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Pack Snack at Manna

For Johnston Elementary
School Back Packs

Volunteer for this incredibly
useful local cause. We need help
on the following dates:

March 25

April 29

May 13

June 3

Call Mike or Susie Davis
at 665-3823
or email us at
susiebaby@charter.net
mg_davis@charter.net



GET ADDED TO
OUR WEB SITE.

Add information
about a group you're
involved with or an
event you're working
on. Just let us know
the details.

Send your info to the
church office at
aumc@
charterinternet.org

UMW NOTES:

The UMW will host a soup and
salad luncheon on March 21st
following the worship service -
make you plans now to join us!



Hymn Sing at Abernethy

We will be hosting a
joint hymn sing with
Trinity UMC.

Sunday, March 28th
at 5pm

A covered dish dinner
will follow.

Food AND music. Praise be!



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MEMORIALS

Florence Houts for -
Bob Fisher

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Neil Culbertson

Keiko Strong for -
Norburn Herndon

Happy Abernethy for -
Norburn Herndon

June Groce for -
Mildred Groce

Jo Ann and O. Earl
Black for -
Mildred Groce

Celia and Bill Nail for -
Mildred Groce

Houts Fellowship
Class for -
Mildred Groce

Laura G. Thomas -
Mildred Groce

John Groce for -
Mildred Groce

Evelyn Black for -
Mildred Groce

*Lord Jesus, life today
is fast-paced and full of
delays and hassles,
but I begin to see that
I have made things worse
for myself by buying into
the way things are.
Help me overcome the
host of small, ordinary,
daily failures that
threaten to undermine
my faith and my life.
Amen.*

FROM THE PASTOR:

Lately, because of the crisis in Haiti, we have been hearing more than usual about UMCOR. UMCOR stands for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and its mission is to relieve human suffering throughout the world. UMCOR is currently working not only in Haiti but in 80 other countries, including here in the United States. It responds not only to natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, and storms, but also to ongoing situations of dire poverty, hunger, disease, and social and political unrest.

To my mind UMCOR is one of Methodism's best kept secrets. UMCOR avoids the spotlight and spends almost no money on advertising. What little promotion it does do is aimed almost entirely at United Methodists – and even then many of us seem unaware that our church operates a highly respected world-class relief agency.

We should be proud of the work UMCOR does in our name. Websites that evaluate relief agencies and other nonprofit organizations consistently give UMCOR their highest rating. Charity Watch gives UMCOR an A+. Charity Navigator gives it a four-star rating. Such rating systems don't tell the whole story about an agency's work, but they do independently verify UMCOR's fiscal integrity and efficiency.

When we donate to UMCOR for Haiti, for example, 100% of that donation goes immediately and completely for its relief efforts in Haiti. 100%, without a penny going for administration or advertising or fundraising. How is that possible? It's possible because every year in March, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, United Methodist churches take up a special offering called "One Great Hour of Sharing." The monies collected in this one offering cover UMCOR's annual administrative costs.

What I like most about UMCOR is that it partners with local churches and other groups on the ground, and it stays until the job is finished. Recall that UMCOR's director, Rev. Sam Dixon, was killed in the earthquake at Port-au-Prince. He didn't go to Haiti because of the earthquake; he was already there, attending a meeting about UMCOR's ongoing work in that country. Note that already Haiti is fading from the headlines; shortly the world will forget all about Haiti. But UMCOR will still be there.

Here at Abernethy we will receive the "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering on Sunday, March 14, alongside over 41,000 other United Methodist congregations throughout the world. Please give generously, so that UMCOR can continue its work – our work – of compassion and justice and peace.

Peace, *Tony*

WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us keep the following persons in our prayer for Healing, Health and Wellness.

Howard Reynolds

Jean Steele
(Arnelle Poore's sister)

Mary Dalton

Kathy Dalton

The People in Haiti

Joan Muse

Mike Walker

Susan Greene

Joretta Wallin

Kristine Reyes
and family

Edythe Earwood

All military men
and women

THANK YOU

My deepest heartfelt thanks to each of you for the cards, calls, prayers and all other expression of support and concern. There are no words to adequately tell you how much they have meant to me and to Phyllis. What a joy to receive a card or a call! Please continue your prayers as I continue chemotherapy. You will never know how much your prayers and support mean. Thank you and may God bless. *Howard Reynolds*

DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL BE MARCH 27 HOST CHURCH IS FIRST UMC HENDERSONVILLE.

Last year we were recognized by the district for the largest attendance!! Please let your circle chair know if you plan to attend!

“Let’s Get Together to Pray”

Saturday March 27

Registration 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast 8:45 - 9:45

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Cost is \$8.00 per person

Love offering:

Undesignated in honor of those who feed the hungry

Hands-on-project:

All attendees are asked to bring Health Kits for Haiti

UMCOR Health Kit Contents:

- 1 hand towel (15' X 25" up to 17" X 27"; no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, no pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath size bar of soap (3 oz and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR Sager Brown for at least \$2.00 per kit to help with the costs of buying one tube of toothpaste, and the costs of processing and shipping the kits. Please do not put the money envelope in the UMCOR Health Kit bag.

If you are unable to attend this prayer breakfast but wish to contribute to the Love Offering or Hands on project please leave your donation with the church office by March 21.

Thank you!

Robin

B.E.A.R. Closet II News!

Our next open date is Wednesday, March 3 from 12:00-6:00PM. Thank you all for your time and donations given to make the BEAR Closet II successful. We have had items collected from other churches as well as our own congregation. East Asheville, Trinity, Snow Hill and Central have all been collecting items to support our program this past year and we are very appreciative of this help. Also, we are grateful to have new volunteers. Thank you for joining us. We could not continue to operate the BEAR Closet II without all our wonderful, faithful helpers we depend on. May God's blessing be with you. Happy Springtime!

Nancy Moore. 254-9102

HEATHER IS HOME!!

To all of you who have supported us with prayers, concerns, and sent continuous mail to Heather during her time away from home. She is home and doing well. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Cook family.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS IS MARCH 14

Spring Ahead!!!!

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

MARCH AROUND ABERNETHY

March Birthdays

- 2 Mary Jo Drake,
Larry Fowler,
Billie Robinson
- 3 Nina Lee Justice
- 5 Drew Anderson
- 6 Susan Morris
- 8 Kathy Roe
- 9 R.B.Moore,
Donna Cook
- 10 Andrew Blake
- 11 Mike Hembree
- 13 Hunter Bosma
- 18 Evelyn Fisher
- 22 Susie Davis
- 23 Mike Kowaluk,
Bill Nail,
Broughton Wallin
- 24 Kaylyn Christian,
Alissa Ratcliff,
Emily Young
- 25 Erin Cathey,
Bert Grider,
Larry Landes
- 28 Bonnie Smith
- 31 Doris Doyle,
Richard Jackson

March Anniversaries

- 1 Phyllis &
Howard Reynolds
- 18 Broughton &
Joretta Wallin
- 19 Gloria &
Ron Woodbery
- 25 Sonia &
James Eldridge
- 31 Ann &
Norman Anderson

COMING IN APRIL

- 1- Maundy Thursday
Service 6:30
- 2- Good Friday
Tenebrae Services
at 6:30
- 4- Sunrise Services at
7:00am Easter Service
11:00am

MARCH DATES AT PRINTING:

- MAR 1st - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
- MAR 2nd - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- MAR 3rd - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
12 - 6pm - BEAR Closet II
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- MAR 4th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
9:30 am - Yarn winders
9:30 am - Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
6:30 pm - Area Ministries
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- MAR 6th - Boy Scout's Pinewood Derby
8 pm - AA
- MAR 8th - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
- MAR 9th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
10am- A.M. Group
6:30pm - Finance meeting
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- MAR 10th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- MAR 11th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
9:30 am - Yarn winders
9:30 am - Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- MAR 13th - 8 pm - AA
- MAR 14th - Daylight Savings Time
8am - UMM Breakfast
5:30 pm - Trustees Meeting
- MAR 15th - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
- MAR 16th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- MAR 17th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- MAR 18th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
10 am - Bulletin deadline
12 - Happy Abernethy
6:30 - Administrative Board
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- MAR 20th - 9 am - Trustee workday
8 pm - AA
- MAR 21st - UMW Soup & Salad Lunch
- MAR 22nd - 6pm - Men's Supper Group
6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
- MAR 23rd - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- MAR 24th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- MAR 25th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
9:30 am - Yarn winders
9:30 am - Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- MAR 27th - 8 pm - AA
- MAR 28th - 12:30 pm - **UMW general meeting
and program**
- MAR 29th - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
- MAR 30th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Boy Scouts
- MAR 31st - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA

REGULAR SERVICE TIME

- 9:30 am - Coffee in Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Gathering Music
- 11 am - Worship
- 5:30 pm - United Methodist Youth

Church Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 8:30am - 12 pm

DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please call the church office and listen to the voice mail for information about services or activities. Also, it will be posted on the local WLOS Channel 3 station.

REMEMBER TO BRING CANNED FOOD FOR ABCCM.

Canned meats, stews, and canned fruit are especially appreciated at this time of year, but any offering is welcome. Place your contributions in the basket in the narthex.

Remember- You can look through a whole year of events on our calendar at abernethy.org

Meetings quick reference:

No JOY Band meetings in March

BUDGET through February 7
 Offering \$18,948.03
 ABCCM \$320
 Lazarus..... \$509
 Quilt Ministry..... \$60
 UMCOR..... \$3,102

Calling all Abernethy Men!

Come join us for the United Methodist Men's group monthly meetings. We need to grow our ranks and you're the ones we need. Men of all ages can attend our Monthly Breakfast and the Super meetings. We have many men in the church who can help make the Abernethy UMM a full and valuable group.

The Abernethy UMM is one of the oldest and longest running groups in this area. We'd like to continue the tradition of support for Abernethy. Join us as we grow to serve our church and community even more.

UMM Breakfast meets every 2nd Sunday morning in Wilson Hall. We have a brief program and enjoy a home made breakfast of eggs, bacon and sausage, grits and biscuits. Most bring a donation of \$5, but no one is turned away. Richard Erwin leads this group.

The UMM Supper Group meets on the 4th Monday (or the last Monday) of each Month at the BBQ Inn on Patton Ave. in West Asheville. Jan Davis leads the group and they will welcome your company.

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HELLO FROM DANDELION HILL!

We are anticipating spring's arrival- I'm sure you can relate! We have enjoyed the opportunity to play in the snow with the children, but the lack of rhythm our weather creates is a bit challenging too. Rhythm is one of the tenets of our program. Our goal is to create predictable patterns for the children in our care. For example, we always have home baked bread on Tuesday, rice on Wednesday, and soup on Thursday. The children are part of making these wholesome snacks. Through repeated practices, our children feel secure and know what to anticipate. With snow, however, we're not sure what to anticipate! With that said, it has been amazing to behold some of these beautiful winter scenes that I have never seen before in my 13 years in Asheville!

Despite the winter chill, February is a busy one

for us as we solidify program plans and begin re-enrollment for next year. We have had an amazing response thus far- we are currently full with 16 children in our care (14 on any given day) and our email accounts are bustling with inquiries for fall. Rachel and I are incredibly grateful to feel part of the 'Abernethy family,' and thank you for welcoming us so graciously. We are truly meeting a need in our community in a wonderful way, and we can all feel good about that.

On Saturday, February 27 from 10-12 we are holding an open house for interested families for fall. Stop by for a visit!

Joy Black

www.dandelionhill.org

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