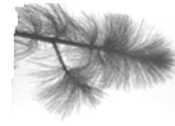




The Evergreen Bough



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A monthly newsletter for the congregation and friends of Evergreen UMC

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”—*Maya Angelou*

Evergreen website: (www.evergreen-umc.org).

Please check regularly.

Evergreen Financial Status

Dear Evergreen, thanks to the efforts of the Yard Sale and God's continued movement in our community, we did some financial catchup this month. However, we need to be mindful of two things:

1. Our weekly giving is averaging about **\$2900**. In order to meet the financial needs of our community, we need to average **\$3500** per week. Please be prayerful and open to the call of God individually for Evergreen overall.

2. A small part of our giving is our accepted commitment to the mission work of the UMC. Because of our united effort we help millions in need throughout the world. We help those caught in natural disasters, poverty stricken children everywhere, world hunger, etc. We need an additional **\$11,000** this year to meet our portion or **\$1000** per week. Practically, **50** people adding **\$20** per week to their usual giving will meet this promise.

Please let God speak in your giving and let the financial health of Evergreen serve as a witness to the world of our faith and God's goodness.

Peace, Pastor Jeff

Evergreen Ministries: Issues and Needs:

Sunday School

We need Children's Church teachers. Its a commitment of one Sunday a month and it's not for the whole service – it's about 30 minutes of your time! Curriculum is provided. All you need to bring is a happy heart. Our children need ***you!*** Please contact Stephanie Griffin if you are able to help the children. Without your help we will be forced to terminate this valuable time for the children.

Scouting

Scouting is strong at Evergreen!

We are all proud of Evergreen's two most recent **Eagle Scouts, Nathan Bryant and Andy Munn** of Troop 93. Congratulations to both of them and their families. Both Nathan and Andy have been involved with scouting since first grade and are now first year students at UNC Chapel Hill!

Cub Scout Pack 951

Pack 951 participated in the Tent or Treat campout the weekend of Friday the 13th! They joined in with Pack 93 of Pittsboro and camped at Parkers Creek group sites at Jordan Lake. The next Pack PowWow will be held at Evergreen UMC on October 30th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

Boy Scout Troop 951

The scouts have been preparing for the Oct 27-29 trip to the Core Banks for "Survival at the Beach" which is really code for a fishing trip. During November and December, each of the patrols (group of 5 to 8 boys) will plan their own trip and adventure.

Northern Tier High Adventure Camp, Canada August 2007

There are two crews of nine scouts preparing for next year's wilderness experience in Canada. In order to earn their way financially and to provide community service, the scouts will be offering the following:

11/4 Car Wash Cole Park Plaza 10a to 2p
11/18 Household Hazardous Waste Pickup Call for pickup and disposing of your old paint, solvents, batteries, etc.
932-9529

Stan Koziol

Food Pantry:

Please donate your Lowe's green points to the Food Pantry for items we can't get at the food warehouse. If you have 3000 points or more,

you can donate them to Evergreen by calling 1-800-435-5674. Ask that your points be transferred to account 4202 2751 6625. You will need to give your account number from the back of your Lowe's card.

--Brenda Moore

Free Flowers: I have many flowering ginger and hosta plants to share. The best part: they are already dug out of the ground! Free for the taking. Call Trish.

HELP WANTED.

Evergreen needs volunteers to greet and usher every Sunday of the month.

QUALIFICATIONS: (1) Attendance at the 10:30 AM worship service and ability to come 15 minutes early one Sunday a month.

(2) A smiling face to greet people as they walk into church.

(3) Willingness to fold the bulletin if it has not been done.

(4) Ability to pass around the offering baskets and bring in the Communion elements.

(5) Willingness to clean up the sanctuary after the service -- collect paper, straighten hymnals, etc.

If you would like to be added to the usher list, please let Velma know --

jvgrose@mindspring.com. Thanks.

P.S. If you would like to help in the worship service in some other way -- Bring bread, serve communion, read scripture -- please indicate so on your "Connect" card or let Velma know.

Evergreen Yard Sale 2006

The 2006 Fall Yard Sale was a huge success; thanks to so many of you who worked tirelessly to pull it off. Evergreen raised more the **\$7000** to support Habitat for Humanity, Lynn Mote's Hurricane Katrina Relief and Church World Relief. This is a 67% increase over the prior year's sale. This should be our goal for 2007, a lofty goal no doubt, but we as a community know it can be done.

The proceeds were great, but I got something so much bigger out of this. I am going to borrow from many of you as I put this to paper.

Each Sunday we gather in a worship service. We praise God, we revitalize our souls to go back into our worlds and perform God's service. This yard sale was a week long worship service. We worked beside our Sunday neighbors and really got to know them. We are all closer to each other and to God. We have a new love and respect for one another. Everyone was hot, sweaty and tired, but we hung in there and had so much fun.

God is good all the time. He brought volunteers throughout the week to begin the set up of the Grove and the Narthex. Thursday, tents went up, cinder blocks and plywood laid. Quite a festive mood was established. Friday, we were blessed with a huge crowd to empty the trailers. Lots of folks took off from their regular jobs to help. Evidently, a hard day at Evergreen is better than a good day at work. Busy moms helped and brought their beautiful babies to cheer us on. Retirees brought trucks and emptied load after load onto the grounds, while entertaining us nonstop. God brought family members of Evergreeners to help unload. More tents, more cinderblocks, more plywood. Furniture was arranged "rooms to go" style under the big top. There were lots of laughs, smiles and jokes to keep us moving.

God then blessed us with a beautiful Saturday. Evergreeners came out before the sun ready to sell. Freshly prepared sausage biscuits, coffee and juice greeted our shoppers. God provided a first rate comedy team to sell, load and deliver furniture. They really did sell whole rooms! God provided a couple who clearly adore children to sell toys and entertain droves of kids. I heard one mother ask her son about his recent toy purchase. "That man made me a deal, Mom", he replied. Whole computer systems sold, all of them in fact, by a team of super techies. Hot and thirsty Evergreeners depleted our bottled water supply. An Evergreener thinking on her feet bought a case of water right out of a shopper's car. Hot dogs were prepared and sold to hungry shoppers. Free bread was given to families. Baked goods made lots of children happy. Praise music provided by our talented musicians lifted our spirits. God also provided a fearless leader for us all, an energizer bunny type who kept going and going. Many provided help with clothing and linens. When change ran short, deals were struck. Lovely clothing, jewelry and gifts were carefully arranged and sold by an amazing staff in the Grove. God even sent us a recent surgery patient to help out there. Shoppers were thrilled with their beautiful plant purchases and great reads from our book department. In a situation with an overheated worker, God provided a nurse to help. Electronics and hardware were demonstrated for sale. When we were all too exhausted to go much further, God provided fresh bodies to load up the remaining items for the thrift shop and clean up the site. **All the time, God is good.**

Thank you all for this wonderful fundraiser and the wonderful fellowship. **Evergreen is a very special and blessed place.** *Jo Briggs*

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