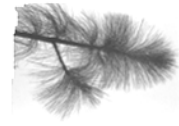




The Evergreen Bough



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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*

Annual Conference Impressions

We were pleased and honored to serve as Evergreen’s delegates to the NCCUMC Annual Conference in Greenville. This is a truly enlightening experience and an excellent education in the workings of our conference. Try it some time. All the details will be published on the Conference site at some point:

<http://www.nccumc.org/>

About 1200 delegates came together for this meeting, each with an opinion of his or her own. Sometimes the differences were as simple as “My” church versus “God’s” church (NOT so simple, at that) and what “I” want versus what “God” wants of us. Yet every impassioned one of the delegates was treated and treated others with great respect and the loving kindness of true Christian *agape*. In the end, the CHURCH was the victor and the glory was God’s.

Some amazing growth and community service stories arising from new mission churches were shared with us: over 300 new members in a 3 year old church with more than 50 ministries in the local parish, as an example.

Conference committees have prepared a very useful tool for congregations to do a self-evaluation to examine strengths and opportunities for improvement in following Christ’s leadership. We hope to see this tool used at Evergreen to foster ongoing improvement in our commitment to God’s work on earth. *Ye Editors*

MUSICAL APPRECIATION TIME

Mark your calendars for July 28 and

E-tunes

Volunteer to join the musical fun!

“HOW ABOUT THAT” AWARD!

One of Evergreen’s dedicated leaders has received a truly honorable award:

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

of all teachers at her high school who have been licensed for less than four years. Who might this be, you ask? Why

Miriam Bryant,

of course. Congratulations, friend!

HELP WANTED

Evergreen is looking for a volunteer(s) to fill the staff position of Administrative Assistant to the Pastor. Responsibilities would include answering the telephone, sorting mail, printing bulletins, making copies, assisting Sunday School teachers, monitoring office supplies, etc. Ideally, this person could spend two or three mornings per week for the next 3 to 6 months’ For additional details, please contact Walton Haywood, 919-933-3869.

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

Holy Hookers, Evergreen's Fiber Artists, meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Evergreen. Bring your knit, crochet or needlework project and enjoy the fellowship. *Anna Nicholson*

Finances

The year-to-date budget shortfall has made it impossible to pay any of our share of the district work fund or conference apportionments (*Missions*).

Robbie Dircks

We have made our commitment. We need to honor that commitment.

Urgently Needed:

Worship leader volunteers needed for 11am Worship service: greeters, ushers, readers, communion helpers.

Skills needed: regular attendance at the 11AM worship service, willingness to serve, a smile to greet people, being on e-mail is helpful but not essential.

Training provided if needed. New members especially welcome to join the team. Please contact: Velma Grose, jvgrose@mindspring.com

In Grateful Appreciation

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, emails and visits after my recent surgery. Your concern was a great comfort to me.

Brenda Moore

Sunday Worship Schedule:

9-10 am Contemporary Worship

10-10:45am Sunday School

11-12noon Traditional Worship

6-7 pm *Connection Service*

Evergreen website:

(www.evergreen-umc.org).

You'll really love it!!!

Church Bulletin Boards

From the Glad Tidings Assembly of London:

"DON'T BE SO OPEN MINDED THAT YOUR BRAINS FALL OUT"

From the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE DID NOT SEND A COMMITTEE"

From the Oak Grove Baptist Church:

"WALMART IS NOT THE ONLY SAVING PLACE"

From the Neighborhood Christian Center (Assemblies of God):

"ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS NO MATCH FOR NATURAL STUPIDITY"

From the Palm Heights Baptist Church:
"GOD DOES NOT BELIEVE IN ATHEISTS THEREFORE ATHEISTS DO NOT EXIST"

From the Donelson View Baptist Church:
"FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES – IT MESSES WITH THEIR HEADS"

And, finally,

From the Claude Presbyterian Church:
"THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT CAN'T BE ANSWERED BY GOOGLE"

Bible Question for July

Who gave these words to which group?

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Answer for June: Isaiah 53:6

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