

The Hill's Chapel House Call November 2011



Bloodmobile @ St. Peter's by the Lake



There will be a Red Cross bloodmobile at St. Peter's by the Lake on Monday, November 7th from 2:30 pm until 7:00 pm. If anyone is able to donate this would be a great way to give back to the community.

Cemetery Committee Report



The Cemetery Committee is now selling the 2nd printing of the pictorial directory of the markers in our cemetery.

This came in handy as our budget was cut by 25% and we need the extra funds to make up for this.

So far we've sold one in Northern Ohio, Indiana and Arizona. We're now looking to Florida and California.

Guy McIntosh, Treasurer

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

ADAM HAMILTON'S

THE JOURNEY: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus. Using historical information, archaeological findings, and personal reflections, Hamilton illuminates this most amazing moment in history. We follow the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and others, gaining insight into our own journeys with Christ.

This 5-part study begins on November 15th at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

ELCM Need

East Lincoln Christian Ministry needs your empty plastic bags and egg cartons. The Ministry has an average of 200 shoppers each day and even if we only use one bag per shopper (highly unlikely - more like a minimum of 2) that is at least 200 bags PER DAY. So you can see that we ALWAYS need good used bags. We do use the large garbage bags as well.

Anyone that wants to be helpful and cannot volunteer at The Ministry - these bags are folded in half (long ways). This can be done at home and I will be happy to take them to The Ministry.

We do not use as many egg cartons but that is an ongoing need as well.

Janet Howie



Memorials

In Memory Of	Donor's Name	Designated
Barbara Jean Cooke	Russell & Joan Dellinger	Budget
Barbara Jean Cooke	Heather Dellinger	Budget
Barbara Jean Cooke	Wayne Dellinger	Cemetery Fund
Barbara Jean Cooke	Guy & Etrulia McIntosh	Cemetery Trust Fund
Barbara Jean Cooke	Freddie & Jessie Dellinger	Cemetery Fund
Barbara Jean Cooke	Jimmy & Jewell Crow	Cemetery Trust Fund
Corina Harris Sifford	John & Doris Sifford	Cemetery Trust Fund
Dola Sifford	John & Doris Sifford	Cemetery Trust Fund
Patsy Sifford	John & Doris Sifford	Cemetery Trust Fund
Ray Sifford	John & Doris Sifford	Cemetery Trust Fund
Corbin Matthew Tuttle	Mark & Kristen Edwards	Cemetery Fund
In Honor Of	Donor's Name	Designated
Janet Duckworth	Neely & Jeremy Osborne	Building Fund

Thank You!

To Hill's Chapel, I want to thank you for the fruit basket, cards, phone calls, e-mails, visits and prayers during my surgery and recovery. Also, thanks to Val for her visit with me and Reta before my surgery. It's nice to have a church family as ours. With Love, Jerry

MISSIONS/EVANGELISM REPORT

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 6 - All Saints Celebration (both services) - to remember members who passed away the last year. We invite all family members to join us and light a candle in their memory.

Nov. 13 - Veteran's Day Supper - Sunday, 5:00 pm. - This will be a covered dish supper - so we need your usual support in bringing your favorite dishes. We are expecting 50+ veterans so we need lots of food! Please invite any veterans you might know in the community.

Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Service at New Covenant (Val will preach).

Nov. 16 - Decorate the church for Christmas, Sat. 9:00 am -- Need lots of help - especially men!!

Dec. 11 Children & Youth Christmas Program - Youth to provide supper. Santa to bring fruit bags.

Dec. 18 - Choir Christmas Musical - Combined Service at 10:00 (Sunday School at 9:00)

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Service - Combined Service at 10:00 (no Sunday School)

United Methodist Women

The UMW had a covered dish supper on October 11th. Good attendance, food and fellowship. If you were not there do plan to come to the next one. We made \$301.00 which will be used for the UMW budget.

October 15th we prepared a meal for the family of Barbara Cooke. Thanks to all the ladies that helped with the food. It was delicious and very much appreciated by the family. November 5th at 6:00 we will have a country ham supper. We look forward to a big crowd and lots of good food. We want this to be a church wide event so we need your help. All of the proceeds will go to a church project.

Thanks to all who help to make all these things possible.
See you Nov. 5th at 6:00.

Mae Goff, Pres.

Regional Impact Day – January 7, 2012

Hill's Chapel is joining forces with New Covenant to host a Regional Impact Day on January 7th, 2012. This one day event will replicate what our youth have been doing in conjunction with Carolina Cross Connection for the past 4 years – a mini – CCC experience that EVERYONE can participate in! We work with CCC to get names of families in Gaston and Lincoln counties who have asked for help with yard work, painting, porch repair, etc., and we spend the day serving our brothers and sisters in Christ! We will wrap up the work day with a meal and a time of worship. More details forthcoming, but mark your calendars now for this date – our prayer is that many will sign up to be a part of this opportunity we have to serve the needs of folks in our own “back yards”!

New Arrival



Kelly and Clare Miller had their third child, a son, on October 15th. Bryson Albert joins siblings Brayden and Brooklyn, weighing in at almost 8 pounds.

God's Precious Saints

A man mourning the sudden death of his young wife wondered, “Where was God when Jenny died?” Unable to sleep one night, he turned to Scripture and read Psalm 116:3 (NIV): “The anguish of the grave came upon me: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.” The man’s anguish echoed the psalmist’s.

Reading on, he discovered verse 15: “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”

“What does it mean by precious?” the man wondered. The footnote proved helpful: “Not in the sense of highly valued, but of that which is carefully watched over.” The widower pictured God watching over his wife in her last moments. “That’s where God was,” the man thought with relief, “with Jenny the whole time.”

May we, too, be assured that God truly cares for his saints — not only at death but also in life, through grief and into healing.

A Spirit Of Adoption

My youngest sister was adopted, as were many of my childhood friends. When I married a man with a son whose birth mother had died, I adopted the child. Later my husband and I had a son together.

We, too, have been adopted — by God. When God looks at us, he sees people who are as much his children as Jesus is. God loves us as he loves Jesus, and we are equal heirs with Jesus to God’s gift of eternal life. As Paul wrote, we “have received a spirit of adoption ... we are children of God, and if children, then ... heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:15-17, NRSV).

When someone refers to my oldest son as my stepson, I’m momentarily taken aback; never do I think of him that way. Nor do we think of our boys as half-brothers. Though biologically half-siblings, legally and in terms of our parental love and responsibility, they’re full-fledged brothers because each is fully our child.

What a blessing, not only to have these boys as children but also to receive, through them, a clear reminder of the right of all of us to “be called children of God; [for] that is what we are” (1 John 3:1, NRSV)



**Please support the Catawba Springs
Elementary Book Bag program!!**

We will be sending approximately 24 book bags full of food home each weekend with children who are hungry.

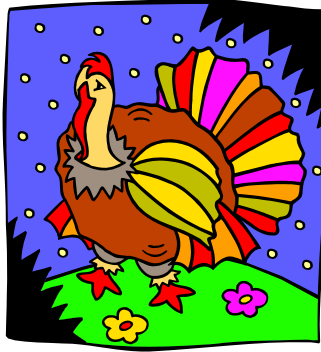
Your support makes the program a success.

Give by either donating money and designating your check to go in the Book Bag account or
by bringing in foods listed below.

Thank you – and a hungry child thanks you too!!

Peanut butter, small cereals, toaster pastries, canned fruits and vegetables, canned and boxed pastas, tuna, canned meats, snack crackers, cake mixes

PLEASE – NO GLASS ITEMS



KIDZ KLUB

Friday, November 18th 2011

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Dinner, Craft and Games

Ages 3 yrs thru 5th grade

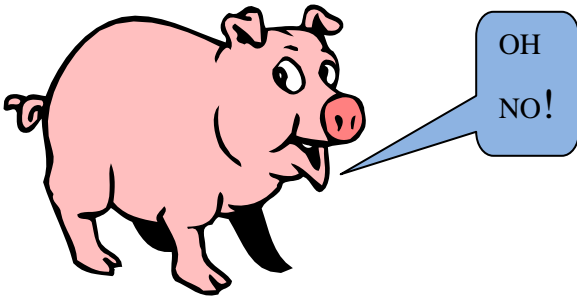
Reservations are not required

Drop off the kids and enjoy a free evening

Questions: Hillschapel@bellsouth.net;

Hill's Chapel Church office @ 704-827-9511

www.hcumc.com



OH YES!!

Let's Bring Back
an Old Tradition
to Our
Community!!!

Country Ham Dinner

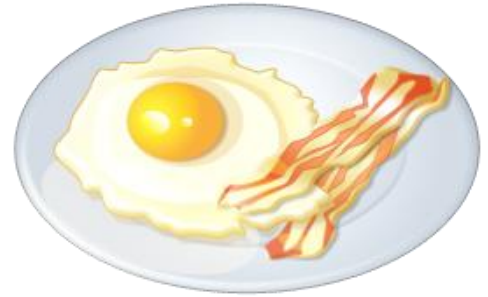
Hill's Chapel United Methodist Church
988 S. Highway 16, Lowesville
Saturday, November 5th
6:00 pm

Country Ham
Sweet Potatoes Rice w/Red Eye Gravy
Green Beans Homemade Biscuits
Assorted Desserts
Tea/Coffee

Adults \$8.00
Children under 12 \$4.00

Proceeds to go towards church projects
For questions contact the church office at
704-827-9511.

Community Breakfast



Sponsored by the United Methodist Men
Saturday, November 12th 8am – 10am

**** Join us for food and fellowship!!****

Hill's Chapel UMC Family Life Center

Cost - \$5 per person



COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Friday, November 11, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
at East Lincoln Christian Ministry
(4278 Catawba Burriss Road, Denver)

Sponsored by:
East Lincoln Christian Ministry
& Carolinas Medical Center-Lincoln

On Site Screenings by CMC-Lincoln:

Blood Glucose (sugar) - \$3
Blood Pressure - free
Flu vaccinations - \$15
Lipid Profile (fasting required) - \$8
P.S.A (Prostate Cancer Blood Test) - \$15
Pulmonary Function Tests (Lung health) - \$10

On Site (Education) provided by CMC-Lincoln:

Chest Pain & Stroke Networks (ED & Sanger), Diabetes, Home Health, Imaging
(Breast Health), Pain Center, Nutrition, Prostate Health (McKay Urology),
Rehabilitation, Sleep Services & Smoking Cessation

United Way 211 Services
Find a physician

Please pre-register at ELCM
(end of hall in Crisis Department)
For more information, call:
ELCM @704-483-4415



Thanksgiving and Christmas Shopping List

for

ELCM Holiday Meals

Canned Goods:



GREEN BEANS
CORN
SWEET POTATOES
CRANBERRY SAUCE
APPLES OR APPLESAUCE
PUMPKIN
EVAPORATED MILK

Boxed Items:

MACARONI & CHEESE
MASHED POTATOES

If you'd prefer to make a monetary
contribution towards meat, please make
checks payable to ELCM and designate
"holiday meals" in memo line.

O, Give Thanks...

Hill's Chapel United Methodist Church Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

3:00 – 7:00 pm

Held in the FLC

Please contact the church office @
704-827-9511 to schedule
your appointment to donate.

All donors will be entered in a drawing for two
Delta Air Lines tickets!

Donors should eat iron-rich foods for 2 weeks before
donating blood. Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine
on the day of the drive.



American
Red Cross

Belk Charity Sale

**Buy tickets for yourself and
Sell tickets to family and friends**

Hill's Chapel keeps 100% of our ticket sales

When: Saturday, November 5th

Time: 6am – 10am (4 hours only!)

Ticket Cost: \$5

How It Works:

Belk offers this twice-a-year event for non-profit, tax-exempt organizations. Ticket(s) will be good for the 20-70% off storewide sales including special savings on rarely discounted brands. They are also valid on regular, sale or clearance purchases, including cosmetics and fragrances. They are not valid on phone orders or on belk.com.

You can use one ticket per transaction. If you purchase ten tickets, the church gets \$50 and you get your money back when you buy ten items. We have 500 tickets so you can purchase as many as you want.

There will also be various other events going on in the store during this sale. Free Belk gift card valued from \$5 up to \$1000 value will be given to the first 100 customers in each store. Tickets are good for all Belk stores in the Southeast.

For those of us who shopped last year, the sale was GREAT and 4 hours wasn't long enough!

Tickets are available from:

**Janet Duckworth
Janet Howard
Iris Walker
Church Office**



Financial Snapshot

As of September 30, 2011

Lori Gaston, Treasurer

General Fund:

Contributions received		166,746.29
Expenses paid out:		
Conference Apportionment	(17,110.20)	
Missions/Ministry	(17,402.78)	
Operations/Maintenance	(50,330.55)	
Personnel	(100,380.81)	
	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>(185,224.34)</u>
	2010 general fund surplus/(deficit)	<u><u>(18,478.05)</u></u>

Capital Funds:

Sanctuary fund		129,391.34
Building fund		48,589.01
Total		<u><u>177,980.35</u></u>

Please pray about your giving and listen to God's guidance as approach the end of 2011. With the help of each member of this congregation, we can fund all of our missions, ministries and operations of Hill's Chapel.

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Anniversaries and Birthdays

02 – Chris and Marla Miller
04 – Jimmy and Jean Dellinger
08 – Andrew Paul and Nealy Woodring
12 – Larry and Susan Goff
13 – Kelly and Clare Miller
20 – Cecil and Debbie Dellinger

22 – Don and Susan Grice
23 – Lee and Janet Tatum
29 – Jimmy and Jewell Crow
29 – Chris and Sharon Williams
30 – David and Barbara Farrow

01 – Greg Houser
02 – Christine Rogers
03 – John Laney
04 – Susan Cannon
04 – Darin Dellinger
04 – Avery Little
05 – Leesa Hilty
06 – Robbie Grice
08 – Camryn Tuttle
09 – Kevin Dellinger
11 – Riley Dellinger
11 – Matthew Hinson
14 – Fran Pope
15 – Shanna Wilkes
16 – Margaret Wilkes
18 – Emma Hegler

18 – Josh Miller
18 – Andy Morrison
19 – David Hatley
19 – Elsie Luckey
19 – Tammy Knox
20 – Amy Page
20 – Lee Tatum
21 – Ruth Howie
24 – Julie Ballard
24 – David Hutchinson
24 – Frank McAulay
26 – Debbie Robinson
26 – Michael Maddox
27 – Ted Morrison
29 – Ellis Dunston
29 – Brenda York

Willing Workers

9:00am Nursery

- 06 – Steven & Lesley Gales
- 13 – Kelly, Cameron & Jake Carter
- 20 – Iris walker & Spencer Gaston
- 27 – Norma Morrison & Kara Blackwelder

9:00am Children's Message

- 06 – Robert Gales
- 13 – Sonya Gales
- 20 – Shannon Parker
- 27 – Pastor Val

9:00am Children's Church

- 06 – Sonya Gales
- 13 – Debbie Edwards
- 20 – Shannon Parker
- 27 – TBD



NOVEMBER

The VISION FOR HILL'S CHAPEL

This summer, Hill's Chapel members met several times with consultant Dave Zeitlow to articulate our goals and desires for the church. At the meeting in August, folks consolidated these goals into four general areas: financial stability; more programs to provide for a children's ministry that would also then attract families with elementary-age children; more opportunities for senior adults; and developing a way to have every member involved in mission. Here's where we are so far:

Financial Stability: In October through early November, the congregation had the opportunity to read together a daily devotional, *The Pyramid of Christian Generosity*. This resource helps each of us to discover our history with money, and challenges us to move into a deeper relationship with God through faithful handling of our resources. On November 6th we will receive pledge cards; this is just one step in a lifetime of deepening faith and understanding.

The Finance Committee has worked hard in developing and maintaining a budget, and will continue to do so. In November, Dave Zeitlow will meet with this committee as they begin to set the budget for 2012.

Children's Ministry: A committee will begin to meet in November to make preliminary plans that will then begin to be implemented throughout 2012. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please let Val know. Dave Zeitlow will be with the group for the first meeting.

Senior Adults: Intern Eric Hillestad has begun developing a program that will provide a variety of opportunities for our seniors. He has met with several people already, and will continue to do so. He also is spending time on pastoral care. By the time Eric leaves in May, it is anticipated that a strong program and committee will be in place.

Mission Opportunities: The Missions Committee is discussing more ways that service projects can be introduced and emphasized within the congregation, and will spend much of the early months of the year exploring these questions. One project that will begin in January is to work in conjunction with the Youth who will begin working on community impact days as an outgrowth of their involvement with their summer mission trip.

These plans are in their very beginning stages--it's an ongoing process. Our hope is that every person affiliated with Hill's Chapel will commit to these goals and participate as fully as possible to strengthen our church.

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

November is upon us—the season of remembrance, of counting our blessings, of pausing to take stock of our lives. With Halloween it seems that we're rushed headlong into Christmas—the Thanksgiving holiday just seems to briefly punctuate the weeks, giving us a little breather to gain strength for the mad dash to December 25th. But let's give November its due.

We begin with All Saints' Day—the day in the church when we pause to remember those who have gone on before us. Here at Hill's Chapel we light a candle in remembrance of those people in the church that have died in the previous 12 months. We also light candles in remembrance of any loved ones who have gone on. It is a sacred time.

This year we also have designated November 6th as our pledge Sunday. It's so appropriate that both occur on the same day. Many of the people we remember were instrumental in forming us in the faith, wherever we grew up. Many worked hard to make this church what it is. Our support of the church honors their memory, too. Their generosity helped create the present; our generosity helps perpetuate their memory and work into the future.

November is also the time when we remember and honor our veterans—those who served the country in any capacity over the years. We're blessed to have people willing to offer themselves to help keep us—and others—safe.

And then we move on to Thanksgiving itself—a time to pause, to reflect on our blessings, and then turn those blessings back to praise. This Sunday one of our readings is from Psalm 100, a great canticle of praise. Part of that psalm reads:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.



Blessings on you and yours,

Val

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