

**REVOLUTION SERVICE
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 16TH
AT 7:00PM**

*Are you looking for a different
type of connection?*

*Feel like you need something
less structured but
afraid to ask?*

*Can't See yourself in
a traditional
"church crowd"*

Kilgo UMC is proud
to host our REVOLUTION service.

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

Come, connect with us and join in our Revolution.

Sermon Series for October

LESSONS FROM JOHN (continued)

OCTOBER 2

World Communion Sunday
"Living Water, Bread of Life"
John 4:1-15

OCTOBER 9

"Talking to God"
John 17:6-9,20-23

**New Sermon Series
EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY**

OCTOBER 16

"How We Use Our Treasures"
1 Timothy 6:17-19

OCTOBER 23

"To Be Known as Disciples"
John 13:34-35

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

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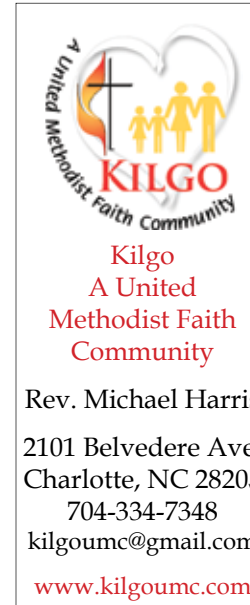


THE MESSENGER

October
2011

The Pastor's Reflection

Get Away With Me



"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (Matthew 11:28-30 The Message)

So often we get so busy we forget the basics. Have you ever felt alone or helpless? Ever been under so much stress you lose sleep? Have you ever felt so far from God that life seems meaningless? Are you trying to figure out where you fit in?

After a busy summer and a hectic start to the school year, this passage touched my heart, my life, and reminded me of God's ever present love in my life. The words of Jesus in Matthew 11 have reminded me in all of life's trials that God is with me. His grace overflows.

When we intentionally invite Christ in we can endure anything. We know that he is with us. Nothing we face will be more than we can handle with him. He reminds us, "Get away with me and you'll recover your life." There is nothing so big, so daunting, so hard, or harsh that Jesus can't handle if we let him.

As this passage has touched my life and drawn me closer to the God, I pray it will touch you as well. My hope, my prayer is that you get away with Jesus and recover your life. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. Live freely and lightly. Know that God is with every one of you always and forever.

In Christ,

Pastor Mike

Important Dates:

Oct 28	Teacher Workday
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 23-25	T-giving Holiday

KILGO WILL BE OFFERING PECANS FOR SALE AGAIN THIS FALL!

	PIECES	12 OZ.	
	HALVES	12 OZ.	
	CINNAMON GLAZED	10 OZ.	

WE WILL BE SELLING THEM ALL FOR \$9 EACH.

THE CINNAMON GLAZED ARE A NEW ADDITION AND WILL
MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BUYING SOME PLEASE EMAIL AT
KILGOUMC@GMAIL.COM OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
704-334-7348. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**the pumpkins
are coming!**

They will be here
**Saturday, October 8th
at 9am!** Please come out
for fun and fellowship
as we unload the truck
or we also need folks
to take one day a week
to sell pumpkins this
month.

**Center for Children
Fall Festival!**

The festivities start at
4:00pm on October 14th.

There will be games & crafts
for kids, the trackless train,
pony rides, and more!

Dinner will be served from
5:30pm until 6:45pm.

Our Purpose:

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

From the Fish Bowl by Carroll Harris

Stay tuned next month for "From the Fish Bowl".

If you would like to dress up your trunk and be a "T" for the Trunk or Treat on October 29th, please let Lori know at 704-334-7648 or



kilgoume@gmail.com so she can get an idea of how many we will have. OR if you just want to provide some candy for the occasion you may make your donations in the basket in the narthex. Thanks in advance for your participation!



Cooperative Parish Men's Breakfast

All men of Kilgo, Commonwealth and First Among are invited to come out to breakfast on October 2nd at 8am for fellowship and tasty food at Commonwealth UMC. Please RSVP to 704-376-4924 if you plan to attend so the cooks can be prepared.



DON'T FORGET THE AD COUNCIL/FINANCE MEETING ON OCTOBER 11TH AT 6:30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Daniel 6) OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

THE INCHES AND POUNDS ARE DROPPING IN NC

You may have noticed Pastor Mike is literally less of a man than he was 6 months ago. This is all thanks to a new program sponsored by the Duke Endowment for Methodist Pastors in North Carolina. Pastor Mike and Carroll have both lost over 20 pounds each and are healthier than they have been in a long time. Pastor Mike's blood pressure and cholesterol are better than ever.

I share this with you to let you know how God is watching out for pastors and churches to help us be healthier and more effective at serving with each of you. We have been coached in managing stress and living and eating healthy.

They split pastors into three groups to manage this process over 3 years. I was selected as part of the first group. They do not put us on a diet. There is no counting calories or fat or anything. The "Naturally Slim" program teaches you to manage your lifestyle and view of food. The biggest problems we have as Americans is the amount of sugar that is now manufactured in everything we consume and the lack of motivation in moving and being healthy.

With Naturally Slim, I have cut the portions I eat, the amount of sugar I consume, and I think more about the choices I make in what I eat. I still get to eat cheeseburgers, but I eat less of them. I only eat when I am hungry and stop when I am comfortable. Amazing, but it works. Truly listening to your body and treating food as something you need not something you want (all the time) really has impacted my health in a positive way.

Enough about me. In NC we had 274 pastors participate in group 1 of Naturally Slim. 92.3% lost weight, 6.2% stayed the same, and 1.5% gained weight. I say those that didn't lose, either have something wrong medically or didn't try. The total pounds lost was 2781 pounds. 43 pounds was the most that any one person lost in 10 weeks. There were 38 of us that lost over 20 pounds. The average weight loss was 10.3 pounds.

I say thank you to Duke Endowment and the United Methodist Church for caring about pastors. I say thank you to God for continuing to look out for all of us as we serve you in the name of Christ. I hope and pray this inspires you to consider the changes each of us need to make to be healthier in our lives and service to the One who created 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

OCTOBER 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
2 Soup Kitchen Cooperative Parish Breakfast 9am at Commonwealth Savanna Circle 12:30pm	3 Betty Scrimgeour's Birthday ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	4	5 Lovenia Lonkford's Birthday	6	7	8 Pumpkins arrive at 9am!
9 Communion Pastor Mike Seams Following Church Youth 4:00pm	10 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	11 Martha O'Neill's Birthday Ad Council/Finance 6:30pm	12	13	14 CFC Fall Festival 4pm	15 NEWLETTER INTRODUCE! Fish Fry 4-8pm
16 REVOLUTION SERVICE 7PM Crop Walk 2:30pm USO COOKIES	17	18 Joanna Circle Nam	19	20	21	22
23	24 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	25	26 Jamie Torrence's Birthday	27 Lucille Beene & Alice Turner's Birthdays	28 David Hathaway, Brianna Shore & Beverly Guesford's Birthdays	29 TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL GARDEN
30	31 Halloween					



... about 40 neighbors attended our last Movie on the Lawn and most of them walked to the church.

... eight ladies from Kilgo

attended the Charlotte District UMW annual meeting August 27th.

... The Ice Cream & Watermelon Social at Commonwealth UMC was great fun!

... pumpkins are coming October 8th. We need workers that day and all through October.

... Fall Festival sponsored by our Child Care Center is October 14th and it's always fun!

... Fish Fry is October 15th. Sarah Westbrook will run the kitchen and Charles Leeper, all the way from Charleston, SC, will be here to fry the fish. They need your help!

... Fall Crawl & Trunk or Treat will close out this busy month. We need folks to park in the back lot and hand out candy or treats from open trunks.

... our October Mission Project is to purchase extra candy for Trunk or Treat and the Noisy Offering this month will be Second Harvest Food Bank.

... I need your news.

Becky Kirkpatrick

The Joanna Circle

Will meet on **October 18th** at 11:00am at Epworth Place, in the Porter Conference Room. 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, **October 2nd**, at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a bag lunch and drinks and dessert provided.



On October 15th from 4 - 8pm we will have a fish fry fundraiser in memory of Pete & Virginia Leeper. All proceeds will benefit Kilgo missions. Plates are \$7 for adults & \$4 for kids and include fish, choice of potato, slaw, hush puppies, & drink. There will be a sweets table in memory of Lin Westbrook where desserts will be for sale too.

Visitation Teams

The Second Sunday of September we sent 5 teams of two people each to visit our members who are unable to come to church regularly because of health issues.

We visited 12 different people and had a wonderful time. We had new members and non-members to visit. We had members who have been here forever and Pastor Mike doing the visiting as well. It was enriching and we will be doing this monthly.

We will visit every second Sunday immediately following church. Plan to join us!

RUMOR HAS IT...



Have you heard any good rumors lately? I heard that Pastor Mike is moving! What?! Since few of you have

actually come and asked about it, I figured I should at least share a little so the rumors that spread are truth rather than rumors.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Administrative Council voted overwhelmingly to allow Pastor Mike, Carroll, and their family to move beyond the parsonage and into home ownership. This show of support was offered because of the dedication and efforts of Pastor Mike and Carroll here at Kilgo.

This is not an end to their ministry here. It is a new beginning. Pastor Mike has shown that he is committed to Kilgo. He wants to stay as long as we continue to do the work of Christ together to reach out to all people. We continue to find new ways to reach those that are not a part of Kilgo and to nurture those who are.

This move will allow Pastor Mike to have his own home. This is something that Methodist pastors historically have not been able to do until retirement and then they don't have the resources to do so. This will allow Pastor Mike to have equity and a place to call home for himself and his family prior to his retirement years. This will also allow Pastor Mike and Carroll to set boundaries. It is so easy for Pastor Mike to be pulled away from family time and his time off for reasons that are not emergencies.

He will continue to dedicate his time and his heart to the work of this faith community. However, now he will have clearly defined boundaries as to when he is working and when he is not. If it is a non-emergency then he asks that you wait to contact him during business hours. If it is an emergency he

will respond just like he would living next door to the church. This will allow him to be more effective as pastor, husband, and father because he will not be torn in so many directions all at the same time. These boundaries will also allow others within our faith community to step up and serve in some of those places that Pastor Mike just filled in since he was right next door.

What about the parsonage? This is a win for Pastor Mike and a win for the congregation. We currently have no funds other than general funds to pay for renovations and repairs. When we rent out the parsonage we will bring in more rent than we pay to Pastor Mike. This will allow us to build up a fund for repairs, renovations, and times when the parsonage is not rented. What if 10 years later Pastor Mike moves? You can decide then whether to offer the new pastor a parsonage or a housing allowance. I believe you will appreciate the income from renting the parsonage, but if the next pastor wants a parsonage, you give you tenant 60 days notice and then they have to vacate.

Who will rent it? More than likely either a young professional family that works in uptown or Ms. Judy and the daycare. The daycare has a waiting list of over 100 children. We are looking at the possibility of moving the older kids to the parsonage and doubling the number of children that we can serve. If this cannot happen due to cost or regulations we will look to rent it to a private individual.

We have sought the advice and direction of a real estate professional who will assist us in this process. We have been assured that it will not be hard to rent and we will not be on our own.

God is good. All the time, God is good. He has seen us make it through the last 68 years and he will see us through this exciting chapter as well.



Please note . . .

The containers for the soup labels, box tops for education, and pull tabs from soda cans are now located just inside the door to the Heritage Walk. Please remember to save these for the Center for Children.



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Rev. Mark Plummer
Irving & Helene Cheek
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John Jordon
David Thompson
Military Families
Martha O'Neill
Johnny Mallard
Jenelle Long



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.

Does anyone have a commemorative plate of the McNeil House at Kilgo UMC? We have someone looking to purchase one. She is 82 and the last living McNeil who lived in the house. Call Lori if you are willing to sell yours.

Noisy Offering



For the month of October our Noisy Offering will go to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina.

\$1 will provide 4 meals for Thanksgiving.

Please give generously to those in need as we approach the winter months and holidays.



Shepherd's Center East would like to invite you to their

CRAFT SALE

Thursday, October 13th from 10am - 2pm
Central UMC Fellowship Hall
6030 Albemarle Road

Featuring beautiful handmade items sewn, quilted, knitted, crocheted and crafted by SCE volunteers! Proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Shepherd's Center East for area seniors.

FLU SHOTS

will be available there too for \$30 without insurance. The clinic will run at the same time and place as the sale. You can kill two birds with one stone!

Go to www.sceast.org for more information.

Homecoming

We had a great homecoming. Many of our families and friends returned for a great service and fellowship following. Our guest speaker, Rev. Eddie Ingram, shared a great message about how God has chosen each one of us. We did not choose Him. He chose us! Rev. Ingram challenged us in living out our call and mission to share Christ and reach people for Christ. It was the perfect message of coming home and living what we believe.

As always our meal was great. The Hmongs were able to join us for lunch as well. We always have so much food, we didn't waste a bit of it this year. God feeds us and nourishes us in body and spirit.

As we look ahead, lets see how we who call ourselves the church of Kilgo can serve the One who created us. We have been together for 68 years and God has been with us guiding us all along the way. I look forward to seeing how God will guide us for His kingdom in the 68 years to come.

Psalm 98:4

Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth; break forth into
joyous song and sing praises!

