

February 5, 2012

Cornerstone UMC

CHRONICLE

Rev. Wm. Christopher Cooper, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jeanne Williams, Associate Pastor

A Weekly Newsletter



For the season of Lent Pastor Chris and Pastor Jeanne have decided to do two separate Lenten series of sermons. Pastor Chris will be preaching the 8:30 and 11:00 services with the overall theme from a Lenten study called Living with the Mind of Christ by James A. Harnish. The subject material and sermon will follow very closely Harnish's work. The subjects and themes will be:

- February 26 - Love: The Power to Change Your Mind
- March 4 - Servanthood: Breaking the Me-first Mind-set
- March 11 - Faithful Suffering: The Foolishness of the Cross
- March 18 - Surrender: The Moment of Letting Go

- March 25 - Humility: Moving Up by Coming Down
- April 1 (Palm Sunday) - Obedience: How Far will you Go?
- April 8 (Easter) - Glory: Unexpected Glory!

Pastor Jeanne's series is called Giving it Up. Many of us give up certain things for the forty days of Lent, and doing so can be a very beneficial thing for us. This seven-week series takes that idea one step further by talking each week about things that God wants us to give up, not just for forty days, but forever.

- February 26 - Giving Up Control
- March 4 - Giving Up Expectations
- March 11 - Giving Up Superiority
- March 18 - Giving Up Enemies

- March 25 - Giving Up Our Lives
- April 1 (Palm Sunday) - Giving Up Popularity
- April 8 (Easter) - Giving Up Death

Our prayer is that you will join us for one of these meaningful series as we take a deeper look at what Lent really means to us as Christians.



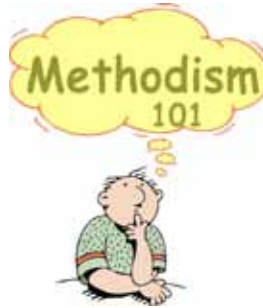
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- February 6 David McDaniel
- February 6 Clay McMellon - 6
- February 8 Laura Burns
- February 8 Erica Worsham
- February 9 Glenda Capooth
- February 9 Susan Miller
- February 10 Judy Brooks
- February 11 Minnie Cooksey
- February 12 Andrea Hicks
- February 12 Gary Rudder

Anniversaries

- February 12 Larry & Lynn Featherston



We are proud to announce that beginning on Sunday, February 12, Stan Vardell will be facilitating a brand new Methodism 101 class. The class will start at 5 p.m. each week, and will be a way for all adults to learn about the wonderful traditions of our Methodist faith. This is a perfect opportunity for those who are new to Cornerstone or new to Methodism. It is also an excellent refresher for anyone who may have always had questions, but never knew who to ask. Whether you are single or married, young or seasoned, member or visitor, this class is for you. If you are a parent,

come enjoy this informative class while your Kids, LINK and Youth are participating in our lively Sunday evening activities. You'll be glad you did!



Northeast Arkansas Peer Network Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2012

6:00pm - 7:00pm

UAMS Center on Aging Northeast
303 East Matthews
Jonesboro, Arkansas



Questions? Call us at (501) 748-1248
or toll-free at 1-800-338-1383.



We will not have Sunday Night Live this week, February 5th. We will be back on schedule next week for our "Jesus loves you party"!

We still need volunteers for children's Sunday school! If you are interested in teaching or being an assistant teacher please contact Shea.

The SNL children's choir is scheduled to sing in Sunday morning worship during the 9:45 am & 11:00 am services on February 26th. More details to come.

VISITING FAMILIES: Children's Programming is both on Sunday Mornings & Sunday evenings. *Kids Connection* meets at 8:30 a.m. in the Cloud Room in the Education building. Pre-k through 4th graders are dismissed from worship after the children's sermon to go to Sunday School at 10:05. *SNL* is our Sunday evening programming that meets from 5:00 pm – 6:45 pm. At SNL we have lessons, crafts, music, & games dinner is always provided. Hope to see you there!



SOUP-er BOWL IS ENDING SUNDAY - and right now the Giants are WINNING!! That's right! The Giants are whoopin' the Patriots 31 - 18. However, that means that we only have 49 cans/packages to give to the Food Pantry - **WE NEED YOU!!! We have people who are starving, RIGHT HERE IN JONESBORO! YOU can help stop the hunger!!** Please bring your canned goods and put them in the baskets at the back of the Sanctuary. This is a fun way to help the Youth's mission project, and all food/money donated will be given to the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Results will be tallied up at the Youth Super Bowl pre-game party.

FOOTBALL?! - Yes, indeed. Sunday the 5th brings our Super Bowl Pre-Game party! We will START at 3 p.m. and END at 5 p.m. That way everyone can get home to watch the game. We will also tally up and find out the winner of our SOUP-er Bowl Food Drive, as well as have a flag football game of our own. Team Captains are Daniel Spain and Rebecca Spain. Everyone please bring a snack to share. Youth, the LINK group will be joining us for the party and will be on our football teams.

DO I SMELL PANCAKES? Not yet, but soon...the annual Youth Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner will be held on February 21 in the Fellowship Hall. Come eat and "PASS A GOOD TIME"!!!

PARENTS - If you have a teenager who is in grades 7 – 12, our Youth group is very active and welcoming! Watch this space for upcoming times and dates! Youth Sunday School is in the Youth Room at 8:30 on Sunday mornings. Come on out and join us! For details, please contact me at tracey@cornerstoneumc.net.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: is happening at 8:30 on Sunday morning. Tracey, along with Allan and Andrea Hicks, are leading this curriculum. Confirmation is planned for May.



CONFIRMATION WITH THE BISHOP: is in Little Rock, March 10th. This will be a Saturday trip, and we need to know how many of our Confirmands will want to go. Meeting Bishop Crutchfield, fellowshiping with others from around the Conference, games, and lunch are included. The cost is \$10 per person who wishes to attend. It is a wonderful day trip and a chance for our LINKsters to meet others who are along similar faith journeys. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tracey.

PARENTS: If you have a child who is in 5th or 6th grade, we would like to have them join us in LINK. Confirmation classes are every Sunday morning at 8:30, and the Sunday night programming happens at 5 p.m. Come on out and join us! For details, please contact Shea.

TONIGHT: We will join the Youth for a pre-game Super Bowl Party from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Weather permitting we will be playing touch football outside, so dress appropriately. Please bring your favorite snack to share with the group. Hope to see you there!



Pick up your Contribution Statement in the back of the Sanctuary this Sunday! Those not picked up will be mailed.

UMW 2012 Reading Program Selection: *Beaded Hope* by Cathy Liggett - Just to let you know this novel is back in and ready to be checked out again. It hold the story of four women who make a trip to Africa and discover their hearts are bound forever to the women of Africa.



Nonfiction Selection: *Contagious Joy* by Christa Kinde. This book is from the Women of Faith Study Guide Series. We have several in the library including *Understanding Purpose, Receiving God's Goodness* and *Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy*. They would each make a great short study for a few friends to read together or even just by yourself. The writing style is simple and clear. Sometimes just a short and simple study brings understanding to what we thought was too difficult or complex to really "get".

Susan Shelton

Christian Fiction Selection: *Going Home* by Wanda Brunstetter. *Going home* is book one of four books that make up this new series in our library. The other titles are *On Her Own, Dear Me,* and *Allison's Journey.* The setting is Webster County Missouri's Amish community.

Fiction Selection: *When You Were Mine* by Elizabeth Noble. This is another novel from the author of the best seller, *The Reading Group.* This story about lost chances, friendship and recognizing one's need to face life as an adult is poignant, funny, and wise.

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: ASU Wesley Foundation
a few words from Rev. Eric Van Meter

A few months ago, I heard Ruth Haley Barton, a well-known spiritual guide and writer, speak at a workshop. In talking about the frantic pace and pressures of life, she underscored the importance of campus ministry: "My college friends are some of the most important people in my life, because the only thing they expect out of me is that I be myself with them."

That such a successful person with such vast life experience could make that statement tells you how important ASU Wesley Foundation is. It is a place where students lay the groundwork for their adult spiritual lives among people who will love them without conditions and cheer for them without reservation. Thanks, Cornerstone, for making Wesley your mission of the month! You are family to us, and we appreciate your prayers and support.

Love in Christ,
 Eric



Cornerstone's Handyman Ministry was January's Mission of the Month. They would like to thank everyone for the support and donations in the amount of \$583.00! These funds will go a long way in helping those in need. Way to go!

A NOTE ABOUT FAIR TRADE COFFEE



Thank you to everyone who is purchasing Fair Trade Coffee. You are enabling small coffee farmers to:

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- *Send their children to school
- *Provide housing for their families
- *Afford access to clean water for their families

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God Bless you as you continue to share your blessings.

NEWS & Notes

The Christ in Me Sunday School Class is hosting a viewing of the movie "Courageous" on Wednesday, February 8, at 6 p.m. in the Cloud Room. Everyone is invited to join them.



Dear Cornerstone-

On behalf of our family I would like to thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, meals, visits, etc. that you provided us during Don's sickness and funeral. We have truly felt your love and support and are very grateful for you! Don loved Cornerstone so very much!

In Christ, Mar Sue Clem and family



Danny Akers, Clay Band, Pat Blanchard, Judy Belk, Alan Brewer, Ellen Brewer, Marie Burrow, Christine Calvert, Jose & Maria Chevaz, Missy Childers, Wendell "Pat" Chitmon,

MarSue Clem, Gaylon Crain, Ryan DeMott, Arlene Dormio, Nelson Drake, Kenneth Dubrowski, Robert & Sherry Engleken, Evalean Featherston, Maegan Ford, Avery Garrison, Cody Gentry, Scotty Gunter, Larry Haag, Erma Hall, Hayden Hall, Becky Carey Hardin, Sarah Anne Clem-Harris, Audrey Haynes, Landon Hathcoat, Chris Henson, Allan & Andrea Hicks, Misty Honeycutt, AnVan Hudson, Debbie Jordan, Caroline Kelly, Robby King, Dave Kronbusch, Carolyn Langford, David Laverty, Gabe Leon, Helen Leonard, Sandy Lilly, Ann Lovern, John & Mary Lee Marcom, Mary Kathryn Marcom, Odis Matney, Andrew Miles, Susan Muller, Cody Painter, Sue & Larry Pittman, Jim & Liz Pitts, Robert Posey & family, Tristan Qualls, Dee Mae Roddy, Janet Ross, Beverly Shero, Priscilla Smith, Shane Smith, Mary Thorn, Wynette Tittle, Louise Travis, Wanda Tyner, Leeanne Wagner, Gary West, Harold Westbrook, Wesley, Charlotte Wilcoxson, and Louise Woods.

Dear Church Family,
 My sincere "Thanks" to my Cornerstone Family for the food, cards, flowers, and especially prayers. Your support in this very difficult time continues to strengthen me. Thank you to Rebecca for the pall and leading the music. Love, Charlotte Chaplain



SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES: Kickball deadline is Feb. 14. We must have a minimum of 20 people - 10 men, 10 women - all games are on Sunday afternoons beginning March 4; play will end in time for Sunday night activities. Cost is \$18/person if we have 20 people.



Softball deadline is March 18. We must have a minimum of 20 people - 10 men, 10 women - cost is \$30/person if we have 20 people. For more info, contact Pastor Jeanne at jeanne@cornerstoneumc.net or Adam Watkins at brubaker43@yahoo.com.



Our church has been asked if we would participate in a prayer chain for the "ACH Prayer Blanket", a state-wide prayer network for children and families at Arkansas Children's Hospital. The goal is

to create a strong and supportive "blanket of prayer" for ill and injured children and their families. We will be placing the names of these young ones on our CUMC Prayer Chain as they are sent to us. Please pray for them as you pray for those in our CUMC family. Thank you.

Ushers & Greeters



February

Usher-Greeter Teams

8:30 Worship

Jerry & Mitzie Whitten
Irene McDonald, MG Smith

9:45 ConneXion

Mary Montgomery,
Keith & Tammy Romines
Stacy & Jordan Walker

11:00 Service

Dan Hughes, Gwyn Hughes
Danny Clements
Leonard McDaniel, Babara Martin

Hospital Visitation Team

February 6 – February 12

Bill & Carol Keith

February 13 – February 19

Charles & Stacy Walker



8:30 Worship

February 5 Russ Shain
February 12 ASU Wesley

9:45 ConneXion

February 5 Jeanne Williams
February 12 ASU Wesley

11:00 Service

February 5 Leonard McDaniel
February 12 ASU Wesley



February 5 Canned Tomatoes
& Canned Sauce

February 12 Peanut Butter
& Crackers

The Food Pantry also has
a need for formula, soap, shampoo,
& diapers (size 4).



COMMUNION Assistants

8:30 Worship

Anna Coleman, Irene McDonald,
Donna & Randy Garrison

9:45 ConneXion

Prepare: Mike & Melissa Coles
Serve: Mike & Melissa Coles,
Cheryl & Matt Knight

11:00 Service

Prepare: Leonard & Mary Lou McDaniel
Serve: Leonard & Mary Lou McDaniel,
Rev. Jeanne Williams, Jane Smith



February 5 Canned Soup
& Chili

February 12 Juice Drinks



February 5

8:30 Worship

Infants-Crawlers-Twos
Carla Pratt, Betsy Barrett
Threes
Barbara Blanchard

9:45 ConneXion

Infants-Crawlers-Twos
Carla Pratt, Jim Hall, Debbie Biazio,
Kerri Felts, Betty Stockton
Threes
Barbara Blanchard

ATTENDANCE

8:30 Worship -	73
Kid's ConneXion -	21
9:45 ConneXion -	160
11:00 Worship -	102
Total Worshipers -	356
Sunday School -	175

