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# INFORMER

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Vanderburg United Methodist Church

## Newness

A good definition of newness is: the quality or appeal of having but lately come or been brought into being. Happy New Year! An arbitrary date in our journey around the Sun, we celebrate the newness of a single day with all the hopes and dreams that come with it—being able to “overcome” the adversities of the departing year, welcoming in the aspirations of the new one. But sometimes leaving the comfort of where we are is challenging, even if the new brings something better and new. It makes change of any sort to be challenging for most of us!

Jesus knew something of this challenge as He ushered in a new covenant...recognizing that ushering in the new did not mean abandoning the old—not at all, but rather looking at the old with new eyes, a clearer filter—a LOVE-centered mindset. It was a newness of vision rather than a newness of law...or religion...or life in general. He knew this when he said this...

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35

All through the Old Testament God's people lived under the law. People were comfortable with the law—*give me a list of rules to follow and I can at least attempt to make my way*—These words of Jesus were spoken in the upper room just after Jesus washed the disciples' feet. They knew the law and commandments. Jesus gave them an example of how they should love and serve others when He humbled Himself to the duty of a servant as He washed the disciple's feet. Jesus knew that His time on earth would soon be finished. He reminded His close friends that He loved them and asked them to love one another. Let His words speak the same message to you today, and throughout the New Year. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

As we celebrate the newness of 2015, let us commit, one to another, that we, like the Disciples, grow into the NEW vision that Jesus brings to our religiosity. Seems easy enough, but when putting it into practice, it's hard. We've been wronged, we don't trust, we don't risk our hearts too easy in this society anymore. Let us strive to take heart Jesus' command to love one another...just as He continues to love each and every one of us. An old piece of advice I was given a long time ago stands firmly in the brilliance of Jesus' "new" command. There's not a single soul you will encounter that Jesus didn't die for.

Love One Another. Welcome to the New Year.

In His Service,  
Pastor Tommy

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**Our Mission: Follow Jesus Make Disciples Transform the World**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship 8:45 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:45

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

# SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Community Table..... 8:00-10:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Installation of New Officers..... 11:00 a.m.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 5

SPRC Meeting..... 6:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

Trustees Meeting ..... 6:00 pm.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

United Methodist Men's Breakfast & Meeting..... 7:00 a.m.

Acolyte Training..... 12:00 p.m.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 12

United Methodist Women's Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Finance Meeting..... 6:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Nominating Committee Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAYS

Youth Group..... 6:00 pm

### MONDAYS

Boy Scouts..... 7:00 pm

### TUESDAYS

Prayer Group..... 10:00 am

WAG..... 6:15 pm

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

### WEDNESDAYS

RAD GRADS (Young Adults Fellowship)..... 6:00 pm

Choir Practice..... 6:30 pm

Cub Scouts..... 6:30 pm

### THURSDAYS

AA Meeting..... 7:00 pm



# MEMORIAL GIFTS

As of December 21, 2014

**The General Budget in Memory of:**

*Everette & Margaret Wilhelm by:*

Doris & James Armstrong

*Lois Benfield by:*

Dwight & Judy Neill

Terry & Cindy Pardew

Mary Brawley

Nancy Belk & Family

John & Alice Freeze

Eddie & Kathy Neel

Gene & Janice Brawley

Bobby Marlowe

Mark & Jennifer Holt

Roger & Debbie Walker

*Jerry Neill by:*

Roger & Debbie Walker

Frances Moore

**The General Budget in Honor of:**

*John Freeze & Cheryl Parrish by:*

Adult Bible Class

**Benfield Scholarship Fund in Memory of:**

*Lois Benfield by:*

Ron & Sherry Armstrong

Greg & Leigh Whitfield

**Cemetery Fund in Memory of:**

*Lois Benfield by:*

Jerry & Brenda Waugh

*Jerry Neill by:*

Jerry & Brenda Waugh

## PEOPLE SERVING IN JANUARY

**ACOLYTES**

4 - Jenna Stutts

11 - Sarah Johnson

18 - Sydney Honeycutt

25 - Jenna Stutts

**NURSERY WORKERS**

4 - Ron & Sherry Armstrong

11 - Cindy Rodden & Mandy Bowers

18 - The Winecoff Family

25 - Angela Edmonds & Stephanie Johnson

**USHERS**

4 - David Edmonds, Mark Bottoms & Roger Walker

11 - Johann Stoltz, Charmaigne & Amy Lambert

18 - Stan Stutts, Randy Woodward & Travis Templeton

25 - Tony Fogleman, Billy Benfield & Chauncey Rodden

**KIDS J.A.M. WORKERS**

4 - Stephanie Johnson

11 - Lou Anne Steelman

18 - Stefanie Neill

25 - Jeanie Carmen

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you are interested in joining the church, think you might be interested in joining the church, or even if you are a member already and are interested in more information about our church and Methodism, please contact the office or Tommy.

## MISSIONS

**Community Table** will resume January 3 from 8 to 10 a.m. The meal consists of pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, juices, milk and coffee. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and invite friends and neighbors.

Vanderburg UMC is partnering with Triplett and Rocky Mount to **provide food one weekend per month for 10 children from Lake Shore Middle School**. Donations should be food that they can prepare themselves. Please place donations in the box in Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations will also be appreciated. Please give to Brenda Byrd or Debbie Crouch.

Vanderburg continues to **collect aluminum drink cans**. They are sold and the monies go toward our missions projects. A container is in the fellowship hall for you to place empty, rinsed cans. If anyone is able to take these cans to the recycle center in Statesville for us, please contact Brenda Byrd.



### TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Alice Brawley, Allyson Josey, Amy Winecoff, Annie Hill, Barry Wooten, Brenda Waugh, Don Byrd, Donna Arnold, Dylan Palladino, Edwin & Veronica Crispell, Emily Overcash, Frances Peters, Gene Brawley, Gerald Grady, Jackie Schronce, James Armstrong, James (Bud) Settlemyre, Jimmy Brooks, Joe Rogers, John Duvall, John Van Rooyen, Karen Barbee, Kathy Hill's mother, Kay Edmonds, Laquita Edmonds, Laura Rust, Lloyd Smith, Mark Bottoms, Matt Black, Maxine Miller, Myrtle Harkey, Pam Brown, Richard and Libby Lowder, Rick Owens, Sue & Lonnie Garner, Thomas Ritchie, Tyler Hill, Veronica Crispell's son Bryon.

***And those whose needs are known only by God.***

Remember the families in the loss of these loved ones: Lois Benfield, Jerry Neill, Lurlene Misenheimer, Ann Richardson, Joan Harwell, Steve Magistro, The Thompson Family, Martha Overcash, Ed Carriker.

#### **Our Members in Care Facilities:**

Summit Place	Frances Moore
Brian Center	James Armstrong
	Eunice Waugh
Carillon	Dorothy Ealy

**Homebound Members:** April Ritchie, Margaret Melchor, Ruth Overcash (at her daughters), Edwin Crispell and Richard Lowder, Don & Natalyn Sherrill.

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



## ***JANUARY BIRTHDAYS***

- 1 Alexis Dell  
Kenneth Wooten  
John Waugh, Jr.  
Patt Hampton
- 2 Joyce Cannon  
David Overcash
- 4 Lisa Crispell
- 5 Shannon Waggoner
- 6 Richard Whitfield
- 7 Dustin Todd  
Amy Winecoff  
James Armstrong  
Veronica Crispell
- 8 Kay Edmonds
- 9 Lisa Dayton  
Matt Fulbright  
Beata Hance
- 11 Morgan Newton  
Sue Taylor
- 12 Jimmy Brooks
- 13 Ron Wyatt
- 14 Avery Neel  
Mike Smith, Sr.  
Sydney Honeycutt
- 15 Ella Hayes  
Cameron Waggoner
- 16 Helen Smoluk

- 17 Colby Hager  
Morgan Evans  
Melissa Parrish
- 18 Marianne Crispell  
Tom Conder Sr.
- 19 Debbie Crouch
- 22 Don Sherrill
- 24 KC Iruka
- 25 Derek Harwell
- 28 Lane Baker
- 29 Jessica Brotherton  
Kaci Brotherton  
Marcus Evans
- 30 Jared Settlemyre
- 31 Harley Blair  
Lori Schulze

## ***JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES***

- 6- Mike & Debbie Bowers
- 10- Leroy & Kathy Williams
- 15- Tom & Rebecca Ritchie
- 20- Jerry & Brenda Waugh
- 27 Garry & Nell Weddington

## **NURTURE**

These are addresses of members who are shut-ins, in nursing homes college students and in the military. Please send cards or notes, Upper Rooms, etc., to let them know you're thinking of them. If you know of any changes or additions, please contact the office.

Richard Lowder 554 W Park Ave. Mooresville, NC 28115 704-663-3047	Rachel Carson 394 N. Borad St. Mooresville, NC 28115 704-663-1343	Don & Natalyn Sherrill 315 W. Stewart Ave. Mooresville, NC 28115 704-664-3785
Frances Moore Summit Place 128 Brawley School Rd. Mooresville, NC 28117 704-799-2712	Margaret Melchor 107 Sandstone Loop Mooresville, NC 28115 704-663-2262	Eunice Waugh Brian Center 752 E. Center Ave. Mooresville, NC 28115
Julie Bottoms East Carolina University 2065 Copper Beech Way Apt. 201 Greenville, NC 27858	Dorothy Ealy Carillon Assisted Living 1915 Mooresville Rd. Salisbury, NC 28147 704-633-4666	PFC Tyler Brooks Box 51, B Troop 3-4 Cav. Schofield Barracks, HI 96857
April Ritchie 468 Shinnville Rd. Mooresville, NC 28115 704-660-1598	Myrtle Harkey 124 Sinclair Lane Mooresville, NC 28115 704-663-4298	Ruth Overcash 143 Huntington Lane Mooresville, NC 28117 704-664-2059
Larissa Baker Box 558 Catawba College 2300 W. Innes St. Salisbury, NC 28144	Alex Younts 5436 Viewcrest Way Apt. 306 Raleigh, NC 27606	Alisha Younts 5306 Viewcrest Way Apt. 206 Raleigh, NC 27606

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The VUMC Women had a wonderful Christmas gathering at Linda Overcash's. Thank you Linda for your kind hospitality. The next meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **THE HAPPY HATTERS**

The Happy Hatters enjoyed a delicious luncheon on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sue Taylor. Her home was beautifully decorated for Christmas. After lunch we exchanged gifts. Marie Hedrick guessed the closest to the amount of M&M peanuts in a jar. Peggy Garwood supplied a beautiful and delicious cake. We celebrated the Birthdays of Jackie Schronce and Mary Brawley. A great time was had by all.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Message from the Sunday School Superintendent.....

Exciting things are happening in Sunday school at Vanderburg! There's a class waiting for you in 2015! Classes are available for all ages. We have four adult classes and classes for Pre-K through high school. Children under the age of 4 are in the nursery or the toddler room.

Our teachers are very dedicated and work hard to prepare just the right lesson to enhance your love of Jesus Christ. All adults working with children have safe sanctuary training annually and follow specific guidelines to ensure the safety of our children. Our current children's teachers are:

Nursery/Toddlers	Laura Rust & Lou Ann Steelman
Pre/K	Melissa Parrish
K/1	Stephanie Lineberry-Johnson
2/3	Shannon Waggoner & Lou Ann Steelman
4/5	Susan Fogleman
Middle School	Charmaine Van Rooyen
High School	Stacey Sherrill

Make plans to join us in 2015!

## ACOLYTE TRAINING

After church on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have training for children in grades 1 through 5 who are interested in being an Acolyte. Lunch will be provided.

## CONFIRMATION

Teachers and parents! If there are children who are "ready for full membership" and you would like to include them in a **confirmation class**, please pass their names along with contact information, age, etc., to Charmaine Van Rooyen. Generally, this is for children around the age of 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade, it can go through high school and at times can be younger. If your child is younger than 5<sup>th</sup> grade, please have a conversation with the pastor or youth pastor before submitting the names.

# Vanderburg Youth

**+** Youth Ministry Theme for this month is:  
**“Baptism Into a New Life”.**

**Sun. January 4, 2015**

Sign up DEADLINE: Sat. **December 28** by **9:00 am**  
 e-mail Charmaigne at  
[charmaignevanrooyen@gmail.com](mailto:charmaignevanrooyen@gmail.com)



Charlotte Youth Day takes place on the campus of UNC Charlotte and features an amazing worship experience for the youth plus a Division I men's basketball game - Charlotte 49ers men's vs Old Dominion Monarchs.

**[charlotteyouthday.org](http://charlotteyouthday.org)**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS

FREE & CLOSE PARKING

## **January 4 Youth Day Schedule**

- Leave church at 7:45am: Check-in Begins
- 9:45am: Check-in Begins
- 10:30am: Doors Open to Event
- 11:00am: Youth Day Worship Begins
- 1:00pm: Basketball Tip-Off

**Cost to register**

\$14.00: Youth Day & Game

\$16.50: Youth Day, Game & T-Shirt

**YOU PAY: \$5.00**

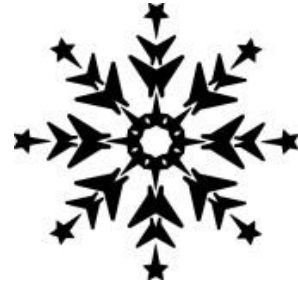
**ⓘ PARENT MEETING** will be scheduled for late January or early February. Parent Bulletins will be sent out. Please try and attend this meeting as we talk about the ministry plan for 2015 and share some exciting **Summer 2015** travel plans.

Please contact Charmaigne in the office 704-663-1690 or at [charmaignevanrooyen@gmail.com](mailto:charmaignevanrooyen@gmail.com) if you want to **volunteer or chaperone** our youth.





# Vanderburg Preschool News



Happy New Year! As we move into 2015, I want to say thank you to all of you for your help, support, and your generosity with our “Breakfast with Santa” preschool fund raiser on December 6th. The turnout was great and we were able to raise over \$1,000 to support the many different needs of the preschool. This would not have been possible without the wonderful group of parents and Vanderburg Church members.

2015 brings fresh ideas to help the children get ready for kindergarten and learn about Christ’s love. Our teachers, Rachel and Bobbi have brought many great things to the preschool. In January we are going to start using Class Dojo. This is an app for parents to put on their phone and the teachers will put notes everyday about their child. Through this app the parents will know what their child is doing and have contact with the teacher. Just another way to be in contact with the parents.

We will be having a New Year’s program and I would like to invite everyone to come see the children. Please watch the bulletin for date and time.

Thank you for the love and support that you give to the preschool. It is greatly appreciated.

Interim Director  
Laura Rust

**To God Be the Glory!**