

**REVOLUTION SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
AT 7:00PM**

*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 November 20th
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!

Sermon Series for November

Sermon Series EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

OCTOBER 30

"Where do Dreams Come From?"

Joel 2:28, Matthew 6:33,
Colossians 3:1-2

NOVEMBER 6

"Expression of Your Heart"

Stewardship Sunday

Roman 12:9-21, John 3:16

NOVEMBER 13

Special Message from Pastor Mike

NOVEMBER 20

*Thanksgiving Service with First Hmong
Covered dish lunch with cooperative parish to follow worship*

NEW! - ADVENT SERMON SERIES

NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent

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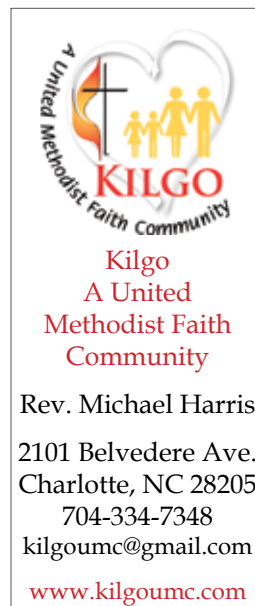


THE MESSENGER

November
2011

The Pastor's Reflection

A Word of Thanks



I just want to say thank you! Carroll and I appreciate the generosity and support of our Kilgo family. When we came to visit April of 2008 we were overwhelmed with your graciousness. We were also overwhelmed with the size and beauty of the parsonage that was to be our home that July. If you helped us move in, you know we have more "stuff" than we need and this house has allowed us to live comfortably with our family of 6. Without the parsonage, I am not sure where we would be. The parsonage has been a great gift being so close to the church and allowing us the opportunity to be a part of the neighborhood and really meeting some great people that are not a part of our faith community.

As you may know by now, with a lot of prayer, we have recently decided to move out of the parsonage. We truly appreciate the work and support of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Trustees and the Administrative Council, as well as, the church as a whole has given us. As we found the need over the last year to place better boundaries around our family life and work life, you have been tremendously supportive. The last 3 weeks have been busy, stressful and crazy. The move is almost complete. We will be unpacking forever I think.

I find myself working into a routine and finding the schedule that works best for my family and my ministry. We are so excited to be in our new home, to own our own home and to be able to go home and leave work behind.

I will continue to be available all the time for emergencies. For non-emergencies please call the church office 704-334-7348 and a leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Our home phone number has not changed you can still reach me at 704-376-2102 for emergencies. If you get a recording please leave a message. I will normally be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and these days are the best days to contact me for regular items of business.

Again, I just want to thank you for being concerned about me and my family. Thank you for allowing us to look out for the health and safety of my children. We are ever so grateful for your continued love and support.

Looking at the future, The District Superintendent has assured us that this move will allow us to remain at Kilgo for many years to come. We are dedicated to the life, growth and ministry of Kilgo. We will continue to live into our call to ministry here and work with each one of you to make Kilgo the place and people God intends for us to be.

I look forward to the next 17 years of ministry with each of you.

In Christ,

Pastor Mike



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





by Carroll Harris

It's easier said than done. Trust me... I totally get it. It's in our nature to worry isn't it? It's also in our nature to try and control our environment. So asking us as humans to give up that control and rely on something you can't even see is not easily done. But you know, the funny thing is, when I really focus and spend time in prayer I can honestly say it works. I have to "just do it". I've even been trying to go ahead and teach my kids the same thing.

Going to school is a perfect example. They were so over-stimulated, over-excited, and just plain nervous about going to school. I was so glad they actually verbalized what they were feeling. It was just a great opportunity to validate the way they were feeling, talk about all the positives, and then encourage them to tell God about it. I know some of it is sinking in, because one of them told me recently that they tried and its "not working". The honesty of children is fantastic isn't it?

Something like this takes time. It takes honestly pouring your heart and genuinely and honestly going to God. Name your prayers, don't leave them vague, then take a deep breath and keep yourself moving. Let God take over. It's what I'm trying to do.



From the Fish Bowl

"Just Do It"

I'm sitting here trying to write this article about how blessed we are. The problem is, all I can think about at the moment is that I just dropped all the kids off at their new schools for the first day. I'm finding it very difficult not to worry. In my mind I know they are going to be perfectly fine. After all, the elementary school welcomed us and the children with excitement and warmth. The middle school.... not so much. I keep thinking that I should feel good about leaving my child in the hands of these strangers and I just don't at the moment.

It is making me think about two things. First, I came home and immediately started looking for the Bible verse that talks about worrying and how you're not supposed to. Then, I also found Philippians 4:6-9: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me -- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."* (NIV)

I really like this passage. It talks about several things. First, it's not really talking about worrying or being anxious. It's talking more about prayer and practicing all those things we've been taught all our lives. To trust in God, to be in prayer, and to give over those worries and concerns to Him. When we do that, the sense of peace that only God can give us will be upon us.

Regular Calendar Events:
 Zumba Mondays 7:00pm
 T.O.P.S. Tuesdays 5:30pm
 Choir Practice Wednesdays 7:00pm
 N.A. Fridays 7:00pm

NOVEMBER 2011

Weekly Sunday Schedule:
 9:30am Prayer Group
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:40am Refreshments
 11:00am Worship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 <i>Savanna Circle Meeting 12:30pm</i>	7 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	8 Ad Council/Finance 6:30pm	9	10 Joe Elder's Birthday	11	12 Christie Thomas' Birthday
13 Communion <i>Worship Team Following Church</i> Carl Krimminger's Birthday	14 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	15 Sarah Westbrook's Birthday <i>Jaanna Circle Nam</i>	16	17 Sarah Doster & Sue Paty's Birthdays	18	19
20 Youth 4:00pm REVOLUTION SERVICE 7PM USO COOKIES Thanksgiving Covered Dish Lunch at Noon	21 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	22	23	24 Shelly Carlsson's Birthday Thanksgiving <i>T-giving Breakfast at Commonwealth Sam</i>	25	26 Barry Dodd's Birthday
27 <i>Christmas Tree Lighting & Lane Dattiny</i> 5:00pm - 6:30pm	28 Irving Cheek's Birthday ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	29	30			



... Nancy Pyrtle is retiring after 25 years of working in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. After December 31st there will be no more school for her!

... We had a very busy October!

... We had record sales at the Pumpkin Patch! Thanks to all who volunteered and all who bought pumpkins.

...We had beautiful weather for the Center for Children Fall Festival. The front yard was full of kids and parents! We served lots of chili and potatoes and a great time was had by all.

...The Memorial Fish Fry Fund raiser was an awesome success! Our fellowship hall was full to the brim and we served lots of community folks. A BIG thanks goes out to the Westbrook and Leeper families and ALL the volunteers who made it possible.

... The Commonwealth BBQ was on the 22nd and many of us attended for great food and to show our support.

...We saw lots of great costumed little (and big) ones at Trunk or Treat and the hot dog fund raiser following.

... November brings Thanksgiving and preparations for Room In The Inn beginning December 4th.

... Don't forget to collect layette for our mission this month.

...We will also collect Noisy Offering for USO phone cards.

... I need your news.

Becky Kirkpatrick

The Joanna Circle

Will meet on **November 15th** at 11:00am at Epworth Place, in the Porter Conference Room. We will decide whether to have lunch at our December meeting. If you have any questions or need a ride call Carolyn Hancock (704-531-8393) or Becky Kirkpatrick (704-537-0882).

The Susanna Wesley Circle

Will meet on Sunday, **November 6th**, at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a bag lunch and drinks and dessert provided.

Important CMS Dates:

November 11th	Veteran's Day
November 23rd - 25th	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 19th - 30th	Christmas Break

Visitation Teams

We continue our visits to our Kilgo family that has had a hard time coming to church on a regular basis due to health issues.

We have had a good time visiting friends and making new ones.

Continue to keep our home bound members in your prayers.

If you feel a calling to help in this ministry, please let us know!



DON'T FORGET THE
AD COUNCIL/FINANCE
MEETING ON
NOVEMBER 8TH
AT 6:30PM IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM.



CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Well, the sound system is far from being fixed... but it is working better. We have had problems with sound and hearing people speak for a while. Recently the amplifier went out completely and has been replaced. I have been told by several people that they can hear better now than they could before. Fixing that one piece of equipment has helped. Just wait to see how much better it gets with new speakers!! I can't wait.

4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Live Nativity



Sunday, November 27th
5:00 - 6:30pm



Christmas music, ornament making, live animals

Community Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24th at 6:30pm

Our Christmas Eve service is always family friendly. Every child attending will leave with a special gift.

We will sing traditional songs, hear a message of Christmas Joy, and leave with the light of Christ in our hearts. Join us again this year and bring friends and family.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Join our cooperative parish as we celebrate Thanksgiving together. Bring a dish to share and plan to stay after the service on **Nov. 20th**. We will dine in the fellowship hall with First Hmong and Commonwealth. Let us give thanks for all our blessings.



Friends of Kilgo needs your help!

**Come join us for
Kilgo Appreciation Day on
November 19th
from 9am - 2pm.**

Wear your work clothes and come ready to make progress!





CONCERNS
PRAYER

Catherine Lau
Donnie Brown
Anne Mills
Eunice Scott
Velda Avant
Aline Killough
Virginia Bailey
Christine Oliver
The Rider Family
Helen Culbertson
Chuck & Sue Paty

Rev. Reggie Cook
Dr. James Mackey
Rev. Mark Plummer
Irving & Helene Cheek
Joe & Ruby Lemmond
John Jordon
David Thompson
Military Families
Martha O'Neill
Johnny Mallard
Jenelle Long

Noisy Offering



For the month of November the Noisy Offering will go to the USO to help purchase phone cards for our soldiers. This is just a small token of our appreciation for what they do defending our country. Please give generously.



COUPONS FOR THE MILITARY

Your coupons are in our soldier's hands by now, so keep clipping! I know they 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

November 20th is USO Cookie Sunday. These cookies are served at the USO Welcome Center at Charlotte Douglas Airport. This was a project started by Bob Dula and we continue it in his memory.

THE FISH FRY FUNDRAISER WAS AWESOME!

We had a great turnout for our memorial Fish Fry! Thank you Charles and Sarah and the whole Westbrook and Blocker families. All the proceeds go to support the ministries of Kilgo. We appreciate your time, your gifts, your food and all that you mean to our church family. We are truly blessed by each one of you. Thank you again.

PARSONAGE NEWS

As we prepare the parsonage to rent we learned that the house had hidden issues. Our pastor and trustees have been working hard to get the home up to an appropriate living condition. We have fixed water and moisture problems in the basement and crawl space. We have replaced and repaired termite damage, to include replacing wall studs, floor joist and hard wood floors. We have had the parsonage painted and new carpet installed. When all is said and done the repairs will cost about \$10,000 of which the church will be paying \$6,000. The rest will be covered by our termite inspection and control company.

If you know anyone who is looking for a place to rent, this is a great home in the heart of Plaza Midwood with excellent neighbors.

Room In The Inn will be starting up before we know it!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help with this very important mission. Sometimes the meals we provide these neighbors are the only hot meal they have had for days or weeks. Sometimes they just need a word of inspiration, a caring ear to listen, or a smiling face. Please help Kilgo be that for them this season. We will begin on December 4th and run through March so there are plenty of opportunities to help.

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



Ms. Betty Davis is still available for child or elder sitting. Her rates and hours are negotiable so j ust give her a call! (704-375-2007)



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.