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Memorials

Abernethy would like to thank the following people for their gifts:

For Grace Green
 by Ronny & Martha Lowe

For Billy Spradley
 by Phil and Evelyn DiLamore

Catherine Burnette
 by Carolyn B. Rogers

Jane & Chris Luther
 by Jane Anne Luther

Shorty Harris
 by Myrna and Steve Harris

Betty Revis
 by Paul Raby

Salt Of The Earth? – From the Pastor

Leonard Greenspoon, a regular contributor to Biblical Archaeology Review Magazine, pondered in a short article, the question, “Exactly who are the salt of the Earth?” Greenspoon recalls that Angelina Jolie was called the “salt of the earth”, by an interviewer from, The Irish Sun. Also Brenden Morrow, a skater on the Canadian 2010 Olympic Hockey team was reported as being a “salt of the earth kind of guy” in that he embodied nearly all the characteristics that Canadians admire in a hockey player, bravery, unselfishness, resilience, toughness and honesty.

Greenspoon goes on to add that the people of Liverpool have been considered to be “honest and the salt of the earth.” He quoted one person who was referring to the people of Liverpool as people who are like John Wayne in his last movie True Grit, as people who are “the real salt of the earth, they have grit.” I am not sure that the character, of Marshall Rooster Cogburn was who Jesus had in mind when he was telling his Disciples that they were the salt of the earth.

Indeed, when Jesus used the phrase to refer to his disciples, he was paying them a high compliment. Salt was and is used as a preservative, and a flavor enhancer. Today, as then we generally are paying a compliment when we refer to people as the Salt of the Earth. In

the above illustrations, it would seem that the phrase refers to persons who are, simple, and unassuming, tough and tenacious, brave and kind, as well as honest and selfless. But those descriptions do not fit all of the people that Greenspoon mentioned equally. So just who are the “Salt of the Earth?”

When Jesus used the term, he used it to point to persons who embodied the Beatitudes, people who knew and understood their need for God.

He meant persons who will allow themselves to be seen as vulnerable and those who stand up for justice, but who do so without pursuing violence. Jesus meant persons who are willing to work hard for what is right and just, who are merciful and who understand their need for mercy, and those who are willing to be seen in public and to be known as the people of God even when it is not popular and results in their own discomfort. The “salt of the earth” are persons who enhance the lives of others and preserve life even if it means giving up their own for the sake of Christ.

Greenspoon added two more. He quoted Ronnie Corbett, an 80 year old comedian as saying, “My wife says I’m the salt of the earth. That’s

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DEC 9 Dandelion Hill School are having their “Advent Spiral”

Dandelion Hill, the program for 3-6 year-olds downstairs, is looking forward to the coming holidays. We will celebrate with an Advent Spiral on December 9 in the church hall (this event includes children from other Asheville programs inspired by Waldorf education, such as Azalea Mountain Cooperative at Trinity United Methodist Church). We will be on school holidays from Dec. 19 - January 5. Wishing you a blessed Christmas,

Maria Allen
 Lead teacher

Pancake Breakfast for ABCCM Hominy Valley Crisis Ministry.

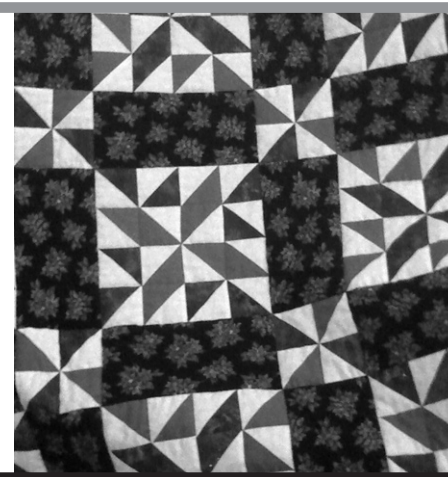
Saturday, December 3rd. 8:00-10:00am.
 Fatz Cafe - 5 Spartan Ave., Asheville.

To benefit ABCCM Hominy Valley Crisis Ministry. Tickets are \$7. All you can eat pancakes. Included will be bacon, sausage, fresh fruit and choice of beverage. For ticket information contact: Norman Anderson or Cherly Wilson @ 259-5300 x327 or tickets can be purchased at the door.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY
 is raffling their beautiful

Christmas Quilt.

Tickets are \$1.00 each
 or \$5.00 for 6.



DEC 4 Hanging of the Greens

We will hold our Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 4 at 5 pm. Please bring your favorite goodie and join us. If you would like to be a part of the service by carrying and placing a decoration please contact Cheryl at wcthestar@hotmail.com. We will have a quick run through after church that Sunday.

Also, if you would like to make a poinsettia donation in memory of a loved one you can also see Cheryl or place your donation in an offering envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers'.



From the Editor. Continued from front.

why she keeps me in the cellar." He also quotes novelist Mary West as saying, "Nobody likes having salt rubbed into their wounds even if it

is the salt of the earth." Praying we are all a bit "salty" Wes

B.E.A.R. CLOSET II UPDATE!

Next Open Dates are: Wed., Dec. 7 - 12-6 PM and Wed., Dec. 21 - 9-12 noon.

We hope you can volunteer some time. There are many things that can be done to help in this Mission Project even from your own home without having to come out on a special day.

CAN YOU TAKE A SACK AND BRING IT BACK? Maybe a small sack of baby clothes that can be washed and sorted by size and gender and brought back any time between B.E.A.R. Closet II open dates? We'll drop it off and/or come pick it up if you can't get back to us.

CAN YOU COME SORT SOME CLOTHES ON A DIFFERENT DAY THAN WHEN B.E.A.R. CLOSET II IS OPEN?

We are so grateful for the response to keeping the shelves filled and letting others know about this community Mission. There is more need than ever in our area with the economy and job losses that have been ongoing.

Please call Nancy Moore 254-9102 for more info. Thank you all. In God's love, B.E.A.R. Closet II.

Abernethy's United Methodist Women

The last General Meeting of the 2011 year was Sunday Oct. the 9th. We enjoyed a luncheon furnished by the AM Group and elected officers for 2012. Abernethy's UMW was recognized at the district annual meeting as a Bronze level Charter Club, Mission Today Unit, and having participated in the 5 channels of giving program.

Missions are what we are about. The following are some of the missions that we participated in this past year. ABCCM fuel fund, Angel Tree for Christmas, Bear Closet, book bags, gifts at Christmas for shut-ins, Coats for the needy, food for bereavement families, food for backpack program, school supplies, UMCOR birthing kits, caps for Mission

hospital ICU, lap throws for nursing homes, baby blankets and caps for the Bear Closet, Prayer Quilts, and Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

I hope you looked over the list and might have seen a mission you would like to participate in. We have groups who meet monthly and a General Meeting that meets once a quarter. There is a place for you. If you would like more information contact Robin Jones at 252-2279 or robinnrn@live.com.

We would like to thank our newest group, Ladies On the Go, for decorating the restrooms on the Wilson Hall level. Be sure and check them out if you haven't already.

Thanks ladies—you did a beautiful job.

NOVEMBER AROUND ABERNETHY

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

—John Wesley

November birthdays:

- 1 Richard Carland, Sylvia English
- 4 Sonia Eldridge
- 6 Ashley Morrow, Ronnie Lowe
- 8 Stephanie Greene
- 9 Katy Lou Bridges
- 10 Dana Phipps
- 12 Kathy Hamilton, Beth lamb, Edna Martin
- 13 Rachel Christian
- 14 Mike Ratcliff
- 15 Joy Anderson
- 16 Billie Pugh, Melanie Mathis, Jacob Carter Parham
- 17 Steve Bosma
- 18 Phyllis Reynolds
- 20 Andy Anderson, Joyce Spradley, Cheryl Whitworth
- 22 Hayes Hillier
- 23 Rick Erwin
- 24 Lucille Gunter, Keith Hopper
- 25 Nelson Frazier
- 26 Eric Hansley
- 27 Gail Holmes, Robin Jones
- 30 Bill Boyd, Maurice Noland

NOV DATES AT PRINTING:

- NOV 23rd - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- NOV 24th - Happy Thanksgiving Day
- NOV 26th - 5:30 pm Ladies on the G.O.
8 pm - AA
- NOV 26th - First Sunday in Advent - Theme for Advent this year "What Will Christ Bring?"
- NOV 28th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
6pm - Men's Supper Group
- NOV 29th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
6 pm - Boy Scouts
- NOV 30th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA

REGULAR SERVICE TIME

- 9:30 am - Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Gathering Music
- 11 am - Worship
- 4 pm - Confirmation Class
- 5:00 pm - United Methodist Youth

Church Office Hours:
Mon - Fri 8:30am - 12:30 pm

11th Annual Appalachian Christmas

December 9-11, 2011
Lake Junaluska

Join us for the 11th Annual Appalachian Christmas Celebration. Each year, we bring in seasonal entertainment to ring in the holiday spirit. The weekend kicks off Friday night with a memorable performance by the Junaluska Singers in our historic Stuart Auditorium. Saturday morning will showcase some of the best crafters in Western North Carolina at our Christmas Craft Show. The entertainment continues with an afternoon concert by the Junaluska Singers with special guests, Voices in the Laurel. Saturday evening features legendary Southern Appalachian Mountains musician and famous storyteller, David Holt.

Learn more at www.lakejunaluska.com/christmas

A CD and DVD of studio recorded classics is available at www.media.lakejunaluska.com

RETURN TO BETHLEHEM—A Journey of the Heart

Experience the exotic Bethlehem marketplace as it might have been on the day Jesus was born. Presented by Groce UMC 954 Tunnel Road as a gift to the community by ABCCM

An Advent Medley will Prepare the Way... Before your Journey Begins

Thursday, December 8 and Friday, December 9, 6:00-8:30 pm

Saturday, December 10, 2:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, December 11, 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Entrance to Bethlehem is available on a first come, first served basis—capacity is limited.

There is no charge, but a gift can be given to beggars in the marketplace to help serve our neighbors in need through the ministries of ABCCM

<http://www.abccm.org/newsevents/newsevents>