



# The Messenger

First United Methodist Church  
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### Times of worship —

Saturday Worship 6:00 pm  
Sunday Family Worship 10:30 am

The Messenger items are due at the main desk by Monday prior to printing. Watch bulletins for additional activities.

**PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE**

*Next Messenger: Feb 17<sup>th</sup>*

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### MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Total attendance for services

Jan 25	6:00 pm	34	Jan
26	10:30 am	131	
Feb 1	6:00 pm	29	
Feb 2	10:30 am	101	

### THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BAILEY

**“For the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecution, perplexities, and distresses; for when I am weak (in human strength) then am I (truly) strong (able, powerful in divine strength).” (2 Cor. 12:10 AMP)**

In a devotional book, “God Calling”, I found a beautiful jewel. Here it is: Jesus says, “Life with me is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties.”

“Oh but Lord”, you say, “I thought life with you (the Christian life) was to be always beautiful flowers, easy and gentle days, all going well, all problems being fixed, never having to wait, never having any sickness or problems or a broken marriage or the loss of a job or not knowing our way.”

In other words we want immunity from problems and difficulties. But, in truth, we are called to trust in God in the midst of trials and tribulations and to lean on His everlasting arms.

Do you find yourself in a “tearing” time? Are you in the midst of a trial, a tribulation, or a hardship? It might be that God has you right where you are supposed to be. What if He is seeking to teach us how to depend upon Him rather than on the “perfection” of your circumstances? The problem you are in might be a rich opportunity for God to work in your life. But it will mean that you will need to come to Him and spend time with Him.

Is God a God of healing? Of course He is! Is God able to deliver us from all afflictions? Of course He can! Is God sovereign, the all-powerful King of the universe? Of course He is! So keep on seeking, keep on asking, and keep on knocking and the door will be open. But also God often allows us to rest on His unending grace in the midst of our perplexities; “For when we are weak, then we are strong (in the Lord).”

May God keep you in His love.

- Pastor Dennis Bailey -

### COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Feb. 9 Matthew 5:13-16 “Being Salt and Light”

What is the church called to do? What are we as individual Christians called to do? Jesus says we are to be salt and light to the world. Are you living that way?

#### Feb. 16 Matthew 5:21-22; 27-30

##### “Religion of the Heart”

Jesus is far more concerned with what is in our heart than what is on the outside. The Pharisees practice their religion on the outside. Jesus wants his followers to be people of pure hearts! Our outer life will follow our inner life.

#### Feb. 23 Matthew 5:43-48 “Forgiveness and Love”

Jesus teaches his disciples a new way of living. Loving your enemies; forgiving those who hurt you; giving to those who ask; and return love for hate. Can you live this way?

**GAME DAY - FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP**  
Bring your favorite games and a snack to share! Enjoy some fellowship together!  
**Sunday, February 9, 3 - 6 p.m.**  
Sponsored by New Life Fellowship.

On Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, Missions will serve, after the 10:30 worship service, those huge baked potatoes with your choice of yummy toppings. Proceeds will go to support the Nigeria teacher housing renovation project at the seminary where Kelly Fischbach volunteered several years ago. Donations welcome!

If you are only receiving the complimentary photo from Lifetouch Pictures, you may pick up your picture at the front desk.



Vickie and Frank Jorgensen in the death of Vickie's mother.



### Please Remember in your Prayers:

- Darlene Jensen, who moved to Westwood Knolls, #41
- Esther Halverson who is having a shoulder replacement, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom Rogers, recently hospitalized.

### COOKIES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

WEteam will be doing cookies on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. You could help frost cookies and make up plates...and/or help with deliveries. Donated cookies, of any kind, are also appreciated. Contact Nina at church in the afternoons if you plan to donate cookies. The cookies will be delivered to our shut-ins and those in nursing homes.

Take a look at the History Display Case in the “old” entry (Adams St. side). Very interesting! Good job, Cindy Kranel!

**PERSONAL NEEDS CLOSET for Fairview Apartments** – During the month of February WEteam will be collecting: Soap, body wash, hand soap & wash cloths. Basket is in the overflow

### Notes of Interest:

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16 – Booster Club Pancake Breakfast at Kuemper Cafeteria.** (In case of bad weather it will be held Feb. 23) Serving 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donation \$7, for adults, 5 & under \$2.00. Sponsored by Carroll Tiger and Kuemper Knight Booster Clubs.

**LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE** Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. January & February have been designated as a time of giving blood to a child or adult in their critical need. Bring joy to someone's life -- give blood!

Check out the Bulletin Board for letter for information about the Foster Grandparent Program.

**Can you help? Suzi needs Pringle Potato Chip cans for a Sunday School project teaching tithing.**

### CHILI COOK OFF WINNERS –

- Sweet Pepper Soup – Vickie Anderson
- Cheesy Potato Soup Vickie Anderson
- Cauliflower Cheese – Marsha Nuckels
- Nana's Chili – Suzi Olberding
- Pepperoni Pizza Chili – Carol Klein

Note: The Church Services time of rebroadcast has been changed to the following times on CAAT6:  
Wednesday at 8:00 AM Thursday at 11:00 AM Saturday at 5:00 PM

**NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.**

**CALENDAR FOR  
FEBRUARY 8TH  
THROUGH FEB 20TH**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEB 8</b>
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEB 9</b>
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
11:30 a.m.	Education Commission
3:00-6:00 pm	Game Day
(please see article on front page)	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEB 10</b>
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEB 11</b>
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
6:30 p.m.	BoyScouts-Wolf
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEB 12</b>
1:00 p.m.	WEteam frosts & delivers cookies for shut-ins.
3:30 p.m.	U M Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00 p.m.	Youth meetings
6:30 p.m.	Missions meeting
	WEteam meeting
	Finance meeting
7:30 p.m.	Ad Board meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEB 13</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEB 15</b>
8:30 a.m.	Girl Scouts
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEB 16</b>
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
3:00-5:00p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEB 17</b>
12:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Life Serve Blood Mobile
4:00 p.m.	German Club
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEB 18</b>
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEB 19</b>
3:30 p.m.	U M Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00 p.m.	Youth meetings
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEB 20</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA



**14 Way Children's Ministry Benefits the Children**

- It promotes their eternal happiness.** Children should find indestructible joy in Christ.
- It helps them make sense out of life.** Only understanding who made the world, what went wrong and God's plan to fix it can explain this world we all experience.
- It's their best chance to accept Christ.** Research has proven that kids tend to be more receptive to the Gospel than any other age group. Children should have every opportunity to believe in Jesus.
- It helps avoid some negative outcomes of sin.** Only God's grace can change our hearts. When children understand the great price that Jesus paid for their salvation, they are more likely to stay on the way of the righteous.
- It can help counter balance worldly influences.** Everyone knows the harmful influences present in our society. Kids need positive influences to tip the scale.
- It can help them learn to love others.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment is to love your neighbor. We must teach this as a way of life, because it does not come naturally.
- It is something fun to do.** Do you know who invented fun? God did. Do you know why? For his own glory. While entertainment and fun seeking can become an idol, we should not think that God is against fun.
- It helps kids want to come to church.** There is nothing wrong with having a program that appeals to the interest of children, especially when it brings more children to hear the Gospel.
- It helps them make new friends.** Some of the best ones children will ever make are in the church.
- It helps discover and intervene in abusive home situations.** This is something we rarely address. But the church is often one of the few safe places on Earth for abused children.
- It helps children get to know their pastors.** One of the best ways for ministers to connect with younger families is by working in the children's programs.
- It gives kids meaningful keepsakes.** Those VBS and Sunday school crafts become prized possessions. The Bible verses on their keepsakes will remind them of what they learned for years to come.

- It gives children special memories.** Think back to when you were a child in Sunday school. Can you remember a special teacher or event?
- It allows them to make friends with adult volunteers in safe context.** In our culture child safety is a constant concern, and rightly so. But there is still great value in kids finding adult mentors in the church.

This article was written by Tony Kummer and posted to his website <http://ministry-to-children.com>



The Heavenly Bound Book Club is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. February's date is: **Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or 7:00 at church** or come the following Thursday (the 20th) at noon at Queen Beans. The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat.

The February book is called "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Windgate. Suzi will get copies from the Public Library so please see her to check them out.

*When Iola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Iola's rambling Victorian house.*

*Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Iola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper--the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything for Tandi.*

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**WORSHIP**

**10:30 a.m.  
Sundays**

**6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays**