crisp
 Kristine Ann Hedrick
 20 Charles Snyder
 23 Michael Kaufman
 24 Beverly Mayhew
 26 Jessica Josey
 Dena Younts
 Gina Sharp
 Tyler Peltier
 27 Ruth Doherty
 28 Zach Meadows
 Lynn Neill
 Ranae Hedrick
 29 Susan Fogleman
 31 David Wilhelm
 Darlene Setzer

March Anniversaries

3 - Ronald & Sherry Armstrong
 11 Jeanie & Sheldon Carmen
 17 David & Beata Hance
 22 Bradley & Megan Smith
 25 Barry & Karla Winecoff
 27 Jimmy & Vickie Brooks



Memorial Gifts

As of February 23, 2014

General Fund in Memory of:

Dale Brown by:
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Neel
Mr. & Mrs. Don Byrd
Nancy Belk

Compassion Fund in Memory of:

Dale Brown by:
Peggy Garwood

Lowder Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Dale Brown by:
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Whitfield

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

REMEMBER - 2 - PRAY

TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Alexander Black, Alice Brawley, Amy Winecoff, Artie Swaney, Barry Wooten, Brenda Waugh, Dennis Brumley, Don Sherrill, Donna Arnold, Dylan Palladino, Ed Carriker, Eunice Waugh, Frances Moore, Frances Peters, Gene Brawley, Glenda Lambert, Howard Neil, James Armstrong, Jason Walden, Jimmy Brooks, the Jones Family, Karen Barbee, Kathi Harward's mother Debbie, Kathy Hill's mother, Kay Edmonds, Kaylee Fuller, Kristin Winslow, Larissa Baker, Laura Rust, Martha Overcash, Maxine Miller, Myrtle Harkey, Natalyn Sherrill, Richard and Libby Lowder, Rick Owens, Richard Wingate, Jr. (Chandler's dad), Scott Collins (Joan Harwell's nephew), Sue Garner, Tyler Harold, Veronica Crispell's son Bryon.

And those whose needs are known only by God.

Remember these families in the loss of loved ones: Virginia Brown and family, Thompson Family (Nancy Brawley's sister), Sue Taylor, Glenda & Amy Lambert, the family of Betty Sherrill, the family of Pat Douglas, the Bowers family.

Members in Military Service: Richard Funk, Michael Kaufman, Sammy Whitman, Tyler Brooks, Coty Brown, Brent Sheets

Our Members in Care Facilities:

Summit Place - Frances Moore
Brian Center - Eunice Waugh
Genesis - Lois Benfield

Homebound Members: April Ritchie, Lois Benfield, Margaret Melchor, Martha Overcash and Ruth Overcash (at her daughters).

THANK YOU

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To Vanderburg Church and Community,

There's not enough words to say thanks for the love that each one of you have shown to our church and our community here in Boone County, West Virginia.

There was an older minister in our area that always said that love is not love unless you give it away. It seems the more you give, the more you receive. So I hope and pray that God blesses each one of you in a way that you won't have enough room to receive it.

You showed up in a time of need, and as for myself as a Minister, I will never forget what God asked you to do for us.

It was so good to have the Brothers and Sisters in our Church service, they were a great blessing to us; to share the love of a Great Big God that cares about all of us.

Please thank everyone for giving and praying for us. We just know a few of you, but there will be a day when God will let us see each other face to face.

*With the love of Christ, Thanks.
Toney's Branch FWB
and Pastor Junior Perdue*

Dear Church Family,

Thanks to our church family for all the love and concern shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Thanks for the food, flowers and for the contributions to our church in memory of Dale. Thank you, Pastor Susan, for all your calls and support. Thanks for the many, many cards. They have meant so much to us.

Love and Prayers,
Virginia & Pam Brown

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Laura Rust on receiving the Boy Scout District Award of Merit. This award is presented to adults who have rendered outstanding service to scouting.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a Bridal Shower for Jessica Paige Josey and her fiancé, Daniel Trantham, on March 30 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall given by the ladies of the church. All are invited.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Guess What!

We have raised \$19,017.00 for the playground. Thank you for all your donations for this project. This church is an awesome church family.

Thank you for all your help
Laura Rust
704-663-1655
rust.laura@yahoo.com

NURTURE

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The Nurture Committee would like to make the addresses of the military and college students available to anyone who would like to send them mail. If you know of any changes or additions, please contact the office. Please send cards or notes, Upper Rooms, etc., to let them know you're thinking of them.

Julie Bottoms
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East Carolina Univ.
Greenville, NC 27858
bottomsj13@students.ecu.edu

Larissa Baker
Catawba College
Box 558
2300 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tyler Harold
Catawba College
Box 625
2300 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Zeke Brawley
Campus Crossing
#610-B Chapman St.
Greensboro, NC 27403

Chloe Winecoff
110 Country Club Rd.
Cobb, Room #242
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Tyler Hill
Appalachian State
Box 11247
Boone, NC 28608

Crystal Snyder
ASU Box 20932
Boone, NC 28608

Alex Younts
2106 Gorman St.
Raleigh, NC 27606

Melissa Parrish
506 'J' Warren St.
Greensboro, NC 27403

PFC Tyler Brooks
Box 51, B-Troop 3-4 Cav.
Schofield Barracks, HI 96857

Jordan Evans
ASU Box 11760
Boone, NC 28608

WITNESS COMMITTEE

The Witness Committee is starting a homework help/tutoring program with Shepherd Elementary School students.

The homework help/tutoring sessions will be held Monday evenings from 6:15 until 7:00 through June 9th. The sessions will be held in Vanderburg's Fellowship Hall. We will be requesting parents to remain in attendance during the session.

In conversation with Shepherd Elementary Principle, the subjects most in need of attention are:

- Math facts
- Written Response to stories
- Practicing cursive
- Sight words
- Listening to a child read out loud
- 4th grade fluency phrases

If you would be interested in helping, please contact Barb Riter at 704-756-2564..

MISSIONS

Thanks for the great support of our Souper Bowl of Caring on February 2. We collected 19 food items and \$401.00 for the Mooresville Soup Kitchen.

The Community Table breakfast continues every 1st Saturday from 8-10 am. In February we fed 60 people and approximately one-third of them were from the community. Continue to invite your neighbors and others who would enjoy a nice Saturday morning breakfast. This is a great time for food and fellowship.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women will meet March 10th at 7pm. Debbie Walker will do the program and Lottie Freeze the refreshments.

On March 14th at 5:00 p.m. we will have our Pinto Bean Supper. This is our first fundraiser for the year. Please support this event; money raised will go to local Missions.

United Methodist Women Events

May 3 – The mission study will be The Roma of Europe to be held at Assurance UMC in Huntersville. The cost is \$7.50 per person and will be led by Rev. Mark Bardon. The Hands-on-Mission will be canned food.

May 12 – The Prayer breakfast, “This is Our Season” will be at Myers Park UMC, Charlotte. Gift to Mission Cards will be the Hands-on project.

Vanderburg UM Women Events

May 31 – Festival Of Tables here at VUMC at 11:00 a.m.

June 20 – Salad And Baked Potato Luncheon after 11:00 service

October 17 – Soup And Sandwiches at 5:00 p.m.

Remember: *“When Women Share, Great Things Happen!”*

Thank you all for your support,
Annabella Stoltz

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Vanderburg Methodist Men will be selling Hickory Smoked Boston Butts. Order forms are available on the hall table. Orders must be placed by April 5th with pick up April 12 at 3:00 p.m. The price will be the same as in previous years. \$25 for 7-8 pound bone ham.

The 34th Annual Spiritual Rally will be held at Lake Junaluska on April 25-27. A Flyer for the rally is on the table in the hall along with a sign-up sheet. The Vanderburg Methodist Men will pay the registration fee for any men wanting to go. Registration deadline is March 25th, so if you are interested, see any member of our Methodist men and let's get signed up.

HAPPY HATTERS

Cupid was delayed! The Happy Hatters always deliver candy, flowers, etc., to the shut-ins from the Vanderburg UM Church on Valentine's Day. This year the weather conditions prevented Cupid from getting around. The visits and gifts were appreciated by the twelve shut-ins even if they were late. Cupid made his visit on Feb. 20, 2014. The Happy Hatters then met at O'Charlie's for lunch and fellowship.



SHEPHERD'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will meet Wednesday, March 5, at 10:30. After our business meeting we will go for lunch at a local restaurant.

✝ Youth Ministry Theme for this month: *“Spiritual Discipline”*

Thank You

☛ **Valentine Card** orders brought in just over \$200 thanks to your wonderful support. We appreciate every order and donation. Youth members that will be part of the Vanderburg Mission Team 2014 will benefit from this and the next fundraiser.

① Youth are going to see *“Jerusalem”* at Discovery Place on **March 16**. Please speak to Dennis, Stacey or Charmaine before the 9th of March if you plan on joining us.

☞ **Missions Fundraiser**

Please join us for our big fundraiser on March 29 at 6:00 pm. You do not want to miss out on a wonderful evening of fellowship over a delicious meal followed by excellent Senior Youth Entertainment.

☞ **‘HOME’ 2014 Mission** ☞

God has called and we have responded! We have four adults, two young adults and three youths on the Vanderburg Missions Team. Please be in prayer for this Team and also the people we will be serving with and to. Pray that we raise enough money so that we do not have to burden the church too much. I know that we will be blessed on this trip and pray that we will be blessings to others.

JAM

Jesus and Me - Children's Church

JAM is a space where children age 4 to 3rd grade (with other allowances when needed) are ministered to. We allow the children to experience a worship service; complete with all the elements of worship - 'Call to Worship', 'Prayer', 'Message' and 'Blessing'.

God has blessed us all with many different gifts. Children are sponges and the best way to teach is to “show”. Building tomorrow's church means we have to model today what it means to be part of the church. I would like to thank Donna Arnold, Terry Benfield, Jeanie Carmen, Stephanie Johnson, Amy Lambert, Veronica Naas, Stefanie Neill, Karen Peltier, Laura Rust and Lou Anne Steelman (and Monk) for their faithful service on this ministry team. Anna Bottoms, your enthusiasm has shown the children that it is okay to praise God loudly and joyfully! Thank you for sharing your passion with us.

I want to invite anyone who is interested in being part of this ministry or **think** they might want to be, to chat with me. I can arrange that you be an assistant and see whether this is the ministry for you.

Vanderburg Preschool News

Chocolate Fundraiser: The chocolate fundraiser is well underway, and not to mention very delicious. We started with 43 boxes, 30 boxes have been distributed out to parents and church members, with 13 remaining. The chocolate fundraiser is very beneficial to the preschool and I want to thank everyone who has supported it.



Randy's Barbeque: Preschool Night at Randy's will be Thursday March 20, 4:00 – 8:00. 10% of all proceeds will be given to Vanderburg Preschool! We have a great time of fellowship, not to mention great food. So mark your calendars and come join in the fun!

Preschool Registration General Registration will be held February 17-21, which will be open to any new students that wish to enroll for the first time, and remain open until all places are filled. To guarantee placement for all first time students, you will need to complete a registration form and pay the non-refundable registration fee in full and submit it to the preschool office. The registration forms are available on our website www.vanderburgumc.org or at the preschool office. The non-refundable registration fee for Vanderburg UM Church members is \$75.00 and \$85.00 for non-members. The non-refundable registration fee increases to \$90.00 if it has not been received by July 1. Please make your check payable to Vanderburg Preschool. Thank you for sharing your child! If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me. 704-664-1625 or vumcpreschool@gmail.com

Tuition for 2014-2015

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Monthly Tuition Fee</u>	<u>Non-refundable Registration Fee</u>
2 year olds, 2 days T/T	\$130.00	\$75.00 Church Members
3 year olds, 3 days M/W/F	\$140.00	\$85.00 Non Members
3 & 4 year olds, 5 days M/T/W/T/F	\$185.00	
5 year olds, 5 days M/T/W/T/F	\$195.00	

Children's Consignment Sale: The preschool will have a children's consignment sale May 3rd, consigning children's clothing ages 0 – 12, children's toys, and children's furniture. For more information and how to register, visit the Vanderburg Church website. www.vanderburgumc.org and click on the preschool tab.

Jesus Blesses Little Children: People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, and blessed them. **Mark: 10: 13-16**

Blessings,
Veronica Naas