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Disciple Moments

Disciple Bible Study = Rebirth of Spiritual Roots

In the beginning, I had no idea of how the Disciple class would ultimately impact my life. Being the daughter and grand-daughter of Methodist ministers you would think that I should know the Bible well enough at my age and that I would not have a need to participate in a Bible study class. . . W R O N G !!!

Although my spiritual roots took shape in the Methodist church as a child and teenager, for many years I found and followed other paths while I continued my personal journey on the spiritual path. For over 47 years I lived and worked on the island of Puerto Rico. In 2007 I returned to my beloved state of North Carolina. My dear neighbor invited me one day to take the class with her and I was surprised to find that I felt a NEED to do so.

Looking back on my life in which I learned to reconcile cultural and language barriers, I can now see how it prepared me to recognize the barriers that exist between my human and spiritual aspects. Through the Disciple class, I once again was reconnected to the roots that had been shaped during my younger days. The class brought those roots back to life again through the nourishment they received from the Bible study lessons and

the interaction among the members of the class. And those roots began to grow deeper with every lesson.

So after many years, I have come about face. I am once again traveling down the familiar path that my parents followed. Now as a member of MSUMC I look forward to continue the journey that will lead us all to our Heavenly Home. I've learned that the more I study the Bible, the deeper my understanding becomes. Perhaps the greatest lesson I have learned is the importance of belonging to a group that share the same goal and just how we together can do more than anyone can possibly do alone.

I encourage you to become a disciple by participating in the upcoming classes.....

**TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF....YOU DESERVE IT.... AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE.....
WHAT YOU ARE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU...WHAT YOU BECOME WILL BE YOUR GIFT TO GOD...**

—Helen Poteet-Disciple 1

My Disciple 1 Experience was phenomenal. I would highly recommend the course to anyone who wants to delve into the history and writings of God's Word. It is an excellent way to find answers to questions you never knew you had, as you journey through the Old and New Testament. It is a journey of reading and sharing ideas with new people. A unique spiritual bond is developed within the group, as you share, pray, and learn together. I was fortunate to have Bob Langlais and Susan Fumage as my facilitators. They were both dedicated to provide encouragement and insight each week as we traveled through the Bible.

I would highly encourage anyone to take the opportunity and step out into Disciple 1. I can promise you it will be a step toward Biblical discernment that will be life fulfilling.

—Phyllis Love-Disciple 1

Camp Close Encounter



Camp Close Encounter will be held the weekend of August 6-8, 2010. Camp Close Encounter is a camp where we match high school youth and/or college students with children from the area in a big brother/ big sister format for a

weekend. For most of these kids it is the only experience with camp that they will have in their life. We are in need of 8 female and 8 male youth to make this happen. We also need adults to chaperone and lead small group activities such as arts and crafts, recreation, bible study etc. If you are interested, please contact Wayne Purdy or the church office. Camp Close Encounter is funded by donations only. If you are unable to participate with your time, we would greatly appreciate your financial and spiritual support.

Pilgrimage to Italy—March 18-27, 2011

Pastor Jeff and Educational Opportunities Tours is offering a trip to Italy instead of England in 2011. Italy is the number one tourist destination in Europe today. While visiting many of the standard Italian sites, Pastor Jeff's tour will highlight Christian history, particularly the lives and deaths of Peter and Paul. We will be worshipping in the ancient Christian catacombs and at the site of Paul's death. The cost of the trip is \$2996 per person which includes roundtrip travel from Greensboro, First Class hotels, two meals a day, an Italian-certified tour guide, and entrance fees. We'll be traveling through Italy in a comfortable air-conditioned motor coach. This trip is open to the community, but once the bus is full (45) registration will be closed. A \$300 deposit is required to reserve a spot. For more information, you may see Pastor Jeff or pick up a complete brochure in the church office. **Presently we have 20 people have requested to attend the trip.**

Heritage Club Events...

Fall Trips in the planning:
Centenary UMC to hear the Junaluska Singers concert, August 28, 2010. Call Judy Osborne at 993-2201 to put your name on the list & get more information.



Also a trip to Wytheville, VA, to the Wahlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater. Dates to be discussed.



Back to School Prayer Service

On Tuesday, August 17th at 4:30pm we will be having a *Back to School Prayer Service* for all school district employees.

In order to make this service a success, we need your help. If you are working in any of the local school districts, in any position, please call or email Charity at the church office (993-3411 or charity@mainstreetumc.org).

Check out upcoming newsletters, bulletins, and congregational emails for more information.

Main Street UMC Church-Wide Event

Hands Together Mission Day



September 18, 2010

How will God use your hands to make a difference in our community?

For more information go to:
<http://www.mainstreetumc.org/handstogether.asp>

Crisis Control's Need of the month: Peanut Butter and Jelly



A MAIN STREET ADULT CHOIR

RETREAT is set for Saturday, August 28th at 9:00am in the Choir room. This one-day retreat features special guest-director Dr. Rick Hendricks and is the kick-off event for the Fall.

Enjoy a day to learn how to be a better singer, sing new music, fellowship with old friends while making new ones, and get a sneak preview of the Christmas music. We will also be looking at music for the Shepherd Center 25th Anniversary Concert to be presented here at MSUMC on October 15th, with Dr. Rick Hendricks, conducting.

Thank you...

I am the honored recipient of the 2010 Lola & Buck Linville scholarship. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this supreme honor and blessing I have been given. I truly can not believe I have been so blessed to receive this scholarship. I only hope that my future will make you proud of your choice and I grow into a role-model for upcoming generations to follow. Again, I sincerely thank you. God Bless.

Love,
Jesse Byers

CareNet Counseling of Kernersville & Main Street UMC
Present

A New Way to Love: Discovering God's purpose for Your Relationship

The course will be from 6:30-8:30pm beginning on Monday, September 6th ending on October 12, 2010.

Some of the topics being covered during the course will be: Learning a new way to talk & listen, Uncovering opportunities for emotional healing & growth, Learning skills that will help you & your partner get the love you want & grow spiritually in the process, with many more topics of discussion.

The cost of the course is \$175.00 per couple. Registration and \$55.00 deposit is due by August 23, 2010.

For more information look for brochures in the Narthex or call Dr. Horn, course facilitator, at 992-1793 (option 2).



Circle #5 Talent Show Coming Soon!!!

Circle #5 will be sponsoring the second annual church-wide talent show on Saturday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This talent show is open to all members of the church - from the little ones to the older ones... For those of you who participated last year, we would love to have you back. Look for additional information in the next couple of months. Bob Langlais will be our Master of Ceremonies for a repeat performance!!

DISCIPLE

If you are interested in **facilitating or helping facilitate** a Disciple class in the upcoming year, please contact Jacque Pagels at 336-993-0328 or js.pagels@gmail.com. There will be an orientation meeting for anyone interested on **Wednesday, July 28, 7:00 P.M.**, in room 108. Registration for Fall Disciple classes will begin in late July. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.



Congratulations to Tony & Amy Waddell on the birth of their son, Charles Alexander. Charlie's proud grandparents are Jim & Sherry Waddell.

Bring your empty ink and laser jet toners and cartridges to the church office to be recycled. The church receives a \$3.00 rebate for every one we turn in.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Stephen Ministry

What Exactly is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry now beginning in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-on-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties.

Who is Involved?

Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. In April they were attended a six-day Leadership Training Conference in St. Louis where they were trained on the recruiting, training, organizing and supervising our Stephen Ministers. They will later identify people in need of care, and match them with a Stephen Minister. We have six Stephen Leaders. They are: Jim Barrett, Andrea Blakemore, Pastor Amy Burton, Margie Hilton, Vicki Horner, and Van Sherrill.

What are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are the caregivers. They will soon be selected and prepared through 50 hours of training in Christian care giving, including general topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in care giving. In addition, their training will cover specialized topics such as ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved, and aging. Persons who feel called to be Stephen Ministers will need to contact a Stephen Leader or pastor for an application. Completed applications will need to be turned in to the church office, addressed to the Stephen Ministry, by AUGUST 8th.

What are Care Receivers?

Care-Recipients are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from our church or community who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any of a number of other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers usually meet with their care receivers once a week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver will benefit by the relationship.

What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and

with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time.

Are Stephen Ministers Counselors?

Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care—not to give advice or counsel. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's need exceeds what they can provide. When that happens they work with care receivers to help them receive the level of care they really need.

Can I Trust a Stephen Minister?

Trust is essential to a caring relationship, and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry, and what a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence.

What's the Pastors Role?

Pastors will always be the primary caregivers, but there is no way pastors can meet all the needs for care. God has called all of us, not just pastors, to minister to one another. Stephen Ministry multiplies ministry by training pastors into equippers so they can enable lay people to provide caring ministry as well.

How Much Does It Cost?

Stephen Ministry is a care-giving ministry available to our members and community free of charge. Likewise, training to become a Stephen Minister is free of charge.



Upcoming Children's Ministry Events & News from Pastor Amy...



Summer Sunday School Volunteers Still Needed... We Need you for AUGUST 8!!!

We are looking for some volunteers to help with children's Sunday school on August 8. We need someone to teach 3 & 4 year olds and for 3rd-5th grade. All materials and copies provided. To volunteer or questions, contact Amy (993-3411 or amy@mainstreetumc.org) in the office.

Confirmation

At Main Street, our confirmation class is for all 6th graders and runs for the whole school year. This year's class will begin in September. However, we have already begun mailing out information and will have an orientation meeting in August. If your child will be in 6th grade and would like to participate but you have not received the information, please contact Amy at the church office or via e-mail, amy@mainstreetumc.org. Confirmation is also open to any older than 6th grade who has not already completed the class.



It's Time for School Tools!

We will begin collecting tools used for elementary school students on August 1. All items collected will be shared with local elementary school children. Items needed include: loose-leaf notebook paper, spiral-bound notebooks, No. 2 pencils, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, pens, tissues, hand sanitizer, pencil boxes. Please consider picking up a few extra items when you are buying school supplies and drop them in the designated boxes in the narthex and entryway to the chapel.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We invite all those returning to school this fall to bring their backpacks and book bags to worship on Sunday, August 22nd. We will bless the backpacks in all three worship services. Children who are in daycare and preschool may also bring their bags with them.



3rd Grade Bible Presentation

We will be presenting Bibles to our rising 3rd graders on Promotion Sunday, August 30th. If your child will be in 3rd grade this fall, please let the church office know so we can include them on our list.

Youth News from Wayne...

Dear Main Street UMC,

Many of you are aware that the youth have recently returned from both ReCreation and ASP. Over the period of 2 weeks the summer the youth of Main Street had a positive impact on the lives of six families in the Appalachia area in North Carolina and Kentucky. If you ask these kids who gained the most from our trips they will tell you "we did". For many of our youth and adults the time spent helping these families was a life changing. I would personally like to thank every member of this church for your support of the youth program. My ministry would not be possible without the financial, personal, and spiritual support of the congregation.

Wayne Purdy,
Dir. Youth & Young Adult Ministries



Order Ugly Mugg Coffee TODAY



Ugly Mugg Coffee is one of the ways you can support our youth ministry financially through the purchase of coffee. Our sales have been down over the past several months. We will continue to sell the coffee as long as there is a demand. If you have any questions about how to order or what types of coffee we have contact Wayne (993-3411 or wayne@mainstreetumc.org) at the church office. We would like to start ordering monthly again in August.

Upcoming Worship Helpers		
	July 25, 2010	August 1
Counting Committees	Team 4	Team 1
8:30 am ACOLYTES	Sara Poston & Landon Stamper	Haley Cook & Austin Whitaker
11:00 ACOLYTES	Stephanie Eskridge & Maddie Cashion	Beth Rodgers & Paige Watts
ALTAR GUILD	Carolyn Wemyss	Roger Ballard
8:30am CRADLE	Samantha Mason	Pauline Finn
9:45am CRADLE	Tara Stamper	Mary-Carl Christy
11:00am NURSERY	Sarah Hignite	Betsy Hanks
8:30am GREETERS	Priscilla Lang	Margie Hilton
11:00am GREETERS	Brad & Donna Rogers	Patty Stone & Beth Johnson
PRAYER	James Melton	Anna Marie Price
SOUND	Michael Whicker	Kevin Bixby
USHERS	Gerald Sapp, Linny Baker, John Arnall, John Stone, Mike Cronin, Dave McAdoo, Ray Thomas, James Hanks	
WITNESS	Janice Atchison	Jan Hampton

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS		
BY OUR PRESENCE:	7/4/10	7/11/10
Sunday School	121	299
8:30 Worship	141	135
8:45 Jubilee!!	30	61
11:00 Worship	192	253
Total Worship	363	449
BY OUR GIFTS:	7/4/10	7/11/10
Weekly Contributions	\$19,122	\$13,726
Contributions YTD		\$480,673
Budget YTD		\$517,332
Difference		(\$36,932)

Prayer Concerns: Please remember the following people in your prayers.

Extended Care

Bill & Rachel Griffith (Arbor Acres), Mary Dell & WJ Johnson (Kerner Ridge), Carolyn Pullen (Kerner Ridge), Doris Simpson (Kerner Ridge), Addie McKaughan (Kerner Ridge), Brenda Kissinger (Kerner Ridge), Golda Lawson (Robinwood), Ada Golson, (Bradford East), Hilda Blakemore (Kerner Ridge), Juanita Higgins (The Oaks)

Friends and Family

- Alma Taylor
- Juanita Higgins
- Martha Cooke
- Wayne Boger
- Arnold & Jane Sporleder
- Rich Blink
- Addie Stamper
- John Bingham
- Joan Lail, mother of Scott
- Gene Barrier, brother of Jack
- Harold Annas
- Ann Brown
- Julia Banks (sister of Brenda White)

- Maggie Moore
- Betty Edwards
- Kim Herman's brother & mother
- Eugene Eskridge (Richard's father)
- Jean Ladd

Those in Military Service

- All who are serving currently in the Armed Forces
- SGT Brandon Craven
- SGT Patrick Faults
- LT Andy Simons
- SPC Joe Goumaz
- SGT Tony Waddell
- 1st LT Stephen Macumber
- FPC Sean Fitzpatrick
- Lindsay Buse
- FPC Ryan Thomas Fitzpatrick
- SGT Mark Mullinax Weavil
- CPT Jared Gutowski
- Airman Ross McKinley Fitzpatrick
- SPC Jim Berry
- PV-2 Joshua Hadwin
- Philip Mischler III
- Kim Herman's brother

Church Calendar for: July 24-August 6, 2010

For a complete list of activities held on the MSUMC campus including: AA Meetings, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and more, please visit the church website at www.mainstreetumc.org.

Saturday, July 24, 2010

8:30 AM Community Garden
5:30 PM Kairos FH/K

Sunday, July 25, 2010

8:30 AM Worship S
8:45 AM Jubilee!! CH
9:45 AM College SS Class 102
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship S

Monday, July 26, 2010

10:30 AM Church Staff Mtg. 108
7:00 PM ChristCare:Heartstrings L Wakefield's hm

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

8:30 AM Community Garden
9:30 AM Morn Prayer Shawl JCG
6:30 PM Disciple Class: John 103

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

6:30 AM Prayer/Bible Study K
5:30 PM Service of Communion/Healing S
6:00 PM Community Garden
7:00 PM Bible Study P
7:00 PM Disciple Facilitators Mtg 108

Thursday, July 29, 2010

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast Jimmy/
Greeks
10:00 AM Disciple Class: Exodus 108 5:30
PM Jubilee rehearsal CH

Friday, July 30, 2010

9:00 AM Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, July 31, 2010

8:30 AM Community Garden

Sunday, August 01, 2010

8:30 AM Worship S
8:45 AM Jubilee!! CH
9:45 AM College SS Class 102
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship S

Monday, August 02, 2010

10:30 AM Church Staff Mtg. 108
7:00 PM Stephen Leaders Mtg 103
7:00 PM Circle#1

Tuesday, August 03, 2010

8:30 AM Community Garden
11:00 AM Circle #3 FH
2:00 PM Circle #2 P
6:30 PM Disciple Class: John 103

Wednesday, August 04, 2010

6:30 AM Prayer/Bible Study K
9:00 AM Circle #4 FH/K
5:30 PM Service of Communion/Healing S
6:00 PM Community Garden Garden
6:15 PM Children's Council Mtg L
7:00 PM Bible Study P

Thursday, August 05, 2010

Heritage Club MB
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast Jimmy/
Greeks 10:00 AM Disciple Class: Exodus 108
5:30 PM Jubilee rehearsal CH
7:00 PM Circle # 4 JCG
7:00 PM Circle #7 P

Friday, August 06, 2010

No Activities Scheduled

Mark your calendars... Our next new member Sunday will be on Sunday, August 8th at 11:00am.

Gifts to Main Street

Given by Larry & Anne Schoaf in honor of Jim Barrett to Stephen Ministry
Given by Kernersville Newcomers Club in memory of Geri Cunningham to Growing to Serve
Given by Earl Clanton in memory of Betty Motsinger to Blackwell Music Fund

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Needs & Blessings will be a new article in our Bi-weekly newsletters. The purpose of *Needs & Blessing* will be to connect members of our congregation together who might need help or have a blessing to offer. Examples of services would include: If you need help around the house, have a home for rent, looking for a home to rent, need a babysitter, would like to babysit, or know of a job opening. Let the church office know. We will make sure your *Need or Blessing* gets to the congregation of MSUMC.

Only MSUMC members and ministries may submit classified ads to Needs & Blessings, subject to approval & editing for content. Ads run for one edition of the newsletter. Submissions are due to Charity Goff by 9:00am on Friday. No business promotions. MSUMC does not guarantee, recommend or endorse any of the jobs, goods or services being offered or those making the offerings.

Our Ministers

The Congregation of Main Street

Our Church Staff:

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