

## FROM THE PASTOR

Macedonia Family,

It feels good that we have already arrived at a second newsletter together. Things have gotten off to what feels like a busy *and* fruitful beginning (and I know well that those two things don't always go together!). Many of you have already opened your homes to me, welcomed me into various groups and meetings, and taken me to lunch. You have had some practice welcoming new pastors into your midst, and you're awfully good at it! Thank you.



We continue, as a church family, to listen for God and do some serious self-examination. What are we called to be and to do as a sacramental community in Christ, in Burlington? In the spirit of discernment, I want to share with you two quotes that I offer anytime someone asks me how to discern God's call in their own life (though, I'm no expert). Usually those asking are nearing high school or college graduation, or struggling to find joy in their work as a young professional. Yet God calls all of us into newness of life daily, both individually and corporately, so, the task of discernment never actually ends (Oy Vey! ...I mean, Oh Joy!). The two quotes I offer may seem to stand in tension with one another, at least at first, but one of the best parts of being Lutheran is that we think truth is almost always found somewhere in the tension of a "both/and."

*"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."*  
Frederick Buechner

*"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."*  
Howard Thurman

For me, the beauty of each of these quotes is actually amplified by the tension (or is it synergy?) between them. One suggests we find our calling by looking at the world's needs and then discovering where those needs touch our God-gifted gladness. The other insists that we need not take our cue from an assessment of the world's needs, but rather from discovering what it means to actually come alive. The implication, though, is that God has made us for the world and, thus, our own unique "aliveness" is, actually, exactly what the world needs.

I think Buechner and Thurman are saying the same thing: we are made for *communion* with God and each other. Coming alive always looks like discovering connection outside of our self, pouring ourselves out, participating in God's own communion of life and love. Sometimes that looks like giving drink to the thirsty or visiting the prisoner; other times it looks like creating beautiful art or cultivating a garden.

Martin Luther talked about it as freedom. In his treatise, *On the Freedom of a Christian*, Luther said that once we have Jesus we have all we need ("Stick a fork in us, we're done!" says a favorite professor). In Christ, our entire life is now a surplus to be given away in love and service to our neighbors.

Macedonia: In Christ, you are set free. In Christ, you are brought to life.

Let's live,  
Pr. Richard Goeres

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# Luther League

This year during Luther League our activities will be planned with the idea of examining the promises made during the affirmation of baptism. The first promise we will be taking a look at is our commitment to live among God's faithful people. Why is this sense of community so important to God?

Our 3-5 graders will be going to Camp Agape on October 23-25 where they will join other youth from the synod. We will meet at the church at 6PM already having eaten dinner. We will be returning around 2:30pm on Sunday.

Just a reminder, it is never too late to turn in forms or to have a background check done. The link for completing the background check is now on our website.

We are still looking for people who are willing to be a second adult and/or drive to different activities. These events are:

- drive to Lutheridge for confirmation retreat Nov. 13-15
- attend YouthQuake (3-5 graders) in Raleigh on Nov. 14
- helping the youth to deliver pumpkin bread on Nov 15
- attend Camp Agape retreat Nov. 20-22 for 9-12 graders
- Chaperone LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) assembly Feb 26-28

## LITTLE LUTHER LEAGUE

**We Need You!!!**

**To help with Little Luther League**

\*The youth program for our youngest members ages K-2nd Grade\*

A leader is needed who can organize and plan activities for this great group of young people! Please contact Melinda Menz or Heilig Barnwell for more information.

**On Oct 3, the youth who are in the confirmation group will be helping with the Crop Walk.**



# Sunday School 2015-2016

Our current Sunday School Teachers are listed below.

All classes for children and youth are upstairs in the Educational Bldg.

**Age 5—Grade 2** (One Room Sunday School)—Vicki Sharp and Kelly Wester

**Grades 3-5** Amanda Shoop and Kim Black

**Grades 6-8** Stephanie Braxton and Anne Molnar

**Grades 9-12** Melinda and Mike Menz

Adult classes:

Adult classes meet on first floor except for Lounge Class, which is in the church parlor opposite the Sanctuary

**Men of Macedonia**—Richard Johnson and Bryan Pennington

**Ladies' Bible Class**—Rena Crumpler and Emily Pope

**Celebration Class**—Brett Bass, Connie Poovey, Pr. Suzanne Shoffner

**Lounge Class**—Julie Russell and Dan Voelkert.

Several people are available as substitutes.

Please notice that we do not have a Pre-K class nor a 8th-9th Confirmation class as we did last year. Only one of our members this year will be in Pre-K, so we are moving him up into the one Rm. SS class. We will recreate that class should we need it again. With the new format for confirmation, those students are being folded into middle and HS classes, matching the numbering in schools.

**Sunday School Superintendent - Ruth Matkins**

**Sunday School Secretaries - Frank Rhue and Bill Claypool**

**All classes welcome new members.**

**“Like” Us on FaceBook!!**

You can keep up with Macedonia and spread the Good News by visiting our FaceBook page. It is a great way to keep up with news, announcements, and schedule changes. If you have a FaceBook account, search for Macedonia Lutheran Church and “like” us!!

Our next **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY MEAL** will be **October 18!**  
**Noon** in Luther Hall



Please plan to stay for a delicious meal after the 10:30 worship service and extend a hand of friendship to our community neighbors!

Our September meal will be provided by the Care Ministry

**memorials & gifts**

*Listed below are gifts received since September 2015*

**Designated for Memorials**  
**General Fund:**

*In memory of Mary Ella Wolfe by:*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Clemmer  
 The Ralph Payne family  
 Dr. & Mrs. Richard Letvak  
 Lucy Reed & family

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 10/03 Ibby Bozeman
- 10/04 Ella Mueller  
Garrett Poovey  
Kristin Spencer
- 10/05 Dr. John Walker
- 10/06 Kelly Schumacher  
Brian Schumacher  
Dr. Nancy Simeonsson
- 10/09 Lilly Cary
- 10/10 Julian Tolley
- 10/11 Jim Graves
- 10/13 Anne Kreyling
- 10/14 Miller Barnwell
- 10/16 John Turner  
Sandy Cohen
- 10/17 Tabitha Bass  
Riley Russell
- 10/21 Anna De Loache  
Matthew Stretz
- 10/22 Jon Blake
- 10/24 Max Van Fleet
- 10/27 Amelia Barnwell  
David Gibson
- 10/30 Polly Blake  
Will Ingle

**A Gospel That Unsettles**

A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed—what gospel is that? Very nice, pious considerations that don't bother anyone, that's the way many would like preaching to be. Those preachers who avoid every thorny matter so as not to be harassed, so as not to have conflicts and difficulties, do not light up the world they live in.

Oscar Romero

## CONGRATULATIONS



**HANNAH BLACK & MAX MORGAN  
WERE MARRIED  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**



Hopefully you have had the chance to pick up your copy of the 2016 Church Directory. It seems as soon as the directory is published, it is time to start on a new one. Please let us know of any address, phone or email changes that you may have.

Our church circles would like to keep in touch with your college student. Cards and little gifts are sent to the students to celebrate birthdays and holidays and sometimes just to say hello! Please make sure the office is aware of your young adults address.

If you have corrections or changes for the directory please call Cindi in the office, 227-5554 or send an email to [office@macedonialutheran.com](mailto:office@macedonialutheran.com)

*The Evangelism Committee asks Macedonia members to remember the following people and their care-givers in their prayers.*

**Nursing or Assisted Living Facilities Members:**

<i>Billie Cooke</i>	Room 104	Blakey Hall
<i>Ruth Gambee</i>	Room 278	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Virginia Simpson</i>	Room 332	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Lettie Carlson</i>	Room 212	Twin Lakes Assisted Living
<i>Ann Kreyling</i>	Room 211	Twin Lakes Memory Care
<i>Betty Johnson</i>	Room 209	Twin Lakes Assisted Living
<i>George Schenck</i>	Room 114	Twin Lakes Memory Care
<i>Sylvia Wells</i>	Room 220	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Betty Sigmon</i>	Room 204	Twin Lakes Health Care

Visits would be enjoyed by many of these, but please check before visiting. If you know of those whose names should be added to this list, please call the church office at 227-5554. Your help would be appreciated.



**TICKETS NOW ON SALE!  
Friday, October 23, 2015 5:30 PM**

The Fellowship Committee invites you to our 7th annual Oktoberfest and Chrismon making night, Friday, October 23rd at 5 pm in Luther Hall.

We will serve our traditional meal of brats, sauerbraten, hot German potato salad, red cabbage, rolls, German chocolate cake, and drinks.

Following supper, we will make a Chrismon, selected especially for the event by our Chrismon leader, Yvonne White.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the office or by calling Barbara Lilienthal, 266-3738.

We need to know you are coming to have adequate food and Chrismon kits.



In response to Jesus, Zacchaeus vowed to repay people he had defrauded; by how much did he promise to do so?

- A. In full
- B. Twice the amount he had stolen
- C. Threefold
- D. Fourfold

Answer: D (See Luke 19:8.)

# TWIN LAKES NEWS



Twin Lakes Community is sponsoring a CRAFT FAIR to benefit Alzheimer's NC. This sale will be held Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on both days. The \$25 charge for having a booth will go to Alzheimer's NC, where money stays in North Carolina to provide funds for research, respite care, educational events, and support for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other types of dementia, and their families. You can support this cause either by attending the sale and purchasing items, or by becoming a vendor. Contact Karen Evans, Director of the Harbor Adult Day, at 336-585-2393 or [kevens@twinlakescomm.org](mailto:kevens@twinlakescomm.org). For more information about Alzheimer's NC, see [www.alznc.org](http://www.alznc.org).

## *Twin Lakes Reflections: Remembrances by lives touched in the first 30 years of "Community" at Twin Lakes*

Copies are now available in the narthex and educational building for your reading and reminiscing pleasure!

**NOTE THAT THERE ARE ONLY 5 COPIES, SO PLEASE READ AND RETURN SO OTHERS MAY ENJOY!!!**

MANY thanks to Twin Lakes resident Chuck Flinner who poured time, energy, and creativity into this project, weaving together the reflections of many staff, residents, and board members of Twin Lakes Community into a delightful narrative. You will read the stories of many Macedonians who have been instrumental in this rich history.



## WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT CAN WE DO?

As you start making plans for Advent and Christmas, always remember the Christ Child and His example of caring for the sick, the poor, the outcasts of society. What are some ways that Macedonians can respond to that example during this very special season?

- ◆ Adopt a child from our 'Angel Tree' and provide Christmas gifts for a child who is separated from their biological family and living in foster care during the holidays.
- ◆ We will be adopting one or two families living in Alamance County who are having financial difficulties and need basic food and clothing as well as toys for their children.
- ◆ We will be having 'Good Gifts' boxes in each Sunday School class during Advent, asking ALL ages to contribute so that we can support missions at home and abroad through the Lutheran church.
- ◆ Did you know that many children in Alamance County have their ONLY meal at school, where they are provided free lunch through governmental assistance programs? What happens to those children on the weekends and on holidays? We will provide 'backpacks' with food to support children in one of our local schools during the Christmas holidays.

As you can see, there are MANY ways you can respond to God's love during this season of LOVE! Please plan to contribute generously!!!

## Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale

### *Come join the fun and fellowship!!*

The Social Ministry Committee is once again sponsoring a **Brunswick Stew and Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 31. Proceeds from the sale will go directly to local charity organizations. **(Last year, we provided over \$10,000 to 14 different agencies such as Allied Churches, Ralph Scott LifeServices, and Family Abuse Services!)** We are looking for lots of volunteers on Friday, 10/30 and Saturday, 10/31 to help cook the stew, pour into containers, and supervise the sale. We are also looking for donations of home-baked goodies, as well as monetary donations to help with the cost of the stew ingredients. If you would like to cook, bake, or make a donation, please call Connie Poovey, 260-5195. Sign up on the posters in the narthex or fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Pre-orders for the Brunswick Stew are now being collected. These will be available for pickup from 8-11 am on October 31<sup>st</sup>. After pre-orders are filled, any remaining stew will be available in the Educational building. **ORDER EARLY SO YOU WON'T MISS OUT!!!**

I can help: Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

12:00 noon – 3:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_

9:00 pm – midnight: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help: Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Midnight – 6am: \_\_\_\_\_

6:00 am – 8:00 am: \_\_\_\_\_

8:00 am - 11:00 am: \_\_\_\_\_

I can provide baked goods for sale: \_\_\_\_\_

I can donate money to help purchase ingredients: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale**  
**Saturday, October 31, 2015**  
 Pick-up 8:00am – 11:00am  
 Macedonia Lutheran Church  
 421 W. Front Street, Burlington

Number of quarts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.50/quart  
**Keep this portion for your records**

**Brunswick Stew Sale**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Quarts: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this portion to church office.**

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The 2015 Alamance County CROP WALK for Hunger Relief will be on Saturday, October 3. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the Walk starts at 9:30, beginning and ending at the Holly Hill Mall rear parking area. By popular demand, the Walk is being reduced from 10K to 5K, which may result in more walkers signing up! Last year, the Alamance Walk broke the \$2 million mark, achieving a grand total \$2,049,000 in monies raised since its start in 1979! This year, the goal is \$56,000—our church’s goal is to increase giving by 10% - let’s help the Walk meet this goal by signing up to walk, to sponsor, or do both. For information call, Sheila Gibson at 336-558-4951.



## ACE - Alamance Citizens for Education

Alamance Citizens for Education needs your help in providing school supplies for their classroom closet. Classroom Closet supports public, charter and private schools in Alamance County by providing a well-stocked resource store where teachers can 'shop' for needed supplies. After an annual membership fee of \$25, teachers can shop (for free!) 4 times a year, once each nine weeks. We know teachers dip into their own pockets to supplement their students' needs. By providing the Classroom Closet, we can do our part in preparing each student for the competitive world they face in and out of the classroom.

During the summer months, we will be asking you to supply particular school items each week. You can place your contributions in the blue tub marked 'ACE'. Here is a complete list of the items needed, with an asterisk beside the ones they need the most:

<b>*Band-aids</b>	<b>Notebook paper</b>	<b>Erasers</b>	<b>Index cards</b>
<b>Binders</b>	<b>*Paper towels</b>	<b>*Glue sticks</b>	<b>*Marble composition notebooks</b>
<b>Binder clips</b>	<b>*Pencils</b>	<b>Graph paper</b>	<b>Spiral notebooks</b>
<b>Clip boards</b>	<b>Pencil sharpeners</b>	<b>Hand sanitizer</b>	<b>*Tissues</b>
<b>Colored paper</b>	<b>Red pens</b>	<b>Highlighters</b>	<b>Washable markers</b>
<b>Colored pencils</b>	<b>Permanent markers</b>	<b>Sleeve protectors</b>	<b>Treasure Box items (stickers &amp; trinkets that can be used for rewards to students)</b>
<b>Crayons</b>	<b>Post-it notes</b>	<b>Spiral notebooks</b>	
<b>Disinfectant wipes</b>	<b>Rulers</b>	<b>*Tissues</b>	
<b>*Dry erase markers</b>	<b>Scissors</b>	<b>Washable markers</b>	
<b>*Eraser caps</b>	<b>*Scotch tape</b>	<b>Sleeve protectors</b>	



# BLESSING BAGS

Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

**What you need:**

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

**What you do:**

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.

# PUZZLE

## meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

Directions: Starting at the "B" and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.

“B \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ g.”

MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

Answer: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Matthew 6:3, NIV

“I hope you don't think I'm presumptuous. I died at a costume party.”

MACEDONIA LUTHERAN CHURCH						
TREASURER'S REPORT						
GENERAL FUND						
AUGUST 2015						
			Current	Year	Annual	Over
			Month	To Date	Budget	(Under)
						Budget
<b>BEGINNING DEFICIT BALANCE</b>			<b>(13,168.22)</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			26,399.26	192,271.17	356,650.28	(164,379.11)
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>						
		Benovelence	1,964.03	18,374.53	30,000.00	11,625.47
		Total Staff Salaries	18,876.54	134,275.28	214,349.28	80,074.00
		Total Property & Managing	6,275.72	49,505.98	84,383.00	34,877.02
		Total Social ministry	77.28	160.59	7,345.00	7,184.41
		Total Worship and Music	1,375.27	5,850.83	10,240.00	4,389.17
		Christian Education	138.78	5,320.35	5,200.00	(120.35)
		Fellowship	138.78	683.74	1,000.00	316.26
		Stewardship	-	334.47	383.00	48.53
		Youth and Recreation	-	2,260.00	2,800.00	540.00
		Evangelism	134.88	179.99	950.00	770.01
		Total Unbudgeted Disbursements	(3,132.16)	(11,956.51)		
		<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>25,849.12</b>	<b>204,989.25</b>	<b>356,650.28</b>	<b>139,704.52</b>
<b>ENDING DEFICIT BALANCE</b>			<b>(12,618.08)</b>	<b>(12,618.08)</b>		

## Helping Hands Ministry

Fall is here! Let Helping Hands be of help to you! What are some things you might need help with? What are some chores that you find difficult to do at the present time or just can't do anymore? Helping Hands wants you to be safe!



Here are *just a few* ways Helping Hands can help:

- checking and/or changing batteries in smoke alarms
- installing smoke alarms
- changing light bulbs in high fixtures
- moving furniture or rugs around
- washing windows
- small painting jobs
- as leaves begin to fall Helping Hands can help with cleaning out gutters, raking, weeding, clearing debris

Helping Hands Ministry is available to provide practical support and assistance. Helping Hands is ready to lend a hand for those dealing with a critical illness, recovery from surgery or other life difficulties or special circumstances who may need a bit of assistance from time to time. Helping Hands provide assistance free of charge to our church family. Helpers will never ask or accept payment for their services.

Persons requesting assistance will be responsible for the cost of all materials to be purchased. Helping Hands will handle small jobs that can be completed in one or two days.

**If you have questions or want to request assistance, please call one of the Coordinators: John Pertschi, 336-516-146 or Bill Poovey, 336-675-7972 .**

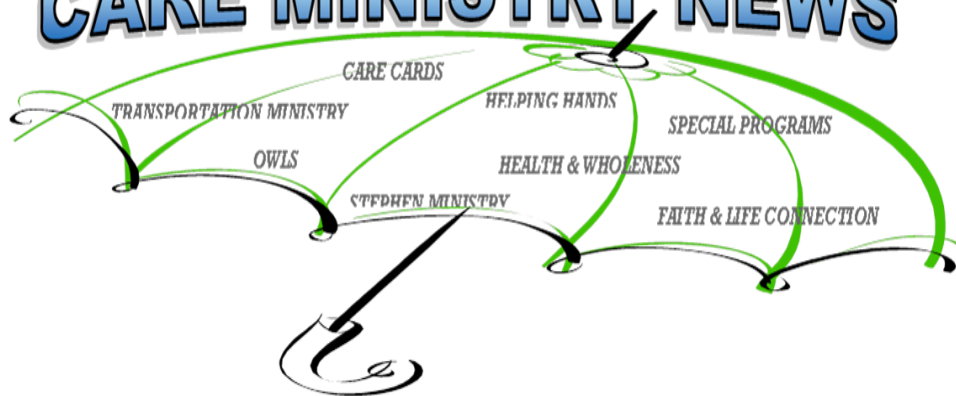
## NEXT BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK OCTOBER 18



Medical professionals will take and record your blood pressure each month on the third Sunday of each month, directly following worship services.

This opportunity is being offered to assist you in your good health efforts. Look for the large poster and table and chairs in the narthex of the church following both worship services. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity on a regular basis to keep on top of this vital health information.

# CARE MINISTRY NEWS



## Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors



## OWLS

**October 12, 2015**

The OWLS are taking flight! Monday, October 12th, we will travel to Ciao Italian Restaurant in Whitset for lunch (947 Golf House Road West). The meal cost will be around \$10. Then we will go to the Grove Winery in Gibsonville (7360 Brooks Bridge Road—off Osceola Ossipee Road) for a \$5 tasting, which includes 6 wines.

We need to make reservations, so please let us know that you are coming. If you did not sign up at the September meeting, you may call the church office or Barbara Lilienthal 266-3738, or sign up on in the narthex or bulletin board outside the office by October 8th. We will leave Macedonia by 11am. if you need a ride, please let Barbara know. If you are in west Burlington or at Twin Lakes, you do not need to come to church.

### SAVE THE DATE:

In November we will be going to Bear Creek NC to the Southern Fruit Cake factory/store and then to Siler City for lunch at Best Food.

### JOIN THE OWLS PLANNING COMMITTEE:

We are having so much fun on the planning team for OWLS that we would like to invite others to join in the planning process. We meet the first Wednesday at 1pm at church. Please think about joining us.

## PRAYER GROUP LOOKING TOWARDS FALL

Prayer Group will meet  
Wednesday, October 14 and 28  
8:50 AM to 9:50 AM.

You are welcome to come as you can and to pray silently or out loud. Prayer requests can be submitted by completing a Prayer Request Card and placing the card in either the offering plate or Prayer Request box located in the back of the church and in the education building. Prayer requests can also be submitted by calling/texting Gail Pertschi 336-269-4193 or by email [gailpertschi3579@triad.rr.com](mailto:gailpertschi3579@triad.rr.com). Prayer requests are held in confidence.



## MORNING STRETCH

Class Schedule:

Wednesday,  
October 7, 14, 21 and 28  
10 AM - Macedonia  
Luther Hall



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE.** You can still join in the Morning STRETCH classes that are designed to work on flexibility and muscle tone. Most of the stretches are done on the floor or with the assistance of a chair. This is a gentle approach that incorporates good breathing techniques, relaxation and the ability to get up and down. All ages and sizes are welcome and **comfortable**, loose-fitting clothing is encouraged. **Come and be energized!** Instructor: Pastor Suzanne.

## FREE MOVIES FOR SENIORS

- Rich and Thompson sponsors a movie the first Thursday of each month at 10am at Graham Cinema.
- Lowes and Hospice sponsor a movie the second Thursday of each month at 10am at the Paramount.



### ***NEW Stephen Minister Training Class Set to Begin October 20***

**If you were not able to be a part of the previous Stephen Minister Training Class, here is another opportunity for you to consider. Please contact one of our Stephen Leaders to find out more!**

Melinda Menz 336-270-6627 or  
melindamenz@gmail.com  
Frank Rhue 336-684-0760 or fr136@netpath.net

### ***Is Stephen Ministry for Me?***

Stephen Ministry is a high-commitment, high-reward ministry. Are you seeking to be involved in meaningful ministry? Are you interested in being involved in a ministry that also benefits you? Here are some things to reflect on as you think and pray about applying to be a Stephen Minister.

### **Being a Stephen Minister Requires the Following Commitments:**

Participating in Stephen Ministry for a minimum of two years, which includes training and then service as a Stephen Minister.

Attending all training sessions and attending all twice-monthly supervision and continuing education sessions unless it is not possible to attend because of sickness, emergency, or having to be out of town. Serving under the direction of the congregation's Stephen Leaders.

### **The Rewards of Being a Stephen Minister:**

The joy and satisfaction of serving your Lord in a meaningful ministry.

The friendship and support of the Christian community that develops in training and supervision.

Personal growth through training, service, and supervision.

Enhanced relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and others.

Greater interpersonal relationship skills that proves valuable at work and in other activities.

Growth in faith.

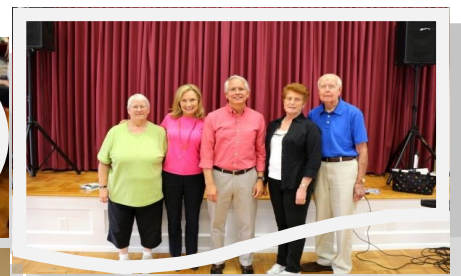
## **WOW! What a Great Day!**

**The Celebration of Life and Dying Workshop** held on Saturday, September 12 accommodated forty three (43) people who enjoyed excellent presentations by Attorney Ray Deal and Pastor Richard Goeres along with a great lunch that was hosted by our Fellowship Committee. Many helpful handouts and resources were available. One of the participants said, "The day was well planned and met my expectations relative to Celebration of Life and Dying. Outstanding workshop." Another comment was "It was excellent – very informative – moments of laughter, good interaction." Many who completed an evaluation suggested Funeral Planning as another topic of interest.

Thanks to an awesome Care Ministry Planning Team, Nancy Hemric (Health & Wholeness) Mel Petersen (Senior Adult Team) Robin Huffman (Communication) Barbara Lilienthal, Bill and Michelle Claypool (Fellowship Committee) Pastor Richard Goeres Gail Pertschi (Care Ministry).

Special thanks to all those on the Care Ministry Team for their efforts and support and also to Fred Black, Dan Voelkert, and Frank Rhue for their assistance with communication and sound, and Dennis White for photography.

## **Many Thanks for Making It Happen!**



*Planning Team: L to R: Barbara Lilienthal, Nancy Hemric, Guest Speaker: Attorney, Ray Deal, Gail Pertschi and Mel Petersen. Not pictured: Robin Huffman, Pastor Richard Goeres, and Bill & Michelle Claypool.*





1. I hope you have an opportunity to meet Pastor Goeres. He is off to a great start and already fully engaged in all that is happening.
2. September has been a very busy month for Council. Our retreat was on Friday and Saturday, September 18-19. The following was accomplished:
  - Approved the Vision and Values Statement
  - Approved the Ministry Site Profile (Document to be used by Call Committee)
  - Approved Ad Hoc Committee to continue developing the next steps in our vision
  - Established process to nominate Call Committee
  - Approved new Employee Job descriptions (7)
  - Approved MLC Personnel Policy/Guidelines
  - Approved MLC Facility Use Policy
  - Approved Confirmation Program
  - Reviewed Model Constitution /anticipate approval at October Council meeting
  - Reviewed Phase II construction status
  - Reviewed Renovation Campaign status
  - Discussed future of Coleman House

It was quite a busy weekend. I want to thank the Council members who gave up their weekend in order to accomplish such an aggressive agenda. Council's intent was to complete as many of these administrative tasks as possible before a new pastor will be called. This will allow the Pastor and Council to concentrate on program development.

3. As indicated above, we have completed the Vision and Values statement and Ministry Site Profile. These important documents could not have been completed without your input through the CAT, 6 weeks of questions, and Town Hall meeting. We are excited to share these with you and are trying to find the right venue and time to present. We are thinking another Town Hall would afford the opportunity for conversation and reflection. Finding a time during this busy part of the year is going to be difficult. Pastor Goeres and I are working to fit this in. We will let you know as soon as we figure it out. In the meantime, here is a small part of the Vision and Values statement:

**Claimed by God, gathered by the Spirit as a faith community, we are brought to life in Christ.**

**Striving to live out God's redeeming Gospel of love and grace:**

**We are centered by Word and Sacrament**

**We share's God's love**

**We commit to a strong family foundation**

**We are faithful stewards of God's gifts**

4. By now every household should have received their 2016 Pledge Card and Time and Talent Sheets. During our six weeks of questions in July and August you indicated that volunteers are an important part of our congregational family life. The following are excerpts from some of your comments:

- **How does Macedonia help you see Jesus, both here at MLC and your everyday life?** Through leaders /volunteers /community outreach
- **How can MLC do better at helping you recognizing Jesus' presence and activity in our midst?** Encourage volunteerism /communicate better for needs /ask more/identify talents and utilize them
- **What gifts at MLC do we not recognize and value enough?** The work of many volunteers / so many do so much / our people and their talents /outreach
- **In what ways do we limit the power of Jesus in our congregation and in our community?** Lack of participation/not willing to contribute time, talent, money/sitting on the sidelines and letting others do the work
- **What do you need for satisfaction and contentment at MLC?** More volunteers – workers/ finding ways to encourage attendance and volunteers
- **In what ways do we as a faith community at MLC help you remember your baptismal identity?** Service to the community /working together / outreach /helping others
- **What aspects of congregational life at MLC are most meaningful and important to you?** Outreach /helping others

Comments such as those listed above led us to include in the values statement the following comment: **“Giving oneself away in love/service to neighbors and world means to come alive in Christ. Volunteer service is a hallmark of our community”**. Here is an opportunity to be involved. There are **80** needs for service listed on the Time and Talent sheet. I am sure there is at least one or more that each of us can sign up for. God's Work, our hands.

These are exciting times at Macedonia. Now is the time to be involved.

Have a great month.

*Charlie Harris*



## SERVICE SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER

### Acolytes

10/4 Marilyn Adkins, Max Van Fleet  
 10/11 Macray Braxton, Sara Jane Price  
 10/18 Sarah Bass, Abigail Cary  
 10/25 Ethan Russell, Riley Russell

### Crucifers

10/4 Aidan Gibson  
 10/11 Daniel Thigpen  
 10/18 Maddie Bass  
 10/25 Bailey Claypool

### Communion Assistants (8:15)

10/4 Frank Rhue  
 10/11 Cheryl English  
 10/18 Sandee Jackson  
 10/25 Estelle Petersen

### Communion Preparers & Assistants (10:30)

10/4	Frank Rhue	Brant Adkins Barrett Brown
10/11	Barbara Lilienthal	Sandy Cohen Connie Poovey
10/18	Yvonne White	Diane Robinson Dave Robinson
10/25	Roger Meisenbach	Barbara Lilienthal Bill Poovey

### Greeters

10/4 Danny Van Fleet Family  
 Sue & Aaron Page  
 10/11 Roy & Barbara Sharp  
 Randi Dunn, Debbie Gunyan  
 10/18 Betty Lentz, Bryan Pennington  
 Eloise Bryan, Lea Blanton  
 10/25 Xylda & John Gee  
 Diane & Dave Robinson.

### Lay Readers (8:15) (10:30)

10/4	Pastor Suzanne	Pastor Suzanne
10/11	Shannon Lynch	Yvonne White
10/18	Linda Cykert	Robin Huffman
10/25	Vera Barker	Tom Macklin

### Sound System

10/4 & 10/11 Danny VanFleet  
 10/18 & 10/25 Brett Bass

### Dust Covers

10/4 & 10/11 Connie Poovey, Beverly Hiller  
 10/18 & 10/25 Barbara Lilienthal, Lily Cary

### Nursery

10/4 Beth McGuire, Taylor Easter  
 10/11 Ruth Matkins, Marilyn Adkins  
 10/18 Reed LaPlante, Bailey Claypool  
 10/25 Melinda Menz, Sarah Jane Price

### Ushers *Chief*, Tommy Turner

*Asst. Chief*, Steve Barnwell  
 Ron Reeger, Greg Myers, John Pertschi, Bill Claypool,  
 Richard Johnson, Dave Robinson, Buster Goodman

## Schedules for October

**Men of Macedonia, Men in Mission** will meet October 1 at 6:00 PM .

Macedonia's turn for the Alamance County **Meals-on-Wheels** will be October 19 through October 23.



**Circle #1** - Will meet on **October 6** at the church.

**Circle #2** - Will meet on **October 8** at the home of Yoko Moore, 3157 Mattie Florence Dr., Graham at 7:00 PM.

**Circle #3** - Will meet on **October 7** at 1the home of Marge LeBarron, 3926 Muhlenberg Ct. at 10:00 AM.

**Circle #4** - Will meet on **October 12** at the church at 2:30 PM.

**Circle #6** - Will meet on **October 4** at 8:00 AM

**Circle #7** - Will meet on **October 4** at 6:00 PM

**WELCA Board** Will meet **October 20** at 10:30 AM at the church.

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**Reminders**

**Oct. 23-25**  
Building Youth Group  
Retreat (Grades 3-5)

**October 23**  
7th Annual Oktoberfest and  
Christmas Making  
(Get your tickets now!)



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“WHEN I WAS IN WANT...MY NEEDS WERE SUPPLIED BY THE PEOPLE WHO CAME FROM MACEDONIA.”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> 8:00 AM Circle #6 8:45 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Communion 4:45 PM Youth Handbells 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Circle #7	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Circle #1	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Circle #1	<b>7</b> 11:00 AM Morning Stretch 9:00 AM Circle #3 1:00 PM Owl's Team 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Circle #2 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Circle #2 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>World Hunger Sunday Night Shelter - Circle #2</b> 8:45 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Communion 4:45 PM Youth Handbells 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Luther League	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM Owl's Program 2:30 PM Circle #4 6:00 PM Executive Committee 7:00 PM Church Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:50 AM Prayer Group 10:00 AM Morning Stretch 1:00 PM Sewing Group 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>15</b> 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Free Blood Pressure Check Community &amp; Family</b> 8:45 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Communion 4:45 PM Youth Handbells 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Luther League	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Good Shepherd Kitchen 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 10:30 AM WFLCA Board 5:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Reformation Ringers	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Morning Stretch 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM All Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scouts	<b>23</b> 5:00 PM 7th annual Oktoberfest!	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:45 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship/Communion 4:45 PM Youth Handbells 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Luther League	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM Prayer-Shawl Ministry	<b>27</b> 5:30 PM Cherub Choir 7:30 PM Reformation Ringers	<b>28</b> 8:50 AM Prayer Group 10:00 AM Morning Stretch 1:00 PM Sewing Group 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> BRUNSWICK STEW & BAKE SALE	<b>31</b> BRUNSWICK STEW & BAKE SALE

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*10/15/15*