

NEWS & NOTES

United Methodist Women's Spring Tea All women of NRUMC and their friends are cordially invited to attend the UMW Spring Tea. Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, May 21 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for a relaxing afternoon of entertainment, tasty treats, and fellowship. Tickets are \$10 and will be available ONLY in the Atrium today. Seating is LIMITED. For more information, contact Linda Sparks (lsparks9@nc.rr.com or 919.740.8272).

Mother's Day Offering Today Our NC Conference collects an offering each year on Mother's Day that supports residents of Methodist retirement homes that have outlived their resources. NRUMC has often led the Conference in giving to this mission. Half of this offering will also go to The Methodist Home for Children, which serves at-risk children and youth. Make checks payable to NRUMC and mark the memo line as "Mother's Day Offering."

Family Promise of Wake County Week Starts Today (formerly Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network) Help families who are homeless and trying to get back on their feet! A few more volunteers are needed for this week. Please visit nrumc.org to sign up. Volunteer opportunities include driving the van, cooking, overnight hosting, and more! Contact Patricia Salter (posalter@gmail.com or 919.491.0145).

Driving Kindness Bags Are in the Atrium Today! These bags for the homeless were sponsored and packed by the United Methodist Women's Circle of Joy this month. If you or your group is interested in sponsoring the Driving Kindness bags, please contact Kathy Aspenwall (kathya@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x125). The Music Ministry does all the shopping; your commitment involves a \$150 donation and about 15 minutes of assembly time for 100 bags, which are available for pick up on the second Sunday of each month.

Cub Scout Fundraiser—Last Day Help send Pack 318 Cub Scouts to camp this summer. Troop 318 will be selling Camp Cards in the Atrium today to help the boys attend Summer Camp at Camp Daniel Boone July 2-7 and a High Adventure trip next summer. The cards are \$5 and include \$5 off of a \$50 Harris Teeter purchase, among other discounts.

Creative Ministries Worship Presentation We hope you'll join us Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center, as our Creative Ministries lead us in worship. Illuminate, Handful of Praise, and S.O.U.L. Puppets will present a variety of pieces using dowel rods, unspoken drama, blacklight hand mime, puppets, and sign language. This is truly a unique experience that you will not want to miss!

Summer Reading Program Begins Next Sunday Come by the Atrium next Sunday, May 28 or June 4 to peruse and purchase books from our Summer Reading Program selections. Jo Hardy will be available for more information.

Youth/City BBQ Fundraiser for Peru The youth are sponsoring their own Peru fundraiser with City BBQ on Falls of Neuse Road, Thursday, May 25th (all day 10:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.). All the proceeds (25% of every qualified purchase) will be used to offset the costs of the Peru trip for the youth who will be going. **You must fill out a form to be included with your purchase.** Forms are on the blue info carts in the lobby and Atrium or online by clicking the homepage slide. Catering and to-go orders are also included.

Evening of Handbells is Sunday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. Come enjoy our four adult handbell groups as they present selections from this year's repertoire, as well as a special piece you'll never hear on Sunday morning! A freewill offering will be taken to help fund upcoming handbell refurbishment. We hope you will attend and support these musicians who add so much to our worship services!

Register Now for Vacation Bible School—June 25-29 Join us for a week of discovering how we are all created by God and built for a purpose, with *Maker Fun Factory VBS*. Online registration is available now at nrumc.org. **Volunteers are needed!** Please contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.523.3297).

UMM BBQ Chicken/Brunswick Stew for Sale The men have extra BBQ chicken and Brunswick stew for sale. The chicken comes as two halves per bag (frozen) for \$8. The stew is \$9/quart. Contact Dave Huck (ddhuck@msn.com or 919.435.7461).

Be an Usher! Do you have the right stuff? We're looking for permanent and substitute ushers to support multiple worship services. Please consider being part of this great service opportunity at NRUMC. Now is the perfect time to volunteer because we are having our annual review of usher responsibilities and guidelines on Saturday, May 20, at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

Grounds Work Day Our next grounds/campus work day is Saturday, June 10, from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. We will be trimming shrubs and removing dead plants. It's a great opportunity to get fresh air and meet other members of NRUMC! Please RSVP to Rick Emerick (hreme3@aol.com or 919-345- 0136) and let him know what tools you will be bringing.

Important Dates for NRUMC's Pastoral Transition

May 28: The Lindblades' last Sunday of Worship (Communion)

June 4: Graduate Sunday Service at 11:15 (no Communion any service)

June 25: Rev. Sid Huggins guest preaches at 8:30 & 11:15 services

July 2: Welcome Sunday for Rev. Duke Lackey & Rev. Ashley Will (Communion)

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, visit one of our blue information carts or contact the church office (919.847.1536).

Sun 5/14		MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL OFFERING Family Promise Week Begins 3:30 p.m. Illuminate (Youth Center) 5:00 p.m. Partners in Prayer (Conference Room)
Mon 5/15	9:30 a.m. Women's Study: <i>When God Doesn't Fix Things</i> (S4) 10:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Covenant Circle (Y1) 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women Footprints Circle (S3) 7:30 p.m. United Methodist Women New Beginnings Circle (Off Campus)	
Tues 5/16	9:30 a.m. Journey—Moms' Group Study (E25) 11:15 a.m. Emmaus Group (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)	
Wed 5/17	7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1) 10:00 a.m. Silver Chords Seniors' Choir (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. JOY Senior Adult Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m. Staff Morning Prayer (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. Staff Luncheon (S4) 1:00 p.m. Silver Bells (Sanctuary) 5:30 p.m. Handful of Praise (Youth Center) 6:00 p.m. Yokefellow Ministry to Polk Correctional Institute (Off Campus) 6:30 p.m. Middle School UMYF—Impact (Youth Center) • AI-Anon (S2) Rainbow Ringers (Sanctuary) • Finance Committee (Conf. Room) 7:45 p.m. Revelation Ringers (Sanctuary)	
Thurs 5/18	10:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Koinonia Circle (Off Campus) United Methodist Women Reflections Circle (S2) 6:15 p.m. North Raleigh Ringers (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) • Smart Recovery Group (S4) 9:00 p.m. High Notes Chamber Choir (Music Room)	
Fri 5/19	9:00 a.m. Partners in Prayer (Sanctuary)	
Sat 5/20	9:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Tea Prep (Fellowship Hall Kitchen) Usher Training (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. All God's Children Super Saturday (Youth Center)	
Sun 5/21	3:00 p.m. United Methodist Women's Spring Tea (Fellowship Hall) 3:30 p.m. Illuminate (Youth Center) 5:00 p.m. Partners in Prayer (Conference Room) Youth Band Rehearsal (Youth Center) 6:15 p.m. Exaltation! Rehearsal—Full Band (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m. High School UMYF—Refuge (Youth Center)	