



The WattsLine

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Watts Street on Mission! – Saturday, May 21

“Watts Street on Mission” is a dynamic, inter-generational, congregation-wide, hands-on day of service that will meet needs in the Durham community, employ the spiritual gifts in our congregation, and utilize and energize our existing mission groups. We’re looking for a HUGE crowd of Watts Streeters to participate and serve God and neighbor on this special day.



Project sites include:

- Diaper Bank of NC – Pack diapers for distribution to families in need (Site leader: Michelle Old)
- Ellerbe Creek Trail Cleanup – Pick up litter on the trail and in the creek bed (Site leader: Scott Job)
- Families Moving Forward (new Genesis Home/IHN merger) - Move furniture, clean, and do repairs (Site leader: Stuart Wells)
- Fellowship Hall Projects – Assemble “Blast Off to Kindergarten” kits, make cards for homebound friends, tie baby blankets, stock “blessing bags” for homeless, etc. (Site leader: Esther Soud Parker)
- Habitat for Humanity – Help with Habitat house build (Site leader: Steve Booth)
- Meals on Wheels – prepare sandwiches that will be frozen and delivered in coming months to senior adults with limited mobility (Site leader: Bob Kruhm)
- Homebound Visits – Visit and sing with homebound friends (Site leader: Diane Eubanks Hill)
- Prison Ministry – Create liturgical banner and make cards for women imprisoned at The Raleigh Center (Site leaders: Debra Freeman, Karin Oliver)

- Reality Ministries – Paint, clean, and prepare meals at the Reality Center, a ministry for teens and adults with and without developmental disabilities (Site leader: Cari Furiness)
- Urban Ministries – make casseroles (Site leader: David Heist)
- You Can Vote – assist with Voter Education Drive (Site leader: Emily McCoy)
- Watts Street on Mission Support – Prepare and serve food for Watts Street on Mission volunteers!

In addition to the project sites listed above, “Watts Street on Mission” will also support:

- A Book Collection for Durham Public Schools (Coordinator: Paula Januzzi-Godfrey)
- Partners for Youth Opportunity – PFYO students will join us on our project sites
- Reality Ministries – Reality Ministries participants will join us on our project sites

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sunday, April 24 | Sign-ups for projects begin (Sign-up posters will be in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall.) |
| Sunday, May 8 | Project sign-up deadline |
| Saturday, May 21 | “Watts Street on Mission!” |
| 8:00 a.m. | Gather at WSBC for breakfast and prayers |
| 8:30 a.m. | Depart for mission sites around Durham. |
| 12:00 p.m. | Return to church to eat lunch and share mission experiences. |

Spring Tea Party and Auction for Youth Summer Missions!

Sunday, May 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

No cost for lunch

Calling all Lords and Ladies! Enjoy an afternoon tea party with finger sandwiches, scones, and other treats as you bid on some outstanding auction items. We’ll have some big ticket items up for bid through a live auction as well as many baskets, gift certificates, and services available through bucket auction raffle. All proceeds support our 2016 Youth Summer Mission Experiences.



On May 15 we celebrate Pentecost. Remember to wear red!

News Briefs

May 15 Church Meeting

The congregation gathers on Sunday, May 15, following worship for our May Church Meeting.



Following a lunch served by our El Salvador Mission Team, Church Moderator Daryll Powell presides as new members are introduced and as we receive committee reports, including the Gifts and Call report for 2016- 2017.

From the Stewardship Committee Stewardship Education and Practice for Children

Faithful contributors to their churches often speak of learning the habit of giving as children when parents taught that a portion of an allowance was to be allotted to God's work. Parents set an example through their own teaching and stewardship habits. It is important to learn as children that God provides for us and we, in turn, give as a reflection of our faith, love, devotion and appreciation.

The children of Watts Street have been learning about good stewardship practices since the kick-off of the stewardship season last fall. A very special Sunday School lesson based on the story of The Widow's Mite was developed by Esther Soud Parker to introduce the concept of being good stewards of all that God provides for us. Children took small church-shaped banks and envelopes home to collect money for their offering which they can bring on Sunday mornings. A large wooden church is made available for the children to deposit their money. Once a month two children bring the church forward at the same time the ushers present the congregation's gifts.

Children learn by example. As a congregation, we can provide the inspiration that will be remembered as they grow up. Young eyes will observe how we give generously, use our time wisely and share our talents willingly.

Train up a child in the way he should grow: and even when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

We're Headed to Ft. Caswell!

As this *WattsLine* is written, about 150 Watts Street people – of all ages - are participating in the 2016 All Ages Beach Retreat, April 22, 23 and 24 at Ft. Caswell on the coast of NC. We'll enjoy



community time, a Saturday morning interactive theme focus, time on the beach, long walks, reading on the porches, the Saturday night Talent Xtravaganza, Sunday morning worship, spirited singing, and getting to know lots of WS people better as we work side by side on meals. We look forward to telling about our time together!

Wednesday Night Suppers Continue

Weekly Wednesday night suppers and programs continue through May 18. The supper line opens at 5:30. Adults and youth: \$6. Children 3rd – 5th grades: \$3; 2 years –



2nd grade: \$2. *Please make supper reservations in the Friendship Register on Sunday, or with the Church Office on Monday morning. If you make a reservation, please plan to pay whether or not you eat. If you come without a reservation, you may go through the line at 6 p.m. Rhythm & Coos, for children birth through three and their parents, gathers at 5 p.m. in room 217. Music for children 3 years – 5th grade is offered after supper, as is Youth Service Learning for youth. The following programs are planned at 6:30:*

- May 4: Ron's Band offers us another gift of musical delight! With church members Curtis Freeman, John Lehman, Bill McCraw, Daryll Powell, and Logan Wilkins, Ron's Band covers blues, folk, gospel, and rock 'n roll standards. The band is named for Ron Landfried, a WS member who died a few years ago.
- May 11: By request, another opportunity for *Tea for the Soul* led by Esther Parker. Enjoy a refreshing drink and chocolates as we take care of ourselves through art, readings, and creative expression.
- May 18: Children's End-of-Year Choir Celebration

Young Adult Ministry

College students and young adults, we'd love to help you make connections at Watts Street. Join us for volleyball on Duke's East Campus and supper at Cosmic Cantina on Sunday, May 1 at 5:00 p.m. For details on upcoming events, visit www.wattsstreet.org or contact Blanche Williams (blanche.williams50@gmail.com) or Kelly Sasser (kelly@wattsstreet.org).

May 8 Minute for Mission

The May Minute for Mission will be given by Anne Drennan, representing HELP, a service of Project Access of Durham County (PADC). PADC seeks to

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improve the health of uninsured Durham County residents by providing access to an organized system of comprehensive donated medical care. HELP (health equipment loan program) recycles, restores and reuses donated durable medical equipment for free loans to any Durham County neighbor in need. HELP is open two days each week inside The Scrap Exchange at The Shoppes of Lakewood (aka Lakewood Shopping Center) to receive donations and to lend equipment. WSBC members involved are Ann Stickel, Bob Roghelia, Bebe Guill, Emily McCoy, Joe Heflin, Mitch Heflin, Nate Hunzaker, Tina Ward, and Anne Drennan. Speak to any one of them for more information. Please be generous for this new service filling an unmet need in the community. Connect with us at www.facebook.com/helpdurhamnc or visit the website at projectaccessdurham.org/HELP/ or follow us on Twitter @durhamHELP.

Dedication of Glen Langstaff Habitat Home



The Glen Langstaff Habitat Home dedication will be held on Saturday, May 21st, at noon, at 113 N. Maple St., Durham. There will be a light picnic lunch served. All are invited. Feel free to bring a small housewarming gift or small love offering for the new homeowner Julissa.

May Out & About

Diane Hill will host *Out & About* at her home at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. All are welcome to this gathering of Watts Street LGBTQ members and their friends. Bring food and drink to share. For more information call Gordon Whitaker at 919-918-3658.



Eat Dessert First Events Planned

Three *Eat Dessert First* events are planned in the next few months following Sunday worship. Enjoy cookies and lemonade, along with time for conversation. Make connections with new folks, and strengthen existing friendships! Thanks to our deacons for sponsoring these events. The dates chosen for these events: May 22 (new date), July 17, and August 28.

Summer 2nd Wednesday Pot Lucks!



Mark your calendars now for 2nd Wednesday Pot Luck Suppers and Game Nights! We'll gather on June 8, July 13 and August 10 in the

Fellowship Hall at 5:30. Bring a dish or two to share,

and your favorite board game. (Others will be provided.) Thanks to Barbara and Dick Rumer for coordinating and setting up for these gatherings!

WSBC Fall Bazaar – Can You Help?

The 39th annual Watts Street Fall Bazaar is set for Saturday, November 5! If you are able to sew, make handmade craft items, donate artwork or photography, bake cakes or other sweet treats, or work the concession stand, we'd love to have your support. Contact Jim Arges or Kelly Sasser with questions. Proceeds support the Good Shepherd Window restoration and our Youth Summer Mission Experiences.

Ministry Opportunity

When a funeral home is not involved, we need one or two people to greet at memorial services. Judy and Robert Berry have volunteered to coordinate this group. Several team members are needed. Please contact Diane Eubanks Hill if you'd be willing to minister occasionally in this way.

Reminder: Night Meetings in the Building?

If your group meets in the church building at night, please be sure to turn out the lights in your room, as well as in the hallway, as you leave. Be especially careful to turn the AC off. Thanks for helping us make wise use of energy and money!

May/June Mission Baskets

The mission baskets, located in the side foyer and the Fellowship Hall, will collect diapers for the Diaper Bank of North Carolina. The Diaper Bank helps cash-strapped parents by providing diapers for their young children. Diapers are a big expense! Please help by donating diapers of all sizes! Questions? See Susan Brooks (919-730-7644).

A Graduating Senior in Your Family?

If someone in your immediate family is graduating with a graduate or undergraduate degree, please send the information to the church office (sherrill@wattsstreet.org). Please include the student's name, the degree and the institution.



May Worship Schedule

- Sunday, May 1 Dorisanne Cooper preaching
- Sunday, May 8 Kelly Sasser preaching
- Sunday, May 15 Pentecost–Dorisanne Cooper preaching
- Sunday, May 22 Dorisanne Cooper preaching
- Sunday, May 29 Esther Soud Parker preaching

Calendar

Sunday, May 1

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship—Dorisanne Cooper preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Spring Fundraiser
- 5:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Volleyball at Duke East Campus

Monday, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Planning
- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Education Ministry Committee
- 7:00 p.m. BSA

Tuesday, May 3

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Ministers' Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Education Ministry Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday, May 4

- 1:00 p.m. Movie Matinee: Still Alice
- 5:00 p.m. Rhythm & Coos
- 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Service/Learning at IHN
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 6:20 p.m. Children's Music and Worship Labs
- 6:30 p.m. Adults: Ron's Band
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry Coordinating Council
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, May 8

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship—Kelly Sasser preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Worship & Music Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Recreation
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper and Youth Group

Monday, May 9

- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Planning
- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Faith Stretches
- 7:00 p.m. Denominational Relations Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Education Ministry Committee
- 7:00 p.m. BSA

Tuesday, May 10

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Ministers' Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee

Wednesday, May 11

- 5:00 p.m. Rhythm & Coos
- 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 6:20 p.m. Children's Music and Worship Labs
- 6:30 p.m. Adults: *Tea for the Soul*
- 6:30 p.m. PASSPORT Youth Team Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 12

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. *Art of Aging Gracefully*
- 7:00 p.m. Information Technology Committee

Sunday, May 15

- 8:45 a.m. Children's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship—Dorisanne Cooper preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Spring Church Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Recreation
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper and Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m. Pop-Up at Fullsteam Beer-Hymn Sing

Monday, May 16

- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Planning
- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Peace & Reconciliation Mission Group
- 7:00 p.m. Treasurers
- 7:00 p.m. BSA

Tuesday, May 17

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Ministers' Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Sr. Adult Coordinating Council
- 12:00 p.m. Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, May 18

- 6:00 p.m. Children's Music Celebration
- 6:45 p.m. Supper
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, May 21

- 8:00 a.m. Watts Street on Mission

Sunday, May 22

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship—Dorisanne Cooper preaching
- 12:00 p.m. Eat Dessert First
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Recreation
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper and Youth Group

Monday, May 23

- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Planning
- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. El Salvador Mission Group
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 p.m. BSA

Tuesday, May 24

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Ministers' Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, May 25

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 26

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. *Art of Aging Gracefully*

Sunday, May 29

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship—Esther Soud Parker preaching

Monday, May 30

HOLIDAY—Church Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. BSA

Tuesday, May 31

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Ministers' Meeting

Sunday Ministry Volunteers

May 1

Greeters: Emily Joiner, Rebeca Olmedo

Ushers: Sam Beasley, Robert Berry, Steve Ross,
Alan Williams, Joe Gary

Ministry Coordinator: Hope Durack

Nursery: Margaret Alexander, Open, Dawn Eberhard

Toddlers: Open, Kacey Reynolds Schedler, Georgia Chotas

Preschool II: Carolyn Lamere, Judi Powell, Emma Hitchings

Preschool III: Maggie Chotas, Janie Judd, Kyle Nichols

Lock up: Worth Lutz, III

Sound System: Evelyn Ritz

May 8

Greeters: Jay & Nancy Freeman, Juliana Caldwell

Ushers: Sam Beasley, Robert Berry, Steve Ross,
Alan Williams, Joe Gary

Ministry Coordinator: Mack Wilkins

Nursery: Margaret Alexander, Ginny Wiggins,
Rebecca Viverette, Open

Toddlers: Emily Joiner, Brian or Jenny Barrier, Open

Preschool II: Billy Price, Open, Addison Oliver

Preschool III: Ted McDaniel, Scott Job, Open

Lock up: Joe Gary

Sound System: Mike Killam

May 15

Greeters: Joe Gary/Marsha McKinley, Bob & Diana Jackson,
Ilse Styles/Ken Rhoads

Ushers: Sam Beasley, Robert Berry, Steve Ross,
Alan Williams, Joe Gary

Ministry Coordinator: Esther Soud Parker

Nursery: Margaret Alexander, John Rublein, Ashlee Crews,
Open

Toddlers: Wanda Burton-Crutchfield, Amie Koch,
Evelyn Ritz

Preschool II: Laura Webb Smith, Brian Crews, Joe Heflin

Preschool III: Lizzie Ellis-Furlong, Rob Womack, Open

Lock up: Alan Williams

Sound System: David Tatum

May 22

Greeters: Greg Palmer, Lisa & David Rhoades,
David Goodman

Ushers: Sam Beasley, Robert Berry, Steve Ross,
Alan Williams, Joe Gary

Ministry Coordinator: Amy Armstrong

Nursery: Margaret Alexander, Anne Claire Broughton,
Amy Sauls, Emily Holloway

Toddlers: Elizabeth Forshay, Kristi Giemza, Open

Preschool II: Matt Hanchey, Allyn Meredith, Open

Preschool III: Elizabeth Sasser, Emily McCoy, Aria Oliver

Lock up: John Paces-Wiles

Sound System: Eva Army

May 29

Greeters: Spurgeon & Brooks Booth, Erin & Worth Lutz,
Matt & Amanda Biesecker

Ushers: Sam Beasley, Robert Berry, Steve Ross,
Alan Williams, Joe Gary

Ministry Coordinator: Anne Drennan

Nursery: Margaret Alexander, Blanche Williams, Amy
Rublein, Open

Toddlers: Margaret Alexander, Open, Open

Preschool II: Juliana Caldwell, Open, Open

Preschool III: Open, Open, Open

Lock up: Mack Wilkins

Sound System: Logan Wilkins

Denominational Relations Committee

Cooperative Baptists to assemble in Greensboro.

The big news among our Baptist partners this year is that the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) general assembly is coming to Greensboro on June 22nd-24th. Special events this week include a Baptist Women In Ministry (BWIM) lunch and a Religious Liberty Council celebration of Brent Walker's career. There is an optional prayer retreat (June 20-22) with Baptist legend Glenn Hinson. You are invited to register and attend. <http://www.cbf.net/general-assembly/>



Adult Ministry News

One More Watts Street Pop-Up!

Another opportunity to gather with your WS friends -

POP-UP at the Fullsteam Beer Hymn Sing – adults only. Meet at Fullsteam on May 15 from 7:30 to 9 to join in the fun and energetic singing of familiar hymns. Direct questions to Debra Freeman at 919-599-8964, or debra_cole_freeman@hotmail.com.

To host a POP-UP, contact Debra.

July Forums Preview

Adult Ministries will offer two Forums for adults on July 17, 24, and 31: *The Spiritual Child* and *Scriptures That Guide or Transform My Life*. In the latter, two or three Watts Street folks will offer insights about the meaning of scripture in their lives. Please see Diane Hill if you'd like to take part in leading this Forum.

Ninety and Over?

Watts Street has 27 members who are 90 or over, or who will turn 90 this year! With your permission, we'd like to celebrate with a notice in the WattsLine. We can list the actual day and year, or we can simply say that on a particular date you will achieve another year beyond 90. Whatever you prefer. Those of you fortunate enough to be on this list will be contacted soon, inviting you to allow us to celebrate with you. Please respond! We look forward to hearing from you.



Save the Date: October 3-4, 2016

Travel with your Watts Street friends to Jonesborough, TN, to enjoy storyteller Donald Davis at the International Story Telling Center. Watch for details. Offered by the Senior Adult Coordinating Council. Open to all adults.

Small Group Opportunities for Adults

Weavings Group – Meets twice a month on selected Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12 noon to discuss article about Christian life and spirituality found in *Weavings: A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life*. Contact Blanche Williams (919-383-1932) for more information.

Faith Stretchers – 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. in room 104-B for conversation based on a selected book, with the goal of encouraging spiritual growth and community. The first focus book is *The Wisdom of Jesus: Transforming Heart and mind – A New Perspective on Christ and His Message* by Cynthia Bourgeault. New members are welcome. Contact Debra Freeman (debra_cole_freeman@hotmail.com) or Anna Kirby (annasoprano@hotmail.com). Open to new group members.

Other Ongoing “Drop-In” Groups for Adults

Several on-going groups are offered for Watts Street adults. You may drop in on any of these groups at any time.

- **Men’s Breakfast** gathers on Thursdays, May 12 and 26, 7:15 a.m., Elmo’s Diner. See Dick Chorley (rchorley@nc.rr.com, 919-286-1645) with questions.
- **The Art of Aging Gracefully**, an on-going conversation about the gifts and challenges of aging, gathers Thursdays, May 12 and 26, 10:30 a.m., room 104-A. Participants have opportunity to tell their stories and to hear the stories of others. David May (919-493-2289) serves as coordinator.
- **Noon Book Club: Tuesday, May 17**
The book club members have selected *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai as the focus for May. Drop-ins are always welcomed to this gathering! Emily McCoy (919-489-0483, emccoy@nc.rr.com) serves as coordinator of this group which meets on the third Tuesday of each month in room 104-A.



- **Movie Matinees**

First Wednesday Movie Matinees continue, offered by the Senior Adult Coordinating Council, and open to all in room 102 at 1:00 p.m. Enjoy the movie, along with pop corn and soda, as well as time with your friends! On May 4 we enjoy *Still Alice*. From the Wikipedia review: “*Still Alice* is a 2014 drama film based on Lisa Genova's 2007 bestselling novel of the same name. The story is about Alice Howland, a linguistics professor at Columbia diagnosed with familial Alzheimer’s disease.”

Children's Ministry News

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



On Sunday, May 15, the Children's Education Ministry committee will host a Children's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. All Children's Sunday School teachers, Second Hour Volunteers and Children's Music Volunteers are welcome to stop by room 104-A anytime between 8:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. for breakfast. We thank God for your leadership with our children!

Vacation Bible School

Join us for Vacation Bible School, June 12-16, and explore the theme *Have U Herd?* This year's VBS program is designed to capture children's imaginations and give them the confidence to respond to God's voice. Fun mission activities, interactive Bible studies, and dynamic worship and music combine to connect children to the ways they can make a difference right now and learn to hear God's call over a lifetime. The week of VBS requires a large team of volunteers in a variety of activities. Sign up to help by contacting Laura Webb Smith or Esther Soud Parker.



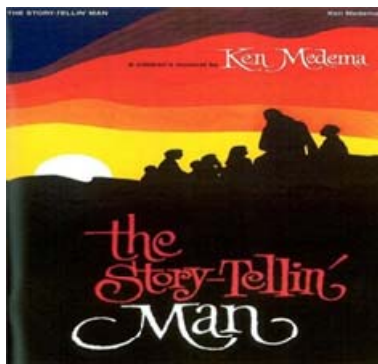
PASSPORTkids!

On July 10-13, our 3rd – 5th graders travel to Spartanburg, SC to attend PASSPORTkids! summer camp with church friends. The theme is *This Wild Life*. For more information about the camp, go to www.passportcamps.org and click on children's camps. There are a few spaces still available so please sign up today by contacting Esther to reserve your child's spot and turn in a \$75.00 deposit.

Save the Date

- May 15 Children's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- June 3 Children's Musical Rehearsal and Dinner
- June 5 Children's Musical and Church Picnic
- June 12-16 Vacation Bible School – *Have U Herd?*
- July 10-13 PASSPORTkids! Spartanburg, SC
- Sept. 18-20 Fall Retreat - Camp Willow Run (3rd-5th graders)

A more detailed 2016 Children's Ministry Calendar is online at www.wattsstreet.org.



Children's Musical and Church Picnic

We will gather on Sunday June 5th for the children's musical, *The Story-Tellin' Man*, followed by a church picnic on the grounds! Join us as we remember, together, the way that Jesus taught us about God's kingdom by telling stories about finding things that are lost and about caring for those who need our help. The music is fun, the children are excited, and the food and fellowship will both be delicious!

- Friday June 3 5:00-7:30 Children's Musical Rehearsal and Dinner
- Sunday June 5 4:00 Children's Musical and Church Picnic

Youth Ministry News

Thank You, Youth Sunday Worship Leaders!

Watts Street Youth, you offered our congregation a true “feast” of Easter joy on April 10! Thank you for your worship leadership – your songs, readings, and prayers were delivered so beautifully and clearly. Thank you, ushers and light bearer, for guiding us throughout the service. Youth Choir, your pieces, “Joyful, Joyful” and “Little Innocent Lamb” brought so many smiles and positive energy to our worship. And special thanks to our amazing seniors: Ashley Boyette, Addison Oliver, Georgia Ritz, and Rachel Sauls. Each of you gave us so much to consider as you reflected on the John 21 passage and your life experiences. Thank you for

Thank you

sharing your thoughtfulness, humor, vulnerability, and inspiration with our congregation. You “fed” us just as Jesus called on Peter to “feed his sheep.”

Youth Service/Learning at IHN...One Last Time!

Wednesday, May 4

Help serve a meal and host guests with the Interfaith Hospitality Network. This will be our last time serving with IHN as they are merging with Genesis Home to form a new entity, “Families Moving Forward”. We’ll meet at WSBC at 5:15 p.m., head over to Duke Memorial UMC to share the meal, and return by 7:15 p.m. To sign up, contact Kelly Sasser.



PASSPORT Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 11

6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Bring a parent!



Sunday, June 5 is Graduate Sunday!

High school seniors, we would like to honor you with a special recognition during the morning worship service! Please bring your cap and gown and meet in the chapel at 10:45 a.m. After the service, we’ll go out to lunch and celebrate! Your families are invited to come, too! *Congratulations on your accomplishments! We are very proud of you!*

Mark Your Calendars for “The Wattsies”!

On Sunday, June 5, all youth, parents, and youth ministry volunteers are cordially invited to the umpteenth annual Wattsie Awards/End of the Year Youth Ministry Celebration! The party starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Choir



Room (immediately following the Children’s Musical and Church Potluck Picnic). Join us for a preview of our Summer 2016 activities, presentations of “Wattsie” awards, and a special tribute to the Class of 2016!

Youth Group Summer 2016 World Tour

On Sunday nights during the summer, our youth group goes on tour! Each week we have youth group in a different home. If you’d be willing to host us one night, please let Kelly know. We meet from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a light supper included. Open dates are: June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 31, August 7, and August 14.

Experiencing El Salvador with Emmanuel

Senior high team reminders:

- Apply for a Passport if you do not already have one
- Talk with your doctor about immunizations
- Sunday, May 1 – Spring Tea Party and Auction fund-raiser
- Sunday, May 15 – Church Meeting Lunch fund-raiser (El Salvador team serves)
- Sunday, June 5 – Team Meeting (7:00 pm)
- Sunday, July 17 – Team Meeting (12:15 pm)
- Trip dates: Friday, July 22 – Thursday, July 28



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THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH -- "Every Member a Minister"

CHURCH STAFF

Sue Alexander	Assistant Secretary
Tom Bloom	Organist
Dorisanne Cooper	Senior Minister
Sherrill Figuera	Office Manager
Mary Elizabeth Hanchey	Interim Director of Children's Music Ministries
Diane Eubanks Hill	Minister with Adults
Esther Soud Parker	Minister with Children and Their Families
Troy Pickens	Interim Youth Choir Coordinator
Kelly Sasser	Minister with Youth and Their Families
Bobby Sturdivant	Custodian
Melody Zentner	Interim Chancel Choir Director

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**NEXT *WattsLine*
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ARTICLES DUE BY
MAY 15**

From Diane Eubanks Hill

Holy Imagination

Watching the skink skitter across the driveway and disappear under the down spout, she asked gleefully "What if the lizard were as big as the roof?" And then, a few minutes later, as we blew bubbles and watched them pop, "What if the bubbles could go up to the top of the sky?" And, even later, "What if we could cover the whole driveway with our chalk art?"

At almost five years of age, her imagination is just about without limits. Somewhere along the way, I expect that imagination will be thwarted, some of necessity, and some unfortunately. The demands and restrictions of life have caused many of us to focus more on the concrete, on the realities of what we see. We stay on the treadmill of life and fail to open ourselves to new possibilities.

I believe that our imaginations are holy gifts from God, given to us in creation for good purposes. I believe that our holy imaginations can be powerful instruments in solving the world's problems. I believe that this church needs our holy imaginations—as we open ourselves to where God is leading, as we respond to the needs within our congregation and community, as we keep on figuring out how God is calling us to live together as a family of grace.

Dick Chorley used his holy imagination 35 years ago when he crafted the first All Ages Beach Retreat. A few among us still remember that first small group who dared to venture together to that place called Ft. Caswell. Dick's holy imagination created a rich gift for this congregation. In recent years, 150 of us have traveled to Ft. Caswell, deepening our relationships with God and with each other, while having lots of fun!

I was struck recently by a line from an interview on NPR with Annette Gordon-Reed, co-author of a new book about Thomas Jefferson, *Most Blessed of the Patriarchs: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of Imagination*. Of Jefferson, she observed, "He thought people were going to come to the middle of nowhere in Virginia from Oxford and Cambridge because he had this idea." He persevered, empowered by his imagination, creating what we now know as the University of Virginia. What an imagination!

I wonder how we can use our holy imaginations to bring new life to our church, to our community, and to our world!

Following Dorisanne's Journey

Dorisanne has thoughtfully created a CaringBridge page to help us follow this strange and challenging journey through chemo. Many of us have logged onto that page. It's easy to do, and once you've registered, you'll receive her update automatically through the email address you provide. To connect, go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/dorisannecooper, and then follow instructions to create an account so you can login.