



Join the Men of Kilgo for a weekend of fellowship and renewal at the United Methodist Men Spiritual Rally April 27-29, 2012 at Lake Junaluska.

Come connect with old friends and make new ones. Your spirit will be enriched, inspired and lifted up.

The cost will be about \$200-\$250 per person including food, lodging and golf. Contact Pastor Mike or Lori in the church office for more information and to register. 704-334-7348 or pastormike1555@gmail.com

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Sermon Series for February

FEBRUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 12

A Study of the Book of Galatians

"Harsh Words for a Doubting Church"

FEBRUARY 19TH

Transfiguration Sunday

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

"Darkness Vs. Light"

LENTEN SERMON SERIES WHO BROKE WHAT?



FEBRUARY 22ND

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

"What Have We Done?"



FEBRUARY 26TH

1 Peter 3:18-22

"To Hell and Back"

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THE MESSENGER

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The Pastor's Reflection

It's hard to believe that it's February already! Time flies when you're having fun!!!

That's why I love my job so much. I have been blessed to be your pastor for these last several years. When I sit and look back over the last 4 years, it just amazes me as to all that God has done. It shouldn't amaze me, because God is so wonderful, but it amazes me none the less.

To see your hearts and hands so willing to serve God... WOW! We just had our annual planning and visioning session. We started off with words from scripture (1 Corinthians 12:12- 31) reminding us how important each part of the body is and that we would not be complete without each one of you. We shared where we have been and where we want to go. We did a little bit of business talking about finances and how hard times are and how important each gift is to continue our important work of sharing God's promise with the world.

The fun came as we looked back and saw where we had been. We talked about God's spirit guiding us for 68 years and we know God is not yet done with us.

We then discussed things we have done well, things we can do better and new things we want to try. We plan to hold our first ever Kilgo Golf Tournament. This will be a day where we will get to know more neighbors and friends; we will have fellowship and fun, and raise some funds for the ministries of Kilgo. It should be a great time. If you are interested in helping, talk to Shelly and Steve Allen.


The other thing we are doing is finding new ways to care for each other. The relationships Jesus built with people were key to his ministry on earth. He got to know people intimately and showed his disciples how to do the same. Through personal relationships we are able to grow in our faith and help others to grow in theirs and it connects us in times of trial and jubilee. So, we are forming care groups. They are much like Sunday School classes, Women's circles, and Untied Methodist Men. They are groups that are formed by individuals who want to connect in faith and have similar interests in life and are less formal and more flexible. A care group may meet weekly or monthly. They will most likely meet in homes or restaurants and will be guided by those who choose to participate. Pastor Mike and the church leadership will be available to help form, guide, and share ideas, but once going they will be self sustaining. One group may get too big and spin off another group.


These are exciting times. We already enjoy worshiping together and connecting as much as we can on Sundays. This will help us to connect in more personal and intimate ways that lead to spiritual growth. This is not just a social club, but one that breathes the breath of life into weary bones.

If you want to be a part of a care group, please contact Pastor Mike at the church office (704-334-3748) or by email pastormike1555@gmail.com. I hope you will join me in my excitement and join me as we explore the future God has planned for us for the next 68 years!

In Christ,

Pastor Mike


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THE POWER OF LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

Our Purpose:
"To build relationships with all people that help them know, love, and serve God in Christian Community."



by Carroll Harris

she was feeling and more about how she could act this way after everything. They wanted what she "had".

I've thought a lot about that woman. I have people in my life and know people that intrigue me. That I want to learn more about what makes them "tick". I want to know why they make the choices they do. That's what happened here. The wife never spoke to the nurses directly about her faith. She just lived it. She rejoiced in it. Because of her faith she had a sense of knowing that God was with her and her husband through all their trials and beyond. Her faith will carry her through because God was sitting right there beside her. That's what those nurses really felt you know. They felt God's presence in the room through her. She possessed that sense of peace. And through her peace she passed a desire to understand that peace. Make sense?

To me, that's what this journey is all about. I'm not an in your face kind of person. In fact, I don't really want people to know that I'm a "Pastor's Wife" or in ministry until after they get to know me. I just want to live my life and let my love for people, children, music, and life shine through all that I do. But most of all I want people to see that because of my faith, because of my love for Jesus and what I'm learning through Him and because of Him I am happier. I am more at peace with my life and its direction than ever before. Even during the stressful time. Even during the times I'm not sure what could possibly happen next. I just want to live the life and pass on the sense of peace that God desires for all of us have.

MUMC Joy Club Day Trip Saturday, February 18th 9am - 8pm

The club will be traveling to the Wohlthart Haus, a state-of-the-art German-themed dinner theatre nestled in the beautiful Appalachian mountains of southwest Virginia, to see the musical "Always... Patsy Kline". Reservation must be made by February 4th to Janice Rose at 704-536-5753 or Joel Outen at 704-537-7923. \$75 includes transportation, lunch, and the show.



From the Fish Bowl

Peace that Passes Understanding

You know that song that says "I've got that Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, down in my heart"? I love that song! It's just so much fun. Every time we sing it children and adults alike end up smiling and enjoying it in some way. Maybe for adults, it's the memory of singing it as a child. For the children, it's just fun because it's a loud, rambunctious song. How many songs do we just sing and not really know why we sing them or even listen to the meaning behind the words? This particular children's song has been playing in my mind a lot lately for that very reason. I never really paid much attention to the actual words until just the other day.

There's another verse that's fun to sing because it's a lot of words to squeeze in the phrase. It sounds like this: "I've got that peace that passes understanding down in my heart". Kids always like to act silly during that part because it's a mouthful. To me, I have to admit, it was just a bunch of words that made sense, but not really. I understood the peace part but not fully the part about passing understanding.

I heard a story on the radio the other day that gave me my "A-ha!" moment of the day. It was a story about a woman who lost her husband to cancer. They had been in the hospital when he finally passed. It apparently had been a long, hard, and painful battle. After the husband had passed away the wife was allowed to sit with him for a little while and just say good bye. The nurses would check on her and witnessed her beautiful grief.

I call it beautiful because I think that must have been what it was like. The nurses saw her not getting angry or upset really. Certainly she was sad, but she was openly giving thanks for this man's life. That she had been so blessed by God to have her husband in her life. She gave thanks for all the wonderful memories and times they shared together. She gave thanks for how she would live out his memory.

The hospital chaplain reported that because of this wife, three nurses came and talked with him about what it means to have a relationship with Christ. They were so amazed by the sense of peace they felt every time they walked into that room with the woman. They wanted to understand what it was

Regular Calendar Events:
Zumba T.O.P.S.
Choir Practice
N.A.

Monday's 7:00pm
Tuesday's 5:30pm
Wednesday's 7:00pm
Friday's 7:00pm

FEBRUARY 2012

Weekly Sunday Schedule:
9:30am Prayer Group
9:45am Sunday School
10:40am Refreshments
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Room In The Inn

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 Youth 4:00pm <i>Sissama Circle Soup Kitchen</i> HEALTHY LIVING | 6 CMPD Protect Your Child Presentation 7pm ZUMBA with Lori 7pm | 7 Cub Scouts 6:30pm | 1 Amber Elder & Andy Dunn's Birthdays | 2 <i>Bible Study 6:30pm</i> | 3 New Edition to Museum of Bible | 4 |
| 12 Communion HEALTHY LIVING | 13 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm | 14 Girl Scouts 6:00pm Ad Council/Finance Meeting 6:30pm Ellery Feay's Birthday | 15 NEWSLETTER INFO DNE! | 16 <i>Bible Study 6:30pm</i> | 17 Nancy Pyrtle's Birthday | 18 Nicole Simon's Birthday <i>Joy Club Day Trip</i> |
| 19 Youth 4:00pm REVOLUTION SERVICE 7PM USO COOKIES | 20 Susan Alexander & Jill Ellis' Birthdays ZUMBA with Lori 7pm | 21 Cub Scouts 6:30pm <i>Joanna Circle</i> Thomas Lowder's Birthday | 22 | 23 <i>Bible Study 6:30pm</i> | 24 BBQ 11am-8pm Patti Ferree's Birthday | 25 |
| 26 Len Ferree's Birthday | 27 Mike Harris' Birthday ZUMBA with Lori 7pm | 28 Girl Scouts 6:00pm Jennifer Griffin & Ceci Presti's Birthdays | 29 | | | |



... I'm still thinking about Christmas.
 ... 125 people attended the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.

...Christmas day worship with the Hmong Church was well attended too.

... Pastor Tou gave the message and the Hmong provided the special music.

... the Call to Worship was as violin duet by Joshua Harris and his grandmother Jeanne Blood.

... if you missed these services, you missed a blessing.

... 20 people attended the planning session on January 14th.

... the BBQ will be February 24th and we need workers!

... noontime Lenten Services begin February 22nd and will be held at Commonwealth UMC. Plan to attend the services even if you can't stay for lunch.

... we have new members! Rob & Heidi Belisle joined the church on January 15th. We are very happy to have them and look forward to welcoming their first child soon.

... Our Easter Music rehearsals began on January 25th and we can still use your voice!

... 10 people are signed up for Pastor Mike's bible study!

... I need your news.

Becky Kirkpatrick

The Joanna Circle

Will meet on February 21st at 11:00am at Epworth Place, in the Porter Conference Room. Anyone is invited to join us. If you have any questions or need a ride call Becky Kirkpatrick (704-537-0882) or Carolyn Hancock (704-531-8393).

The Susanna Wesley Circle

Will meet on February 5th at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sandwich for lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided.

Important CMS Dates:

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| February 20-21 | Teacher Workdays |
| March 30 | Teacher Workday |
| April 2 - 6 | Spring Break |

NEW EDITION will visit The Museum of the Bible Exhibit Friday, February 10th. Meet at Kilgo at 9:30pm. We will be visiting the exhibit at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary and then enjoying lunch following. The only cost is your lunch.

How did the Bible survive over thousands of years? How was it passed from generation to generation? How did it become the Bible we know today?

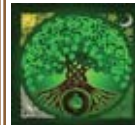
The Seminary is pleased to invite you to this exciting Museum of the Bible Exhibit from one of the largest private collections of biblical antiquities in the world. This collection will only be here for 4 days. The Old and New Testaments in their ancient contexts, Judaica, and the history of the King James Bible is the focus of this exhibit.

RSVP to the church office (704-334-7648) or Sarah Westbrook (803-329-1690).

NEW EDITION IS GONNA BE ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER!

June 20 - 22, 2012

New Edition will be traveling to Chattanooga, TN for a three day, two night excursion. They will be staying in the Delta Queen Riverboat which is now permanently docked and a landmark hotel. There will be delicious cuisine and exciting entertainment. If you would like to join them, contact Sarah Westbrook at 803-329-1690.



Bible Study

Please join Pastor Mike every Thursday at **6:30pm** for an exciting 10-week Bible study.

Invitation to Psalms

(A Disciple Book)

The study will meet in the Conference Room. Books will be available for \$10 each. Call the office for more information (704-334-7248)



Valentine's Tea Benefit for Shepherd's Center East

Authentic English Tea February 12th at 3:30pm



Fine china, English fare, floral centerpieces, and beautiful violin music by Verd Anna Cunningham from Raleigh, NC



*Fireside Room at St. Stephen UMC
6800 Sardis Rd.*

\$25 per person

Tables of 6 may be reserved as well. Reservations are required and tickets are limited. Please call the SCEast office to reserve your space (704-338-1511) until **February 9th**. Proceeds will benefit the medical transportation program and the services that Shepherd's Center East provides for East Charlotte senior citizens. Don't miss this special event!

REVOLUTION SERVICE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 7:00PM

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Gayle Montgomery from Harrison UMC

Not against the grain, but coming full circle, all encompassing!

It's all about creating connections, it's about self, it's about life!

Come as you are!

Join us on February 19th at 7:00pm for a new kind of worship experience. Join the revolution and bring your friends. It's all about living what you believe!

Lots of thanks . . .

- We received a note of thanks from the USO of NC for our continued donations of cookies.
- We received a thank you letter from the United Christian Fellowship for our donation to help fund scholarships for students in need.
- We received a letter from Green Memorial Church thanking us for our donations of layette items to their Baby Layette Ministry.

Please know that the time and gifts you give, no matter how large or small, are helping Kilgo share the love of Christ with those around us!

Stranger and Not-So-Stranger Danger

Free and open to the public Monday, February 6th at 7PM in the sanctuary at Kilgo UMC. Kilgo UMC is partnering with CMPD to host an information session on Stranger and Not-So-Stranger Danger for parents, teachers and care-givers. Presentation will include age-appropriate ways to begin to teach our kids about this very real threat and how to talk to our kids so that they are educated and empowered but not frightened.

Our CMPD community resource officer, Scott Sweatt and a representative from Child Protective Services will be here to give a brief presentation and to answer questions.

For more information call Candice Langston, 704-408-3290.



PRAYER CONCERNERS

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| Anne Mills | Rev. Reggie Cook |
| Eunice Scott | Dr. James Mackey |
| Avant Family | Rev. Mark Plummer |
| Aline Killough | Irving & Helene Cheek |
| Virginia Bailey | Joe & Ruby Lemmond |
| Christine Oliver | John Jordon |
| Helen Culbertson | Military Families |
| Chuck & Sue Paty | Martha O'Neill |
| Eddie Griggs | Don & Lucille Beane |

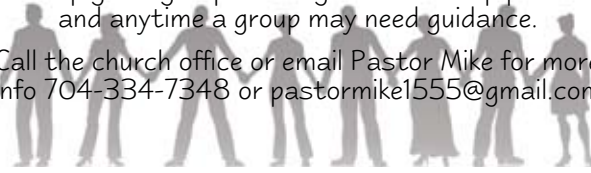
CARE GROUPS

Are you interested in connecting with others at Kilgo? Do you want to grow deeper in faith? Can you share one evening a month to grow your faith? Do you want to know more about the Bible and how we live into God's promise?

Care groups help us each to connect more intimately with each other the way Jesus did. They are informal and comfortable ways for us to get to know one another and new people as they come to Kilgo. Care groups will be formed and grow with people who just want to connect and go deeper and will be lead by the members of the group. Each group may be different in organization and function.

The main thing is that we are getting together and growing closer to God through relationships with each other. Pastor Mike and the leadership of Kilgo will help guide groups through the start up process and anytime a group may need guidance.

Call the church office or email Pastor Mike for more info 704-334-7348 or pastormike1555@gmail.com



Noisy Offering

For the month of February the Noisy Offering will go to Share the Warmth. This organization is in place to help those who cannot pay their heating bills. They match our donations so please give generously so others may stay warm.

COUPONS FOR THE MILITARY

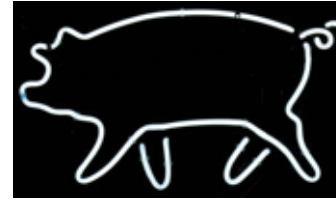
Keep clipping! The soldiers appreciate your time and effort. As always, if you can, sort them by expiration month and then separate food from non-food items. This is helpful for the families that we aid. Thanks for your help!

USO COOKIES

February 19th is USO Cookie Sunday. These cookies are served at the USO Welcome Center at Charlotte Douglas Airport. The soldiers truly appreciate this welcoming gesture when they return home.

Kilgo's Annual Bar-B-Que!

Friday, February 24th
from 11am - 8pm



Please signup to help in the narthex and invite your friends and family!

We will once again be cooking on the front lawn. Orders will be taken for carry out, delivery or dine in.

Available by the plate (\$8), sandwiches (\$8) or by the pound (\$10) until we run out!



Room In The Inn continues through March. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help with this very important mission.

You may call Betty Davis at 704- 375- 2007 or e- mail the church office at kilgoumc@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Room In The Inn still needs your donations of toiletries! We DO NOT need any more shampoo or soap - you guys have covered that well!

We are still in need of the following:

- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Individual Tissues

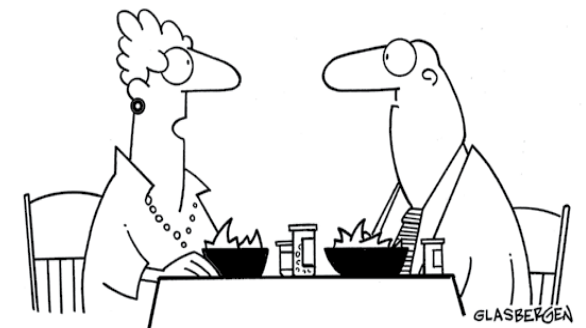


WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Rob & Heidi Belisle
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980-722-9460



"If you had more love in your heart, there'd be less room for cholesterol!"



Join us for **ZUMBA**
every Monday night at 7:00pm
in the fellowship hall downstairs.

Lori, our certified Zumba teacher, leads for all who want to have fun and get a good workout!

No experience or registration needed, just show up!
Class cost is only \$2 per person.

FREE CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED.