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*The BEACON
 of Park Street*

*Our mission is to be a
 BEACON
 of God's Grace, Light and Love.*

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<p>Park Street has received The Following gifts:</p> <p>In Memory of David Dellinger By: Ted & Elizabeth Geddis</p> <p>In Honor of the Youth By: Allen Seay</p> <p>In Honor of our new Babies Alexander Aldrich Ryleigh McLean By: Ann Cowan</p>	<p>Every Sunday Activities (Unless Announced Otherwise)</p> <p>9:00 am Lighthouse Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship</p>
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What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine, We, of course, recognize those words as the opening stanza to "Leaning

on the Everlasting Arms." In the United Methodist Church, we aim to keep all things in balance. We have missions, worship, Bible study, children and youth ministries. There are many programs we need to properly do the work of the church. Fellowship is one of those areas of church life that is often undervalued.

It may be said that a church consists of people who compose a community of faith who, together with other faith communities, form the Body of Christ upon this earth. At 7:00 p.m., on February 22nd, our faith community will come together for our Ash Wednesday Service. At that service we will confess that we are all sinners in need of God's grace. We will acknowledge that while God is infinite- we are not. At the imposition of the ashes we will hear the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

And it is with those words that we begin our Lenten Journey. Yet the journey of faith need not be a lonely or a sad journey. After all, it is good news!

It is a great expression of God's grace that we are one community who hold in common the need for His grace. This common need for grace should bring us all together as one.

Our arms are extensions of God's "Everlasting Arms" and at one time or another in our lives we will all need those arms.

When we come together for church fellowship it is more than just having "fun." The "Divine Joy" which is composed of sharing a meal, laughter, and joyful conversation is where the community comes to know each other and build relationships that will last a lifetime through thick and thin. And I believe that the greatest example of the church being the church is when we can love each other through the hard times.

During the month of February we will have two wonderful family fellowship opportunities. There is the Men's Club Valentine's Banquet on February 12th and the "Trivia Night" fund raiser for our youth on February 24th.

I look forward to seeing everyone at these two events as we grow closer together as a church family.

Pastor Gary

***Now you are the body of Christ,
 and each one of you is a part of it.
 1 Corinthians 12:27***



Dear Friends at Park Street,
Thank you so much for your calls, cards, and especially your prayers.

Larry is recovering from his fall due to a blood clot in the thigh of his right leg. He's had lots of swelling and bruising, but slowly recovering.

You don't know how much your kindness has meant to us. We miss you and keep remembering us in your prayers. Thank you & God bless.

Love,
Cynthia McDonald



Congratulations to Megan McLean, Ed McLean, and the entire McLean family on the birth of Megan's baby girl, Ryleigh Addison.



Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2012

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be Wednesday night, February 22 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

The UMM will meet and have Breakfast Saturday, Feb. 4th, 8:00 am.



Please let J. C. Nelson know if you plan to come so he can buy the right amount of food. Call J. C. at 704-825-4179.

UMM is sponsoring a Valentine dinner event on Sunday, February 12 from 6:30—8:00. The Entertainment will be provided by Kevin Withers' cousin, and his gospel quartet "Central Songsters." Spaghetti dinner is at 6:30, band begins at 7:00. Donations appreciated.



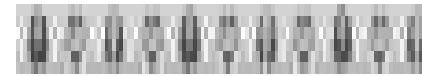
The Young in Heart Club will meet Tuesday, February 14th, at 11:30 AM, in the FLC. Plan now to join us for food and fellowship!

The Young In Heart play practice will be the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the FLC.
Come join us!

Update on Roby Watson:
Roby continues to improve from his accident back in November. He is staying with his mom in Charleston for awhile due to the amount of therapy he is having to go through. As before, I'm sure he would love to hear from his church family. Anyone wishing to send Roby a card may do so at the following address:

Roby Watson
 3990 Betsy Kerrison Parkway
 Johns Island, SC 29455

His cards would be received quicker through the mail and I'm sure would brighten his days! Thank you all SO MUCH for continuing to lift him up in your prayers. I'm so thankful he is still here with us and is continuing to heal.
Tammy Watson



LAY READERS

February 5
 (9) Jill McHugh
 (11) Sharon Traywick

February 12
 Scouts
 Scouts

February 19
 Ann Gilreath
 Wallace Aldrich

February 26
 Jessica Barr
 John Faulkenberry

WORSHIP LEADER

February 5
 (11) Liz Holbrooks

February 12
 Scouts

February 19
 Rhea McManus

February 26
 Fritzi Downing

USHERS

February 5
 Benny Loftin
 Don Hill
 Dan McCraw

February 12
 Benny Loftin
 Don Hill
 Dan McCraw

February 19
 Benny Loftin
 Don Hill
 Dan McCraw

February 26
 Benny Loftin
 Don Hill
 Dan McCraw

ACOLYTES

February 5
 Garrett Gibson
 Caleb Gibson

February 12
 Zack Brasier
 Noah Hansil

February 19
 Jeremy Carter
 Austin Pees

February 26
 Tucker Knouse
 Hunter Marett

WIGGLE TIME AT THE ALTAR

February 5
 Pastor Gary

February 12
 Scouts

February 19
 Trish Tate

February 26
 Jeff Marett

GREETERS

February 5
 Pam Wilson

February 12
 Scouts

February 19
 Amber Gibson

February 26
 Billy Martin

NURSERY

February 5
 (9) Deb McClellan
 (11) Joann Winters
 Franny Knouse

February 12
 Onyema Eruchalu
 Joann Winters
 Trish Tate

February 19
 Jessica Barr
 Joann Winters
 Mary Thomasson

February 26
 Linda Nelson
 Joann Winters
 Jennifer Wilson

FINANCE/COUNTERS

February 5
 Alta Aldrich
 Jim Biggerstaff
 Franny Knouse
 Tommy Loudermilk

February 12
 Mike Hoover
 Dewey Galloway
 Michelle Faulkenberry
 Mary Thomasson

February 19
 Jimmy Austin
 Graylyn Faulkenberry
 Bob Coleman (PPR RED)
 Shirley Coleman

February 26
 Liz Holbrooks
 Judy Marett
 Carol Sills
 Ken Taylor

SOUND TECHNICIANS

February 5
 (11) Ed McLean

February 12
 Tracy Hollifield

February 19
 Lee Faulkenberry

February 26
 Ken Taylor



More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl week-end into a nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it is like to make a positive difference in the world as they collect food for those in need.

Be a part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. **Please bring canned foods to church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5.**

All food collected will go to the Belmont Community Organization (BCO).

December

Budget Offerings	\$30,463.52
Other	(72.00)
Ewing Property Rental	765.00
Interest	5.78
November Balance On Hand	\$32,162.30

Expenditures: November

Connectional/World Outreach	\$2,031.59
Local Ministries/Programming	\$2,428.00
Local Church Staff	\$10,995.17
Building/Ground Expenses	\$4,767.86
Total Expenditures	\$20,222.62
Balance	\$10,939.68

First United Methodist Church in Belmont invites you to our Spring Children’s Clothing Consignment Sale on Saturday, March 3rd, from 7-11 am at 807 South Point Rd. in Belmont. There will be a Half Price sale from 11:30 – 12:30. This will be a great opportunity to purchase high quality, gently used children’s clothing, toys, bedding, and furniture at bargain prices. Money raised by the church will support Children’s Ministries. For more information about consigning, contact the church at (704) 825-2106 or obtain a registration packet online at www.fumcbelmont.org.

The Season of Lent

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus’ withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles.

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It’s time to submit nominees for our church’s Laity Service Award. Please submit your nominee by Sunday, Feb.12 by filling in their name on this form and dropping it in the offering plate or by the church office. Our committee will meet to vote on our Laity Service Award Winner, Sunday, February 19.
I would like to nominate _____
Your Name _____

REMEMBER YOUR WORLD THANK OFFERING

If your eyes are grey, pay .25 cents; blue, 32 cents; brown, 51 cents; green or hazel, 28 cents.

HOME MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Please remember her with a card and in your prayers.

Madge Martin
Charlotte Health Care
1725 Toddville Road
Charlotte NC 28214

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Please remember her with a card and in your prayers.

Chelsea Stowe
ASU Box 21178
Boone NC 28608

FEBRUARY NURSERY CONTACT & CHECK KIDS BOXES

Kelly Patterson

Kids’ Choirs has resumed their practices.

Kids’ Club and Children’s Church start up dates has not yet been determined. The dates will be announced in your bulletins.

Some upcoming Dates for our kids: Please mark these dates on your calendar.

The Easter egg hunt will be March 31, 10 am
Vacation Bible School is 6/10-6/13. If you can help, contact Janice Hollifield.

Confirmation will be held during Sunday School for all 6th graders and anyone who has not had confirmation will begin on Sunday, Feb. 12th. The classes will run through Palm Sunday, April 1. The Confirmands will be confirmed on Easter Sunday, April 8.



MISSIONS CORNER

Planned opportunities to help others: February

Each year a portion of the Thanksgiving offering is designated for missions. The Mission Committee met on January 22 to allocate funds that were available to us.

Special emphasis will be on Bit of Hope Ranch.

We allocated a portion to the Belmont Community Organization.

In addition, the following will receive funds: Bryan Baker for his work with the people of **Haiti,**

Family Promise (formerly IHN) for their work with those who are **homeless,**

Appalachian State University Wesley Foundation. The Wesley Foundations of all our state schools receive very little funding.

We will continue support for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). It was decided that special offerings would be offered as needs arise.

We plan to have a special mission event sometime in the spring.

All of this was made possible by the generous giving of our congregation.

Missions Committee:

Pastor Gary, Mary Thomasson,
Shirley Coleman, Tara Galloway, Liz Holbrooks



- Feb. 1 Judy Moses
- Feb. 2 Lanny Jenkins
- Feb. 3 Logan Trotter
- Feb. 4 Bridget Blackwelder
Lorraine Richardson
- Feb. 7 Clay McLean
- Feb. 8 Pat McDevitt
- Feb. 9 Tammy Wise
- Feb. 10 Jacob Patterson
Lillian Helms
- Feb. 12 Jay McKinstry
- Feb. 13 Sharon Gibson
- Feb. 14 Carol Anderson
Brett Auten
Roger Manus
Gary Richardson
- Feb. 15 Alice Davis
- Feb. 16 Susan Howe
Mariann Parks
- Feb. 17 Mary Thomasson
David Knight
- Feb. 18 Susan Galloway
- Feb. 21 Sara Cantrell
- Feb. 22 Kylie Loftin
- Feb. 24 Megan McLean

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 3
Larry & Cynthia McDonald

Feb 10
Brad & Holly Pickert

February 15
Chad & Tousha Carter

February 18
Susan & Jimmy Galloway

February 19
Matt & Christy Caldwell

February 28
Mack & Joanna Drake

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trustee For the Month of Feb: Anna Perry Backup: Dewey Galloway			1 Bible Study, 10:00 AM Prayers & Holy Communion, 11:00 AM 6:00 pm Kid's Club Choirs Adult Choir Practice 7:20-8:30 PM	2 Walk Away the Pounds, 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, 7:00-9:00 PM	3 Scouts Pinewood Derby/Sleepover Starts at 6:00 pm	4 8:00 am UMM Breakfast/ Meeting 9:00 am Scouts leave 1:30-6:00 pm FLC Reserved
5 9:00 am Lighthouse Serv. 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship Youth Super Bowl Party	6 6:45-8:00 pm Boy Scouts – Norwood Bldg. 7:00 pm UMW Volunteer Interest Group - Parlor 7:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts – 3 rd Floor Ed. Bldg. 7:00-8:00 pm Brownie Troop – Ed. Bldg. 7:00-8:30 pm Bible Study- FLC	7 Chrismon Group, 11:00 am Conf. Room Young In Heart Program Practice, 11:00 am Walk Away the Pounds, 5:30 PM Long Range Planning Committee, 7:00 pm	8 Bible Study, 10:00 AM Prayers & Holy Communion, 11:00 AM 6:00 pm Kid's Club Choirs Adult Choir Practice 7:20-8:30 PM	9 Walk Away the Pounds, 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, 7:00-9:00 PM Trustees—7:00 PM Parlor	10 FLC RESERVED City of Belmont	11 FLC RESERVED City of Belmont Debutant Ball
12 Scouts Sunday 9:00 am Lighthouse Service 10:00 am Sunday School/ Confirmation Class 11:00 am Traditional Wor. 1:30-3:30 pm Piano Lesson 6:30-8:00 UMM Valentine Banquet/with entertainment No Regular Youth	13 6:00—9:00 Scouts Blue/ Gold Banquet—FLC 7:00-8:30 pm Bible Study- Parlor	14 Young in Heart 11:30 AM Walk Away the Pounds, 5:30 PM	15 Bible Study, 10:00 AM Prayers & Holy Communion, 11:00 AM 6:00 pm Kid's Club Choirs Adult Choir Practice 7:20-8:30 PM	16 Walk Away the Pounds, 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, 7:00-9:00 PM	17	18
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**Prayer Concerns
For the Week:**

**Billy Martin
Rhea McManus**

**Prayer Concerns
For The Week:**

**Ruth Ballard
Alice Coley
Dorothy Austin
Virginia Young**

**Prayer Concerns
For The Week:**

**Madge Martin
Liz Wood
Helen Mitchell**

**Prayer Concerns
For The Week:**

**The Youth of
Park Street UMC**

**Prayer Concerns
For The Week:**

**All of our own service
men & women**