



The Canterburyian

JANUARY 2014

A *welcoming* Christian community building lives of faith and service for Jesus Christ through life-transforming worship, learning, and service.

MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL & COMMUNITY CARE

Dr. Bill Morgan, Senior Pastor



With the support of our Staff-Parish Team, I have asked Reverend Sam Williamson to move full time into the role of Minister of Congregational & Community Care. In recent years, Sam has divided his time between this and oversight of our Carpenter's Hands Housing Ministry. CH involves many hands, and with Sam at the helm, over the past decade some 850 houses have been repaired and made more livable, with ongoing relationship with the life challenged people living in them. Carpenter's Hands is now being focused primarily in the area surrounding our Avondale Samaritan Place ministry hub. More to come about that as Adam Guthrie and others custom fit our housing ministry in the Avondale community.

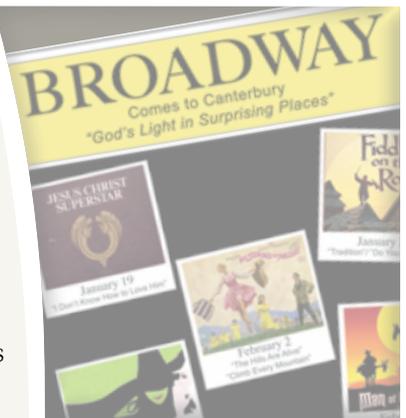
Back, well forward, to Sam. With the excitement of our Next Step worship, learning, radical hospitality, relational outreach, and family spiritual support initiatives, there continues essential foundational relational caring for one another in the congregation and those we serve in the community. Congregational care for one another in the joys and hurts of life involves all of us – laity and clergy. Stephen Ministry and Fran Gatch's Congregational Care volunteers cover a wide waterfront. And yet there is a unique calling and responsibility that comes with ordained ministry, in general, Wesleyan Methodist ministry in particular, to care for the people, consistently be available to them, by their hospital bedside, in their homes when appropriate. Preacher-pulpit-word; Priest-table-bread; Pastor-care-bed...constitute the essential clergy trinity.

Did I say Sam? In our congregation, each minister does a share of pastoral care, often with a swath of people who for various reasons feel close to that particular minister. Yet in such a large congregation as ours, we need one minister to oversee, coordinate, and communicate our pastoral response to those who are in temporary or ongoing tough life challenges. Sam Williamson has done the time – 20+ years – to know, be known by us, to have multi-generational relationships with us, and at the same time be a quick connect with newcomers. Sam has a double dose of the relational gift to “be there and be real” with people. That's an inspiration and example for us all.

And so. I have asked Sam to focus fully on our Pastoral-Congregational efforts, work with Fran and others. He will coordinate pastoral hospital visitation, those of us who rotate being on call, help us better with fast response and ongoing care. You will see Sam in the pulpit, at the table, but most of all you will see him working the crowd, together, one on one, inside, outside, bedside.

Bill Morgan
Senior Minister

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<http://billmorgancanterbury.wordpress.com>



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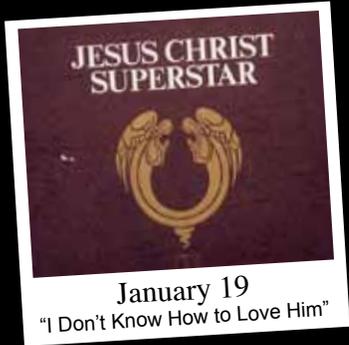
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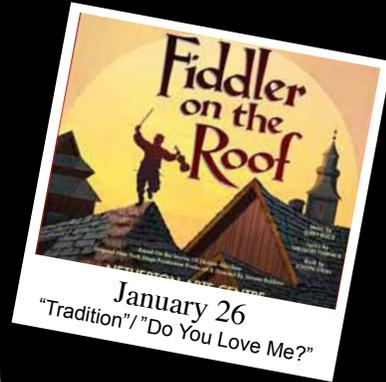
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BROADWAY

Comes to Canterbury
"God's Light in Surprising Places"



January 19
"I Don't Know How to Love Him"



January 26
"Tradition"/"Do You Love Me?"



February 2
"The Hills Are Alive"
"Climb Every Mountain"



February 9
"Wishing I Could Hear Your Voice Again" / "For Good"



February 16
"The Impossible Dream"

Traditional & New Traditions Worship New Year's TW Sermon Series

Sundays, 8:15 am Chapel & 10:30 am Sanctuary



2014
Spring Catalog

Hands on Faith



You are the hands with which he is to bless now...
—TERESA OF AVILA



Sneak Peak to the Learning Catalog

• LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

This highly interactive class is based on The Gallop Organization's online Strengths-Finder assessment. You will discover your top 5 God-given strengths and explore how you can best use them in your life, work, and ministry.

• WHY HUNGER (IN THE RICHEST NATION ON EARTH)?

This study will seek to answer why forty-nine million people—including one in four children – go hungry in the U. S. every day, despite our having the means to provide nutritious, affordable food for all.

• IF: GATHERING WITH JEN HATMAKER AND FRIENDS

A fresh, deep, honest space for the next generation of women to wrestle with essential questions of their generation. Questions like: If God is real, then what?

We believe that we are all on this journey together and that collectively we are stronger and can encourage one another to refocus our lives. It's not just about learning; it's about community. The 2014 Learning Catalog will be coming soon to your mailbox.



Contemporary Worship New Year's Sermon Series

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January 5 - February 9
Sundays, 10:30 am
Canterbury Center



JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 5

Wednesday Nights

6-7:15 pm

Room M209 (Wesley Hall)

THE CRISIS OF
49 MILLION HUNGRY AMERICANS
AND HOW TO SOLVE IT

PLACE AT THE TABLE

And **WHY** do 49 million in the U.S. go hungry every day -- including one in four children -- despite our means to provide all with affordable nourishment? Find some of the reasons, as well as what can be done about it, beginning January 8, as the Church & Society Team provides guest speakers and the film "A Place at the Table", in a six-week study of ways to deal with this critical issue.

For more information contact Oliver Clark
at 868-6580 or Oliver.Clark@canterburyumc.org.

WORSHIP NOTES



Sitting in Church

To paraphrase Garrison Keillor, the idea that sitting in church makes one a Christian is something like the idea that sitting in a garage makes one a car. Yet every week we urge people to come and sit in church. All too often worship becomes a spectator sport where we sit and enjoy wonderful music and sort of listen to the word from the pulpit. Sing the hymns or praise songs? Oh no, I cannot sing! If you are really convinced that is true, then “sing” by reading the words along with listening to the music. Bulletins are online at www.canterburyumc.org before Sunday worship – read the scripture before Sunday. In worship planning, one of the first questions each week is, “Where are you going with this scripture?” Then music selections are finalized, and the service details begin to fall into place. The active worshipper prays the prayers and recites the creeds not so much by rote as by heart. These are the core statements of belief - the centuries old core beliefs we summarize today as “Follow Jesus Serve Others.”

It is January – a time of reflection on the past year and promise-making for the New Year. We are challenged in the media to become the new improved us. Remember one of the ways to be more of the people God calls us to be is by becoming active worshippers, practicing following Jesus to better serve others.

—Carolyn Davis, Coordinator of Worship,
Music, & Arts

CANTERBURY ACADEMY

Winter/Spring 2014 In the Footsteps of St. Francis / Evil and the Justice of God

The Winter/Spring Canterbury Academy for Christian Studies will include a five Sunday evening study walking in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, as interpreted by Father Richard Rohr, a Franciscan friar from New Mexico where he directs the Center for Action and Contemplation. Richard Rohr is Catholic, but his theology is very ecumenical, and in many aspects, very Wesleyan. Dr. Oliver Clark, director of the Canterbury Academy, will provide leadership for the sessions focusing on Rohr. Oliver has read widely in Rohr’s work, and participated in a Rohr Spiritual Growth Workshop in New Mexico. A probable feature of the class will be an overnight Silent Retreat held at either Camp Sumatanga or the Benedictine monastery in Cullman in early May.

Interspersed between sessions on Rohr will be a five session study of N.T. Wright’s book, Evil and the Justice of God. Wright looks at the eternal problem of evil in a world created by a good God, from a sound Biblical perspective. Dr. Scott McGinnis, a professor at Samford University, who has his PhD in Religion from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will lead these sessions. Similarities and differences between Rohr’s position on this issue, and Wright’s will be discussed.

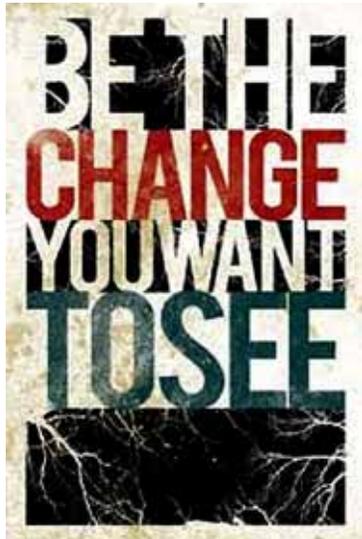
All of the above classes will meet in room M227 on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m – 6:30 pm beginning on January 12, 2014. There is no tuition for the class; however, contributions to support the work of the Academy are always welcomed.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org or by calling Ellen Thomas at 874-1533 or Oliver Clark at 868-6580.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY

Some members and friends of Canterbury are currently serving in various branches of the military. The Prayer Team of Canterbury would like to update the list and make contacts with these special persons. If you know the names of members or friends serving our country, or can help update our current list please contact Betty Gunn at hgunn66@charter.net or Betty Glasscock at Bglass35216@aol.com.

THE BROWN BAG PROJECT AT CANTERBURY



When I worked with the youth and college students a few years ago, one of our mission trip's theme songs was titled, "Be The Change". My heart was forever changed as I listened to our young people sing the words of this song. As I look back, it's when the "seed" of Brown Bag got planted in my heart. The youth discussed at length about how to see a need, figure out how to help, and then do the work to be the change. I'll always treasure those discussions and never forget the impact it made on my life. Below are a couple of verses and the link to listen. Be the change in 2014. Follow Jesus- Serve Others.

*Open your eyes up people, and take a good look around,
Catch the tears fillin' up all those cracks in the ground.
Turn off you televisions; leave your picture perfect
neighborhoods
A lot of folks out there ain't doing so good,
Too many of us left out in the cold*

*No invitations given, no welcome mats unrolled,
But you can, be the change you wanna see.
Be the hope to those whose lives are far from easy.
Reach out and lend a hand, share everything you can,
And be the change, be the change.*

<http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/coreysmith/bethechange.html>

For more information, please contact Susan Dowdey, Director of The Brown Bag Project at 874-1569, or Susan.dowdey@canterburyumc.org.

— Susan Dowdey



CANTERBURY DAY SCHOOL



Canterbury Day School
Upcoming Registration Dates

Registration for Fall 2014

January 7th – CUMC Member registration for children not currently in the program
January 8th – Nonmember registration for children not currently in the program
January 28th – 5K Registration

Registration for Summer 2014

February 4th – Member and Nonmember registration for children not currently in the program

All registrations will be by telephone by calling 874-1541 from 10:00-10:30. All calls will be timed and dated in the order in which they are received. We record times according to Canterbury Church telephones.

FINANCE

Contributions

IRS regulations require all donations be received or postmarked by December 31st to receive contribution credit on your 2013 giving statement.

Online Giving

The Online Giving option is located on Canterbury's website www.canterburyumc.org. Enter your email address as published on the church's records and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Stock

Gifts of stock should be transferred before the market closes on December 31st. Please notify Jan Coats in the Finance Office (874-1551) with the details of your stock transaction and to confirm instructions for transferring ownership to the church.

The finance office will be open on Tuesday, December 31st until noon. A receptacle will be available at the front desk all day if you wish to drop off donations.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Avondale Samaritan Place

In memory of

• Rebecca Davis
by Linn & Dana Lower
• Henry Nash
by Bill & Gerrie Hansford, Ragamuffin Study Group

Brown Bag Project

In memory of

• Henry Nash
by Martha Hastings, Katy & Charles Terry, Harriett Gee
• Ruth Key Sammons Maxwell
By Tasha & Billy Bates
• Johnnie Owens
By Jim & Niena Goodwin

Budget

In honor of

• Elliott Woodfin Seifert
by Ralph & Sally Yeilding

In memory of

• Robbie Lou Smith Todd
By Ralph & Sally Yeilding
• Johnnie Owens • Geraldine Blair
• Fred Nunnely, Jr.
By Sue Patrick

Camp Sumatanga

In memory of

• Edna Earle Brewer
• Margueritte Barclay
by Katy & Charles Terry, Anne & Barrett Hicks

Carpenter's Hands

In honor of

• Paula Williamson
by Jim & Niena Goodwin
• Erle Ralls
By Manly Yeilding Sunday School Class
• Erle Ralls
By Carolyn & Don Smallwood

In memory of

• Bob Bryan
by Sarah Owens
• Roy Kracke
By David & Becky Bates
• Edna Earle Brewer
by Belva & John Lyons

Counseling Center

In memory of

• Bob Bryan
by T. Dave & Jean M. Christopher

Music Fund

In honor of

• Besty Precise
by Jim & Niena Goodwin

My Little Brown Bag

In memory of

• Jim Johnston
by Donald & Nancy Guthrie

Sr. Minister's Discretionary Fund

In memory of

• Henry Nash
by Sandy W. Wright

UMCOR

In honor of

• Laura Sisson
by Bill & Virginia Booker

UMW Missions

In honor of

• Dr. Bill Morgan
• Rev. Sheryl Thornton
by Canterbury United Methodist Women

LEARNING



LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS
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This highly interactive class is based on The Gallop Organization's online StrengthsFinder assessment. You will discover your top five God-given strengths and explore how you can best use them in your life, work, and ministry. This is a great class for anyone looking for a meaningful place to serve, and for anyone seeking fresh insight in how you can best serve. Participants will have the opportunity for a personal consultation following the class. Preregistration is required and is limited to 24 people. Due to the cumulative nature of this class, attendance at all five sessions is strongly encouraged.

Contact Ellen Thomas at 874-1533 or ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org or Sheryl Thornton at 874-1529 or sheryl.thornton@canterburyumc.org.

Choose from 3 Class Options:

Wednesday Evenings
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5
6:00-7:15 ● 5 weeks
Participants must preregister by
January 3

Wednesday Afternoons
Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 19
1:00-2:30 ● 5 weeks
Participants must preregister by
January 8

Wednesday Evenings
Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 12, 19, Apr. 2
6:00-7:15 ● 5 weeks
Participants must preregister by
February 5

UMW NEWS



The United Methodist Women wish you a glorious, happy, successful 2014. May every day of the year be full of God's blessings.

Each of you has contributed in service to others. Because of our fund raising events we have been able to support the Brown Bag Project, Camp Sumatunga, Fair Haven, Festival of the Three Kings and many other outreach missions.

Let us now reach out to those not a part of UMW and encourage them to join. This year we want to increase our membership in our circles and our UMW general meetings. Joining a circle gives you a chance to meet many other women and have fun! Joining in our meetings gives you interesting programs and keeps everyone knowledgeable about church events.

Join our reading program for additional information. The books are usually short. The more you read, the more you learn. The more involved in an organization you become, the more you will enjoy participating and everything will take on a new meaning.

The fund raising event for 2014 will be a Sunday afternoon Tea and Tablesapes. As the months roll on, more details about this new and exciting event will be published.

As your new UMW president, I want to get to know every one of our members, work with you and enjoy the best year ever!

— Mary Roebuck Spencer

For more information or to join a UMW Circle, please contact:

Mary Roebuck Spencer, UMW President at moroebuck@gmail.com or

Angie Wood, Membership Nurture and Outreach, at punkinpatch@hotmail.com

*Canterbury UMW webpage is found at www.canterburyumc.org/umw.

Or find us on the Canterbury church page at www.canterburyumc.org and then look for United Methodist women under the Service heading.

Join us on Pinterest at <http://pinterest.com/UMWwomen/>.

UMW January 2014 Meetings

Circle 1

Chair: Clayton Walton 871-6380
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 11:00 a.m.
Room A127, Nursery provided
Hostesses: Meg Lilly, Angie Wood,
Amy Schneider

Circle 2

Chair: Ellen Tucker 879-0510
Monday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m.
TBA

Circle 3

Chair: Peggy Teel 541-1446
Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.
Host: Katy Terry, 3308 Hermitage Rd.
Hostesses: Jane Pearson, Peggy Teel

Outreach Supper Circle

Contact: Julie Cox, 337-7161
juliercox@hotmail.com

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m., light supper
Church, Room 226

Circle 5

Chair: Ann Bloodworth 879-6938
Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.
Host: Joyce Lott, 133 Heritage Circle, 35213
Hostesses: TBA

Circle 6

Chair: Ginger Cowley 967-8592
Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.
Host: Linda Stewart,
3255 Canterbury Way, 35243
Hostesses: Caroline Smith, Lee Rives,
Antoinette Flowers

Circle 7

Chair: Anne Berte 957-0882
Monday, Jan. 27, 11:00 a.m.
Lunch at noon, Wesley Hall

OUTREACH/MISSIONS



STOP HUNGER NOW

500,000 meals! Please make sure you sign up at events.stophungernow.org/5churchesbirmingham so that you reserve your spot! The partner churches have "dibs" on signing up for the first week and then it opens up to the community! Sign up with your neighbor, small group, family or by yourself! We'll have childcare available so please let us know on the form if you need it! STOP HUNGER NOW!

Stop Hunger Now costs \$125,000 to feed 500,000 people! That's a quarter a meal...please join us in raising funds for this amazing hands on ministry!

• **STOP HUNGER NOW** is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for February 12-13th to join the community in packing

Bring your quarters...we take paper and checks, too! You can donate online when you register to help.

We need your strong backs on February 11th as we set up for Stop Hunger Now! Free pass to NOT go to the gym for the day! Please contact: Layne McDougald at lmcdougald@bellsouth.net.

• **THANKS** to everyone who helped with Festival of Three Kings! Your hearts and hands made this day amazing for over 750 families on December 14th.

• We're preparing to host **BHN/FAMILY PROMISE** February 23-March 2nd. Please let us know how you can help! Preparing dinner, staying overnight, or even laundry! We need over 120 people to make this week comfortable for homeless families. Contact: Norita Murray rmurrayiv@charter.net.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014 from Children's Ministry

A brand new year is coming our way, and it's a great time to reflect back on some of the ways that Canterbury's children have celebrated the true meaning of the Christmas season – becoming the presence of Christ Jesus in the world.

As you can see from these pictures, from the youngest to the oldest of us, our hands and feet, and our hearts have been busy spreading Christmas cheer.



Childrens Christmas Program.

All Canterbury Children participated in packing over 120 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.



Sixth Graders practice for Caroling in the Canterbury Halls and Fairhaven & St. Martin's.



1st Graders with their Stewardship Collections



KingDOME ONE Kids pack the Little Brown Bags.



3 & 4 yr old SS children Sing in Worship.



Genesis Singers and LAMBS participate in Christmas Program.

CANTERBURY STUDENTS



DISCOVERY 2014

Discovery is our biggest retreat of the year at Canterbury! We will grow together in our faith as we explore the passage Matthew 28:18 - 20, and what God is calling us to do in it! Discovery is an overnight retreat held at Canterbury, with incredible small groups, inspiring prayer stations and dedicated Sr. High and Adult leaders. We also take time in the weekend to do a service project together in Avondale. Make sure your youth does not miss this incredibly important retreat! Discovery is always a deeply formative piece in our students' lives. Registration will be online January 1, 2014 at canterburyyouth.com.



ROOTS

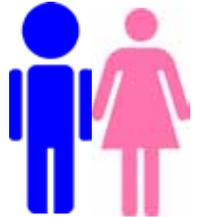
We will be launching an 8th grade leadership team this Spring, called "Roots." Roots allow a plant to absorb water and nutrients from

the soil and anchor a plant in the ground so it can stand strong, and grow and flourish. We believe this 8th Grade Leadership team will do the same for our students. Our team will meet monthly to learn about working together and developing leadership-based thinking as they engage in our student ministry. We would love for your 8th grade student(s) to be a part

of this team. You can register at canterburyyouth.com. Registration ends January 11.

GIRLS AND GUYS MINISTRY

This semester we are planning girls and guys ministry opportunities for both Jr. and Sr. High. We are developing programs that will be focused on fellowship and growth, as well as fun! Stay tuned for more information regarding dates and events!



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

"The Most Important Thing" is a weekly Jr. High breakfast small group that meets at 6:45 every Tuesday morning in the Canterbury Student Center. We will enjoy breakfast together and then break into girls and guys groups. Each week an adult will give a 10-minute devotional about the most important thing they could tell them as an adult to a Jr. High student. They will all then walk to the Jr. High for school at 7:30. Join us starting Tuesday, January 7 at 6:45 a.m. for this awesome small group!



KINGDOME NEWS



Congratulations to the following KingDOME children for learning their memory verses for the Abraham Unit. We are very proud of these 4th and 5th grade children!

Richard Allen	Addie Hobbs	Emma Cate Rutledge
Ellie Kate Berte	Anna Hobbs	Bud Sanders
Wheeler Bowron	Alden Johnson	Ethan Sellers
Grant Cole	Teddy Kent	Ellie Shelfer
Jack Cole	Cole Knight	Mary Carolyn Sink
Libby Coppedge	Betsy Lambert	Olivia Sproule
Mary Mac Coppedge	Sister Lawson	Catherine Taylor
Olivia Dayhuff	Jason Mban	Jordan Thomas
Moussa Diallo	John Wilson Miller	Chandler Vargas
Helen Dorough	Georgia Montgomery	Ann Clair Walton
Alyssa Fuller	Fletcher Nunnelley	Madison Weaver
Ellie Gorman	Davis Plowden	Garner Wilkerson
	Mary Stewart Pyron	

CARPENTER'S HANDS



Work Hard and Cheerfully

"Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you are working for the Lord rather than for people."

Colossians 3:23(NLT)

Sometimes following God means leaving what you are familiar with. For example, in the teachings of the Old Testament, Ruth followed Naomi faithfully not knowing what that path may lead to. She had to work hard to provide for herself and Naomi. Ruth worked hard and gleaned the fields without complaint. And you know what? Boaz, the owner of those fields, noticed! In the end, Boaz married Ruth. She no longer had to glean fields for she was provided for. But that's not all...God blessed Ruth more than she could possibly know, because he allowed her to bear Boaz a son, Obed, who was part of the lineage of Christ. Wow, what faith! In Ruth's case, stepping out of her comfort zone truly worked out.

As children of God, we are part of His family. He will provide for us when we need it, just as he did for

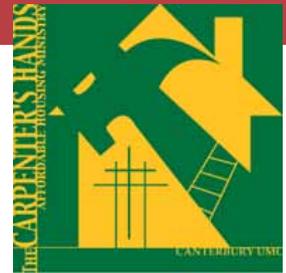
Ruth. He will provide us the courage to step out of that comfort zone and work hard to help others. It will be Him that gives us the cheerfulness to do the work even when it is cold out or we just don't feel like we can handle that nail gun.

Over the next several months, our focus is shifting toward the Avondale area while we continue to work down our current backlog of applications. Avondale has proved to be a great area to work in. It is safe and close to home. All of these positives about this community should make it easier to take that leap of faith and volunteer with Carpenter's Hands.

Carpenter's Hands is looking forward to 2014! If you, your Sunday school class, friends, office, or organization would like to volunteer with Carpenter's Hands, we meet every Monday-Thursday by the CUMC parking deck at 8:15am. Please let us know when you are able to volunteer so we can plan accordingly to best utilize your skills. All you need to bring is a sack lunch and a servant's heart. Beginning this year, we will only have one Saturday workday a month. These will be the first weekend of every month. Therefore, the Saturday workday for this month is January 4th. If you have a group that would like to volunteer on a different date, please contact us. We will work something out.

For questions, to donate, or to volunteer, contact Adam Guthrie at 205-874-1567 or adam.guthrie@canterburyumc.org.

—Brandy Motes



AVONDALE SAMARITAN PLACE



Avondale
**SAMARITAN
PLACE**
A COMMUNITY HUB FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Setting New Year Resolutions...again

As I jumped the gun in last month's Canterburian regarding setting New Year's Resolutions, I asked that you test your "talents" to learn what they are in terms of service and outreach. If you

didn't get the chance to take the test, I encourage you to do so. It is available on the internet, or I will be happy to give you a copy if needed. I was surprised (a little) by the Spiritual Gifts Test results for me – I thought I knew myself better than that. After reviewing the test, I pulled out paper and pen to write New Year's Resolutions for 2014, keeping in mind those results and how I might be of service to the community.

Have you ever thought why we really set resolutions

anyway? What percentage of those we set do we follow through with the entire year? (I am not telling my answer!) Is it just entertainment we put ourselves through? Or, is it an idea to improve ourselves, not just for that specific year, but throughout our lives: maybe a little improvement each year? Small victories as I see it.

How will you improve yourself this year? I have found one way that I improve myself is through helping others. Doing something good for someone else can be one of the most rewarding experiences and can change your perspective on life. Whether it is giving someone a bag of food, working on their home, baking them a loaf of bread or just sitting and visiting with them, the little things can make all the difference in the world. At the end of the day, I realize I made that day a little bit better for another person, which puts the biggest smile on my face.

I am excited about what the future holds for 2014. Go and make it a great year (for you and your neighbors)!

—Adam Guthrie

MATURE ADULTS



HAND IN HAND *Caregivers Fellowship Lunch*

What? Hand in Hand – A Caregiver Training Program

Who? Sponsored by the Alabama Partnership to Improve Dementia Care

Why? Caregivers of aging persons are very important to their loved one. We will learn about the issues related to Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. Being a family caregiver is especially challenging. However, understanding the disease will help. Learning the fundamentals of effective approaches to care will make your life easier. Our goal is to ease the emotional, physical and mental stressors associated with providing care to someone with memory loss and disease related behavioral symptoms. We want to help you improve your experience and the care of the one you love.

Where? Wesley Hall at CUMC

When? Beginning January 16th and continuing all third Thursdays until June 2014 (six Thursdays). Lunch is served at noon. Training presentation is at 12:30 p.m.

TOPICS:

January 16th Understanding the World of Dementia: The person and the Disease

February 20th What is Abuse? Recognizing Abuse

March 20th Being with a Person with Dementia: Listening and Speaking

April 15th Being with a Person with Dementia: Actions and Reactions

May 15th Preventing Abuse

June 19th Being with a Person with Dementia: Making a Difference

* Call Gloria for a reservation for lunch at 874-1534 and to sign up.

VALENTINE LEGACY LUNCHEON

Hearts in the air, music in your heart, friends by your side... It's a celebration of love for Valentine's Day at the Valentine Legacy Luncheon Tuesday, January 28th at noon. Paul Hicks will serenade us with classical guitar music while we dine. After lunch the Reverend Don Weeks will entertain us with variations of vocal music. He will be singing songs of human love and songs of God's love for us. Don has a wonderful singing voice and is a delightful person. He will entertain us with fun songs and thoughts of joy!

Call Gloria for a reservation by Jan. 22nd at 874-1534.



GRATITUDE TO CANTERBURY'S GRACIOUS VOLUNTEER STARS FOR 2013!!!

Hearts and Hands

Mary Louise King – Hearts and Hands Team Leader
Thank you to our wonderful writers. This team of volunteers sent over 2,000 cards this year! Amazing.

The Congregational Care Team

Joyce Lott, Glenda McPherson, Carole Ann Moorer,
Nancy Beeler, Norma Aldridge
Sent over 500 cards, calls and visits this year!

The Prayer Team

Betty Gunn and Jeanne Ray – Team Leaders
The Prayer Team has prayed for over 500 persons this year.

Legacy Learning Volunteers

Sybil Brannon – Team Leader
Betsy Precise – Team Leader, Emeritus
Betty Sumner, Betty Quinlivan, Mary Burris, Martha Chen, Carolynne Kent, Mary Lou Taber, Ginny Aday, Carolyn Mitchell, Jill Layne, Lois Caldwell

Visitation Team

Mack Haworth, Gerrie and Bill Hansford,
Mabel Tatum – Team Leaders
Katie Terry, Bette Owen, Betty and Doug Pewitt,
Kaye and Tommy Payne,

New Transportation Ministry

Paul and Nancy Roberts – Team Leaders
Ralph Yielding, Gerrie Dunham
and all the CUMC volunteer drivers –
you guys are the best!

Canterbury-Beeson Forum on Aging

Anne Warren – Team Leader
Liz Prosch, Christy Baynes, Georgia Wilson



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Ministers

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[Rev. Drew Clayton](#)

[Rev. Julie Holly](#)

[Rev. Sheryl Thornton](#)

[Dr. Oliver Clark](#)

[Rev. Leon Precise](#)

[Dr. Dixon Mitchell](#)

FINANCIAL REPORT

MINISTRY OPERATING BUDGET

Income through Nov. YTD	\$4,054,527	Dec. Income Budget	\$870,497
Expense through Nov. YTD	\$4,359,468	Received through Dec. 16	\$270,163
Difference	\$(304,941)	Needed by December 31st	(\$600,334)

The Monthly Calendar of all church activities is on our website: www.canterburyumc.org



NEXT BEGINNINGS CLASSES:
in Canterbury Hall at 9:15 am

January 26 - Worship
February 2 - Learning
February 9 - Service
February 16 - Stewardship & Joining

COMPLIMENTARY VISITOR LUNCH:
January 12, 2014
11:30 am - 12:30 pm/Dining Room (M204)

RSVP for lunch by 1/7/14 to
Becky King at 874-1520 or by email at
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