



**NORTH RALEIGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • We are a STEPHEN MINISTRY church.**

**Growing in God's Grace:**

**through worship, through community, through discipleship, through service.**



## THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY...

### THOSE WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED AND CONVALESCING

David Ayscue	Ann Balagna	Natasha Bolick	Eleanor Bothwell
Pat Bryant	Nancy Camp	Haley Cissel	Joyce Costner
Betty Jo Farrington	Larry Frederick	Dewey Glover	Blake Heckel
Martha Isley	Rica Josey	Dee Kazmierczak	Carolyn Kelly
Bernie Leftwich	Phyllis Morse	Eleanor O'Keef	Eileen Peck
Nancy Petty	Betty Sharp	Barbara Smith	

### BEREAVEMENT PRAYER LIST

Family & friends of Dan German • Faye Klein & family  
Jerry Martin & family • Elizabeth Peckham & family • Dave Westfall & family

### MILITARY DEPLOYED ABROAD

Andrew Allen	Graham Auten	Stephen Bitting	Mat Hepburn
John Holland	Shawn McKenna	Mike Olenhouse	Lee Osburn
Jim Owens	Mike Palmer	Brian Peterson	Kenny Raymond
Chris Reardon	Keith Taylor	Patrick Tharpe	Matthew Timper
Shaun Tooke	Scott Townsend	Jeff Wells	Derek Williams

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED HERE!

### STAR POLISHERS NEEDED!

The Alleluia Choir is busy with their newest musical, *It's Cool In the Furnace*, and in need of some individuals to be their support system. It takes a lot of work to memorize numerous pages of music and dialogue and having someone in the congregation to encourage them is essential. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet a young person you wouldn't normally meet, and for both of you to have an enriching experience!

All you need to do is send encouraging notes and attend the performance on Sunday, April 18, at 4:00 p.m. To volunteer to be a Star Polisher, contact Karen Reardon at 418-0426 or kapmusic@earthlink.net.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP GROW NRUMC'S GARDEN!

The NRUMC Garden group formed last year to provide fresh vegetables to the needy via the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. It's now time to begin preparing the garden soil for planting. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 20, at 9:00 a.m. (rain date is March 27) to remove the garden cloth, move manure, till the soil, and add back the cloth (the cloth keeps the weeds to a minimum). The garden is on Honeycutt Road, just 0.5 miles from the church. If you are interested in participating on this workday, or if you have a tiller you can donate for a half-day so we can have two going at the same time, or just want to join the Garden group, please contact Julie Barnes at jrbarnes3@nc.rr.com or 624-8256.

### REX BLOOD DRIVE, MONDAY, MARCH 22, 4:00PM

The Health & Wholeness Ministry will host the Rex Bloodmobile on Monday, March 22 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. You may be eligible if you are age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 lbs., and have not had cancer in the past 10 years. Schedule your appointment to donate today on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

If you have questions, or for additional information about the donation process, contact Heather Curtis at 919-847-8763 or thecurti@bellsouth.net.

## Spring Worship Schedule

March 20: Annual Easter Egg Hunt (10:00-11:30 a.m.)  
March 21: Lent/Easter Cantata — Handel's *Messiah* (8:30 & 11:15)  
March 28: Palm Sunday  
April 1: Maundy Thursday — Communion at 7:00 p.m. worship service  
April 2: Good Friday — Tenebrae "Service of Darkness" at 7:00 p.m.  
April 4: Easter Sunday Worship Services (6:45; 8:30; 9:45; 10:00; 11:15 a.m.)  
April 11: Communion in the 8:30, 9:45, & 10:00 worship services  
Middle School Confirmation Class joins at 11:15

## PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS TONIGHT

**5:30 - 7:00PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Each "first Sunday" of the month, blood pressure screenings are available in the Fellowship Hall during the dinner. This is a program sponsored by our Health & Wholeness Ministry.

### FINISHING THE RACE WITH GRACE, TONIGHT, 7:00PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Whether you are a close friend, co-worker, family member, caregiver, or the actual person facing the end of life, being prepared will help you and others walk through this time gracefully. The Stephen Ministry of NRUMC will present an end-of-life issues seminar following the Fellowship Dinner tonight at 7:00 p.m.

### JUST OLDER YOUTH (JOY), WEDNESDAY, FELLOWSHIP HALL, 11:00AM

Come to JOY this Wednesday, March 10 at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and hear Brian Gentle talk to us about Australia. All who consider themselves to be "seniors" are invited to join us.

For more information, contact Shirley Jones at 782-3871.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY FOR K-2 MINISTRY, NEXT SUNDAY, 1:00PM, ROOM Y1

Our next K-2 Ministry will be next Sunday, March 14, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Room Y1. Come join us as we create St. Patrick's Day cards to give to those at the Assisted Living Retirement Community off Creedmoor Road in Raleigh. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, contact Rachel Crocker at jcrocker15@nc.rr.com. Please RSVP to Rachel today!

### ZOE MINISTRIES UPDATE AND COFFEE, MARCH 22, FELLOWSHIP HALL, 7:00PM

On Monday, March 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., NRUMC will host Epiphany, a staff member of ZOE Ministry who is visiting the United States, and we will hear about the fruit the ministry is bearing for the orphans who participate. ZOE is a ministry we support as a church through our missions budget, and we hope that many will come and hear more about how our missions' money is used in life-giving ways around the world! The coffee will be held in the Fellowship Hall. No sign-up is necessary.

### NEXT DISCOVERY CLASS BEGINS MARCH 14

If you are interested in becoming a member of NRUMC, our next Discovery class begins on Sunday, March 14, with sessions at both 9:45 and 11:15. This five-week class includes sessions on learning about the United Methodist Church, the background and history of NRUMC, and determining your Spiritual Gifts, as well as a Potluck supper where you will meet our church leaders and get to know others in the class.

If you are interested in joining this class, please contact Lisa at lisa@nrumc.org or 847-1536x117.

### NRUM PRESCHOOL SPONSORS SUMMER CAMP

NRUM Preschool will offer a half-day program again this summer for two to four-year-olds, and we're also adding a K-1 (kindergarten/1st grade) class. The five one-week sessions (June 7-10; June 28-July 1; July 12-15; July 19-22; and July 26-29) will meet Monday through Thursday from 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available online at www.nrumc.org, in the church office, and in the Preschool office.

### ZOE MINISTRY EVENING WITH KAY WARREN, MARCH 19, 7:30PM, DUKE CHAPEL

Join ZOE Ministry at Duke Chapel on Friday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. for *An Evening With Kay Warren*, author, speaker, and HIV/AIDS advocate. Kay Warren is the wife of pastor Rick Warren and travels the globe encouraging HIV-positive men, women, and vulnerable children, calling everyone, especially the church, into action on their behalf.

To learn more about Kay's presentation at Duke Chapel, a free afternoon Mission Symposium, and to purchase tickets online, go to www.zoeministry.org. 100% of Kay Warren ticket sales and donations support ZOE Ministry's work with vulnerable children in Africa.

### RIDE THE BUS!

Next week, both busses will be in service as we approach the busy weeks leading up to Easter. We will run a loop route so it will be easy to ride both ways at your convenience. The 3-minute ride from Honeycutt Park drops you at the front door. It is quicker and more convenient than parking across the street! Should you have an emergency, please see an usher and they will arrange to get you back to your car immediately.

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES: March 7, 2010

TODAY, MARCH 7

### EVENTS IN ADDITION TO WORSHIP INCLUDE:

12:15 p.m. **Exaltation! Rehearsal (vocalists only)** (Music Room)  
3:00 p.m. **Confirmation Class** (Youth Center)  
4:45 p.m. **Alleluia Choir** (Music Room)  
5:00 p.m. **Intercessory Prayer Group** (Conference Room)  
**Beth Moore Bible Study** (Room S2)  
**8501 B.C.** (Sanctuary) • **Cherub Choir** (Room S4)  
**Jubilation Choir** (Room S1)  
5:30 p.m. **Belleplates** (Room S3) • **KidChimes** (Music Room)  
**Bible Buddies** (Room S4)  
6:00 p.m. **March Fellowship Dinner** (Fellowship Hall)  
**Making Love Last a Lifetime Group Study** (Room S2)  
6:30 p.m. **REFUGE High School Youth Group** (Youth Center)  
7:00 p.m. **Finishing the Race With Grace Fellowship Program** (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 a.m. **Walk With Faith Study & Walk** (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. **Staff-Parish Relations Committee** (Conference Room)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

10:00 a.m. **Clift Notes Bible Study** (Room S2)  
2:30 p.m. **Get Fit! Exercise Program** (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 p.m. **Board of Trustees** (Conference Room)  
**UM Women's Circle of Joy** (Room S1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 a.m. **Breakfast Bible Study on The Minor Prophets** (Room Y1)  
9:15 a.m. **Staff Meeting** (Conference Room)  
10:00 a.m. **Silver Chords** (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. **JOY (Just Older Youth) Senior Adults' Ministry** (Fellowship Hall)  
1:00 p.m. **Silver Bells** (Sanctuary)  
2:00 p.m. **Exercise/Dance Group** (Fellowship Hall)  
5:15 p.m. **LOGOS Children's Fellowship** (Fellowship Hall)  
5:45 p.m. **Handful of Praise Middle School Puppets** (Room S3)  
**IMPACT Singers (Middle School Choir)** (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. **Rainbow Ringers** (Sanctuary)  
**IMPACT Middle School Youth Group** (Youth Center)  
**StrengthsFinder Group Study** (Room S4)  
7:00 p.m. **Financial Peace University** (Fellowship Hall)  
**Boy Scout Troop Scout Masters' Meeting** (Room Y1)  
7:45 p.m. **Revelation Ringers** (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

10:00 a.m. **Invitation to Genesis Bible Study** (Room S2)  
**UM Women's Agape Circle** (Room S4)  
6:15 p.m. **North Raleigh Ringers** (Sanctuary)  
7:30 p.m. **Chancel Choir** (Sanctuary)  
9:20 p.m. **High Notes Chamber Choir** (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack 318 Lock-In** (Youth Center)  
8:00 p.m. **Calvary Korean UMC Prayer Meeting** (Room Y1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

8:30 a.m. **UM Men's Breakfast Meeting** (Youth Center)  
11:00 a.m. **Calvary Korean UMC Bible Study** (Room Y4)  
2:00 p.m. **Memorial Service for Dan German** (Sanctuary)  
7:30 p.m. **Fellowship Sunday School Class Social** (Youth Center)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

### EVENTS IN ADDITION TO WORSHIP INCLUDE:

1:00 p.m. **K-2 Ministry** (Room Y1)  
3:00 p.m. **Confirmation Class** (Youth Center)  
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