



Waterin' Hole



"Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff; water came out abundantly, and the congregation...drank." Numbers 20:11

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Volume 259, Issue 2
February 2010

My Dear Friends,



At the time you are reading this article, my family and I will be in the middle of a long awaited cruise to Mexico. This is our first cruise and the most ad-

venturous vacation we have taken to date. Not having been on a cruise before we have received ample input from experienced mariners who have braved the seas before us. We have gotten great advice, like "take plenty of sun screen" and "be sure to take pants with elastic waists because you will be bigger when you return, from all the food you will eat" – the part of the trip I look forward to the most. Mine and Stephanie's parents have been adamant about warning us to "not let Mykal (our four year old son) jump off the edge of the boat!" We have taken all of the advice, downloaded packing lists and to do lists. We have planned our daily agenda, our street route and every detail down to the last pair of socks. Now we can only pray our journey will go as planned.

Taking a journey can be a rewarding time of reflection, and give

much needed rest and clarity to our lives. In a couple of weeks, we will begin a journey together, Lent, which will conclude on our holiest of days, Easter. For 40 days we will move as a community, together, through a season or reflection, and inward searching to prepare us for the celebration to come. Beginning on Monday, February 15th at 6:30pm I will begin a seven week study of the book of Mark. We will work through Greg Weyrauch's book *Journeying Through Lent with Mark*. At that same time, Julie Hester will offer a Lenten class for children. We invite anyone who is interested in participating to register by signing the signup sheet in the vestibule or emailing me at pastor@rockyriver.org.

Additionally, on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 pm we will officially begin the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service in our sanctuary. Take time this year to step back for a moment and take a journey with us to Easter.



Inside

Thank You's	2
Bus Volunteers	2
Presbyterian Women	2
Day Trip Announcement	3
Preschool Update	4
Youth Update	4
Worship Ministry	4
Christian Education Project	4
Birthdays	5
Volunteer's Schedules	5
Prayer Requests	6





THANK YOU

From Dept. of Social Services

Dear Rocky River Presbyterian Church Members:

I wanted to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution toward our foster care Christmas party on December 16, 2009. Nearly 80 youth and their placement providers came together to celebrate the holiday season with delicious food, great entertainment and activities, and absolutely phenomenal gifts. The tremendous success of this event could not have been realized without the wonderful support from you and the community.

Cabarrus County considers the partnership between you and the Department of Social Services priceless. With your help, we were able to give each foster child of Cabarrus County a very Merry Christmas.

On behalf of the entire foster care and adoption team and the foster children and families, thank you so much for your giving this year. I appreciate the vital role you play in serving the children and families involved with the foster care system of Cabarrus County.

Best Regards,
Robert Ellis
Foster Care Social Worker II
Foster Care Christmas Party Chair
Cabarrus County DSS

The total amount collected by Rocky River Presbyterian Church volunteers for the Salvation Army Kettle was \$579.40. The overall total for Harrisburg was \$5,813.17. Thanks to all who braved the cold to make a difference.



DRIVERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH BUS

We are seeking more drivers who are licensed to drive our church bus, especially ones who can drive to events during the week. Anyone interested in driving the bus needs to have a Class-C commercial license (CDL) with a passenger endorsement. For anyone who has a CDL already who wants to drive our bus, all that is needed is for the Session to approve this person as a driver for approval on the church's insurance policy. A copy of the driver's CDL license would be submitted for the insurance company to do a background check.

Anyone who wants to obtain a CDL license in order to be an authorized driver for our church will need to study and pass a written commercial driver's test (multiple choice / computer based) to get a learner's permit. After that, they need to pass a road test. Class-C road test is extremely easy. Demonstrate left and right turns, plus backing up 50 feet. Glenn Jones will be glad to teach anyone interested in learning to drive the bus. If you are interested in being approved as a driver or learning how to drive the bus to obtain the licensing, please contact the minister, Glenn Jones or Marie Morrison.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETINGS

This month's meetings will be held on Tuesday February 2. The morning circle will meet at 10 am at the church in the Mary Morrison room. The evening circle will meet at 7 pm at the home of Linda Clark.

PW HANDBOOKS

PW handbooks are now available! Please see Teresa Fisher if you have not yet received one.





LATTA PLANTATION AND RAPTOR CENTER DAY TRIP- MARCH 6



Fellowship & Events Ministry has planned an interesting and fun day trip for members and friends. This trip will be a fun day for all ages!

Historic Latta Plantation is located in northern Mecklenburg County. It is a circa 1800 cotton plantation and living history farm. On Saturday, March 6th, the plantation will feature Art of the Blacksmiths with demonstrations of 19th century blacksmithing on the grounds. Latta Plantation will have Open House meaning instead of an organized tour of the house, we will be able to enjoy the house on our own with demonstrations in the kitchen and other rooms. This allows us to spend more time in the areas we find most interesting. (www.lattaplantation.org)

Carolina Raptor Center is located near Latta Plantation. Some of you will remember the Raptor Center bringing several of their birds to the Earth Festival in our grove in 2007. This center is dedicated to rehabilitation of injured and orphaned birds of prey. Visitors can walk around the grounds learning about the different birds as well as enjoying specific programs featuring these majestic birds. (www.carolinaraptorcenter.org)

If at least 30 go on the trip, we can use the church bus. Otherwise, we will carpool. Those attending are asked to bring a bag lunch and drink. Questions: Contact Marie Morrison.

Itinerary

Meet at the church:	9 a.m.
Leave church:	9:15 a.m.
Arrive at Latta Plantation:	10:00 a.m. Introductory 15 minute video, self-guided tour of out-buildings, blacksmith demonstrations; self-guided tour of the house; bag lunch
Arrive at Raptor Center	12:30 p.m.
Special programs:	1:00 p.m. Live Bird Presentation in amphitheater 2:00 p.m. Behind the Scenes Tour (optional with extra charge)
Self-guided tour of grounds	until 4:00 p.m.
Leave Raptor Center	4:00 p.m.
Arrive back at church	4:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Cost per Person

Latta Plantation: Adults \$6; Seniors (62+) \$5; Students \$5; Children 4 & under Free
Groups of 15 or more, all over age 4 pay \$5.

Raptor Center: Adults \$8; Seniors \$7; Students \$6; Children 4 & under Free when accompanied by an adult. Groups of 15 or more \$4.50
Added charge: Behind the scenes tour \$5.





PRESCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents,
February is going to be a busy month in preschool! We will start the month looking to see if our furry friend sees his shadow. We will discuss the concepts of shadows.

Love will be in the air as we discuss how we can show our love to those who love us though sharing and caring. The children will be making Valentines to bring home to give to the special people in their lives.

Our two famous presidents will be discussed. We will learn what it means to be president

Our Valentine Breakfast for Dad is Thursday the 11th at 9:15. We will have our Party at lunch time. The teachers will send you a list of names of the children for Valentines. They will also be asking for help with things for the party.

We are out for President's Day the 15th.

February 16th we will have a Mardi Gras parade at 12:00.

Godly Play: The Leper who Returned

The Prodigal Son

Jesus Feeds 5000

The Good Samaritan

Our bible verses for the month are: "And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him to his fields to feed swine." Luke 15:15

"And they said unto him, we have here but five loaves and two fishes." Matthew 14:17

LOVE from preschool,

Ms. Kathy

Volunteers Needed for Worship Ministry

If you are interested in helping with the Worship Ministry at RRPC, please contact Elaine Tankersley at 704 788-1899 or Kim Kachmarik at 704 301-6737.

Meetings will be limited to 3-4 times per year to discuss and carry out responsibilities such as: decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas, Spring cleaning of Sanctuary, assisting with special Christmas and Easter/ Lenten Services, assisting with May and September Meetings, Sound Technician and Usher Training, recycling of bulletins and music inserts.

Please consider serving in this vital ministry at RRPC.

Thanks,

Elaine

ROCKY RIVER YOUTH



The Annual Youth verse Adults Football game is **Superbowl Sunday (February 7th) from 2-4pm at the Scout Field. Hope to see you there to play and/or cheer on the participants!!**

Youth Mission Camp @ Mountain TOP : July 10-17, 2010

Youth aged 13 and up, college students, and adults are welcomed and encouraged to spend a week on the mountain serving others. The total cost for the weeklong trip is \$100!!! **Half of the cost is due by February 21st for all participants!** In addition, I am looking for another adult (preferably male) to travel with us this summer.

Rocky River Youth Schedule:

January 31st: Youth Group (6:30pm-8:00pm) – 30 Hour Famine Registration Due

February 7th: Youth Group (6:30pm-8:00pm)

February 14th: Youth Group (6:30pm-8:00pm)

February 21st: Mountain TOP Deadline

February 27th: 30 Hour Famine – Starts at 8pm

February 28th: 30 Hour Famine concludes at 3pm

February 28th: Youth Group at Rocky River Coffee (6:30-7:30pm)

For more information or questions, please contact Kristen! Keep up to date with youth events on the web: <http://onefaith24.blogspot.com>

onefaith24.blogspot.com

You can reach her by email: Kristenesloan@gmail.com or cell phone (440) 223-1036

Back to Basics in February: Who is Jesus?

In our 2010 Christian Education Project, the topic for the month of February is "Who is Jesus?" We will explore the Reformed theological view of Jesus Christ, reflect on the meaning of the word "Christology" and try to understand what we believe about him better by examining what and who Jesus is not. You may join the study at anytime. Jump on in to the February lessons. You can always go back and catch up later, if you want. A brochure explaining how to log on to the online lessons is available in the vestibule.

Let Julie know if you want print-outs of the lessons instead. Our optional group meeting for February is Wednesday, February 24th in the Session Room (fourth Wed. instead of third Wed. due to Ash Wednesday service.)





- February 2 - Morning and Evening Circle
- February 3 - Wednesday Night Fellowship Potluck Dinner
- February 3 - Choir Rehearsal
- February 7 - 5¢-A-Meal Offering
- February 7 - Youth vs. adults football game
- February 10 - WNF
- February 10 - Choir Rehearsal
- February 14 - Session Meeting
- February 14 - Youth Group
- February 17 - Ash Wednesday
- February 17 - WNF Potluck Dinner
- February 17 - Choir Rehearsal
- February 21 - Youth Group
- February 24 - WNF
- February 24 - Choir Rehearsal
- February 24 - Christian Education Project Meeting
- February 27-28 Youth 30 hour famine



© wondercliparts.com

- February 2 - Chris Horton
- February 4 - Jason Linker
- February 4 - Mike Harazim
- February 4 - Alex Hite
- February 5 - Aydenn Harris
- February 7- Mike Fisher
- February 7 - Julie Scott
- February 7 - Carey Graham
- February 10 - Trina Hadfield
- February 10 - Holly Hapeman
- February 11 - Betsy Biggers
- February 12 - Robin Hartsell
- February 12 - David Graham
- February 13 - Mark Williams
- February 14 - Danielle Clark
- February 14 - Macy Baggs
- February 17 - Bill Buckingham
- February 17 - Baxter Coble
- February 17 - Jimmy D'Agostino
- February 18 - Devon Hayes
- February 19 - Megan Burr
- February 22 - Chip Wells
- February 22 - Billy Houston
- February 23 - Kathy Davis
- February 23 - Brian Hoyle
- February 25 - Scott Burr
- February 27 - DeDe Dickiason
- February 28 - Caleb Watson

Infant Nursery:

- February 7- Alice Williams & Linda Clark
- February 14 -Shirley Rockel & Candice Shepard
- February 21 -Becky Graham & Gina Graham
- February 28 -Ashley Smith & Ree Abernethy



Toddler Nursery:

- February 7 - Niki Schneider & Megan Burr, Robin and Erin Hancock
- February 14 Traci Bird, Pam McCachren & Blake Childers
- February 21 - Anne & Frank Emmerich & Kelle Mott
- February 28 - Carly and Lauren Jerome & Kaysea Campbell

BREAD MINISTRY

- February 7 - Iris Alexamder
- February 14 - Julia Alexander
- February 21 - Alan Clawson
- February 28 - David Graham

“A TIME FOR CHILDREN”

- February 7 - Harriette Jakiela
- February 14 - Stephanie Hite
- February 21 - Libby Coble
- February 28 - Joey Dulin



Rocky River Presbyterian Church

7940 Rocky River Road
Concord, NC 28025

Phone: 704-455-2479

Fax: 704-455-2489

E-mail: secretary@rockyriver.org

Non Profit Org.
US Postage PAID
Permit No. 31
Harrisburg, NC 28075
RETURN REQUESTED



Please keep in your prayers:

Stacy Bostic (niece of Sheila Hoots)

Louise & Bob Carter

Tom Donnelly Family

Ashley (daughter of Kathy Hoover)

Lucy Linker

Mary Jane McCachren

Ruth McCachren

Janet & Ed Hagler (friend of Brombachers)

Allison Murray

Mick & Lavada Freeman

Billy McDonald, Sr.

Ron Tanner (brother of Sheila Hoots)

Teresa Williams

Joyce Petranick (friend of Jerry Clark)

Dawn Elwood (co-worker of Kim Kachmarik)

Please call the church office to update your prayer requests.

