

PREK/ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

by Margaret Aldredge

The PreK and Elementary Classes hope that you found our dramatization of the Gospel lessons for Christmas Eve and Epiphany helpful. We enjoyed helping to tell the Good News this way. Check out the pictures on the bulletin boards in the hallway by the office.

The Elementary Class is now learning about Jesus and his disciples and the teachings of Jesus during his ministry including the Parable of the Father and his Two Sons. One of our projects will be making replicas of the Apostles shields using clay, drawings, melty beads, pipe cleaners or whatever else the children can think of to use. We are also working on learning the names of the books of the Bible and associating those names with the lessons that we hear read each Sunday.

Later in the spring, we will be learning about the structure of the Sunday Service and will be taking a tour of the nave, chancel and sacristy to see how the Altar Guild takes care of the materials we use in worship.

The PreK class is learning about the parables that Jesus told. Parables to be studied include the Good Shepherd, the Good Samaritan, and the Pearl of Great Price.

Please note that there is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on February 15 because of the school mid winter break.

Thank you for faithfully bringing your children to Sunday School each Sunday.

LEARNING COMMITTEE

by Margaret Aldredge

The Learning Committee met in January to discuss the programs for PreK/Elementary, Middle School and High School for the Winter and Spring sessions. The current activity schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the office.

We also discussed the options available to us for summer programs for our children and for outreach in the community. Julie Pearce and Kathleen Ade agreed to explore the options available to us and to help us decide what we might want to do. Should one of them ask you to help with a program, please consider giving them an enthusiastic YES.

THE PRACTICAL PANTRY A NEW MINISTRY FOR RLC

The pantry runneth over! Thank you all so much for the generous donations for the Practical Pantry (a new ministry to help our church family with items which cannot be purchased with food stamps.) The pantry is in excellent shape right now. We will let you know when the pantry needs replenishing.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO STRETCH YOUR GROCERY DOLLARS?

Angel Food Ministries, a non-profit, non-denominational organization began in 1994 as a small outreach ministry serving a rural community in Georgia. The goal was to help neighbors who needed a hand up in tough economic times. Today, *Angel Food Ministries* serves people in 3,200 communities in 35 states and helps feed over 500,000 families a month. *Angel Food Ministries* partners with churches and community organizations throughout the country to help distribute food. For \$30 a family can purchase a box of food containing both fresh and frozen items. There are no eligibility requirements to purchase food.

The menu items change each month. Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week, or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a local grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

This program is open to everyone. There are no qualifications to meet. Check out the website at www.angelfoodministries.com and see what \$30 will buy. It's both a blessing and a bargain!



Our church family always goes the extra mile to help others who are struggling to feed their families. As you can, please continue to bring non perishable items for the Coweta Community Food Pantry. A collection box is located in the fellowship hall,

and items are carried to the pantry on a regular basis. Please do remember that any items which have been opened or partly used cannot be accepted by the pantry. Thanks so much for your generous donations!

A year-end report from the Coweta Community Food Pantry states that 3,088 families, for a total of 10,317 individuals, received food from the pantry in 2008.

IN HOSPICE CARE

Ray Nichols
Southwest Christian Hospice
7225 Lester Road
Union City, GA 30291

PIEDMONT FAYETTE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Helen VanderHeide

PIEDMONT HOSPITAL

Kevin Eliander

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

by Jill Dance, Council Secretary

Congregation Council meets second Tuesday of the month to discuss business and hear ministry reports.

The 2009 Church Council held this year's first meeting on 1/13. Highlights include:

- Approved a task force team led by Lynn Gray to revise our Safe Haven Policy
- Committed to working with Thrivent to assist in their Habitat for Humanity build this spring ☐ Linda Satter is our contact person
- Approval of Pastor Larry Miller as our bridge pastor following Pastor Mary's departure.

Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Mary for taking such good care of us at this time of transition. We have been so blessed to have you with us ☐ may God bless you and your new congregation as you travel together during their transition time. You will be missed!

Dec. income:	\$25,243.82	Dec. expenses:	
\$17,771.02			
2008 income:	\$244,449.49	2008 expenses:	
\$215,826.02			

Next meeting February 10th.

Minutes from Council meetings are available the third week of the month outside Pastor's office.

2009 CHURCH COUNCIL

Paul Haren - President
Kathleen Ade - Vice President
Jill Dance - Secretary
Peter Anderson
Fred Buyarski
Bill Gay
Jim Guthrie
Nick Pierce

THANK YOU. On behalf of the Worship Committee, a heart felt thank you to all who volunteered their time and talent to bring the CHRISTmas spirit to our congregation and the many visitors we greeted during the holiday season. Thank you, we couldn't have done it without you!

Carole Hall
Worship Committee Chairperson



CHOIR NOTES
by Chris Scott, Music Director

This Easter, the Choir will be staging Pepper Choplin's musical telling of the Easter Story, "Once Upon a Tree." Not only are voices needed, but there are many roles to fill to help staging the musical both in the presentation and behind the scenes. There are many roles to fill from Jesus, his disciples, Roman guards, to the townspeople of Jerusalem. Talent is also needed to stage the production, including props, costuming, and lighting. We hope to involve our children, younger and older, in this production, as well as adults. Look for upcoming sign-up sheets, and listen for the call to join the fun. If you have any questions, contact Chris Scott at 770-251-1208 or cscottswslaw@aol.com.

HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE

Do you have an elderly loved one who needs a little assistance to continue living independently? Do you need extra income, part-time or full-time, and enjoy spending time with the elderly? If your answer is ☐ yes ☐ to either question, check out www.homeinstead.com or call

770.461.1290 regarding assistance for someone or 678.884.0367 for employment opportunities.

JOB NETWORKING

First United Methodist Church in Newnan hosts Job Networking on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 33 Greenville St. Job Networking will give you free access to an e-mail for daily information, job leads, and tips. You can even ask questions and learn about upcoming events. For more information go to www.newnanfumc.org and click on Job Networking or call the church office at 770.253.7400.

A Christian is one who makes it easier for other people to believe in God.

HELPING HANDS BUILD IN COWETA COUNTY

We are very proud as Lutherans to have the opportunity to be working in conjunction with Thrivent Financial Services & Habitat for Humanity to build a home in Coweta County. Late 2008, Thrivent Financial Services awarded one of three grants given in Georgia to Habitat of Newnan-Coweta area. This grant (~\$45,000) will provide the bulk of financing needed to complete a home build in Grantville, GA (just down the road). It is now up to us, as Lutherans, Christians and good community servants to raise additional funds needed (~ \$7000), and to participate in the build itself. We at RLC are proud to be a part of this exciting event, working with approximately 10 other Lutheran churches around the area.

How you can help:

- Make a financial donation to help us reach our fund raising goals - March 1, 2009 will be "Miracle Sunday" where free-will donations will be collected (of course - donations can be made prior to that date - just mark in the memo portion of your check or giving envelope that funds are for "Thrivent Home Builds".
- Volunteer to help at the build site - There will be 12 consecutive Saturdays, starting March 7, 2009 that building will take place. RLC will be assigned several specific dates we are committed to in the

near future - watch Narthex for sign up sheet to come

- Volunteer to help provide food at the build site - Again, RLC will be assigned several specific dates we are committed to in the near future - watch Narthex for sign up sheet to come
- Pray for the volunteers, organizations and all involved in the build - including the future home owners

Ground Breaking & first day of build starts Saturday March 7th and runs each Saturday through May 30th (with the exception of Saturday April 11 which is Easter Sunday weekend). So keep these dates in mind as you plan your Spring schedule. All family members are welcome to participate (must be 14 years or older) - You can even bring a friend. It is encouraged for us to also have 25% of all participants Thrivent members, so consider becoming a Thrivent member if you are not already.

Additional information will be coming soon. We need your commitment and your assistance in making this a fun, exciting and fruitful event. Feel free to contact Linda Satter at LLSATTER@DOW.COM or John Setzer for additional information. Look forward to seeing you all in Grantville soon !

DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA DOLLAR, FOUR QUARTERS WILL DO

The Synod treasurer reported at a recent meeting that our Synod ended the year 2008 with a budget deficit of \$63,600.00. It was suggested that if each member of each of the congregations within the Synod donate one dollar (\$1.00), enough would be collected to make up the deficit. You are asked and encouraged to make this donation on behalf of the Synod. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, clearly marked *For Synod Deficit*.



2009 RUN FOR ANGELS AND CHICKEN Q
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN NEWNAN GA
5 K AND 10 K ROAD RACES / 1 MILE FUN RUN

Online registration form is available at
www.theangelshouse.org along with more details about the event.

THE LENTEN SEASON
Will begin February 25th
with Ash Wednesday

Please mark your calendar for an Ash Wednesday service at Resurrection to be led by Pastor Larry Miller, and weekly Lenten Services and suppers each week thereafter. Times will be announced soon.



YOUTH NEWS

SNOW MOUNTAIN FUN

On January 18th, a group of adults, senior high youth, and various other family members braved the snowy hills at Stone Mountain Park. Remembering the good ole days of living in the northern states, we were prepared with every glove, hat, boot, and scarf that could be scavenged from the depths of our closets. The weather that evening was just right for being flung down a lane of packed snow on an speeding disc. We discovered upon our arrival that every other Atlantan had the same idea! Fortunately reservations allowed us a two hour time slot to squeeze in as many runs as our bodies could handle.

While waiting in a "Disneyworld" style line, our young people tempted fate by tossing a couple snowballs at one another but were immediately told there would be no such activity. Here we were with acres of snow and weren't allowed to pack it into a handful of weaponry? How could this be? As the evening progressed it seemed we had a couple sneaky, snowball-making members amongst us. You know who you are!

After completing our wait in line we jumped on the conveyor belt, along with our sliding tube, and rode to the top. What a sight it was staring down the snow-packed hill, where crowds sit in July to watch the laser show, transformed into icy lanes of thrills. What a ride! We were ALL kids that night, laughing, screaming, and cheering for one another.

Thanks to all the "good sports" who made it a memorable night for all.



HAPPY MARDI GRAS !

SENIOR HIGH
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
Sunday, February 8
6:00 pm

At The Sorrells' home
(678.423.7009)
80 Shannon Rd, Newnan, GA
30263

We are serving Louisiana poor folks fare. Dress for outdoors for a campfire. Bring folding chairs if you can. As always, families are welcome



February 1, 2009 marks the 20th year since one youth group from South Carolina believed they could make a difference. They started a movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Resurrection youth would like to be part of that movement to make a difference in Newnan, GA!

It is our turn to fight hunger and poverty in our own community while sharing God's love with the nation. Our church, along with thousands of others, will recognize February 1st as a GIVING event in the SOUPER BOWL OF

CARING drive to collect monetary and canned goods donations. There will be soup pots available in the Narthex that Sunday to collect big dollars along with a box for the canned goods. All donations received that day have been designated for "One Roof" Center located here in Newnan. They provide multiple needs in our community including a food pantry.

So many people have been affected by difficult economic times this past year. Dig deep in your pockets on February 1st and remember how many lives you will touch with your donations.

Senior High Sunday School Continues

Y'all come on. Senior High students are welcome to grab something to drink, the bulletin for the day and come for a discussion of the scripture lessons for the week. Diane Guthrie will now be leading the group, studying how the Bible speaks to you.

Can You Help Nate's School?

Nate Thomas is collecting *Box Tops for Education* for his school and is asking for your help. The special box Nate has made for your contributions to the cause can be found on the table in the Narthex. Nate says THANKS for your help!

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.

I Corinthians 2:9 NIV