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CHANGE

I have heard it said that the only constant in life is change. As a United Methodist preacher's kid, I have known change my whole life. Now change has not been the only constant in my life, but it has been a constant companion. I have my whole life been blessed to spend my life surrounded by these wonderful people called United Methodists. It is my privilege to serve and live with people who come from all walks of life. It is the joy of my ministry to see these people united by their desire to walk with Jesus.

Over the course of the next month we will be preparing for significant change in our lives. The boys and I will be moving to serve with the people of the Villa Rica First United Methodist Church. We have looked at schools and communities and all the things you do to prepare yourself to find a new home. We still have barbers and mechanics to find along with all the other important day to day items. These are the tasks that at times can seem overwhelming. However, as a lifelong United Methodist clergy family I have learned a secret weapon in dealing with change in moving and that is United Methodists. It is no secret that United Methodists are the hardest working and most generous people on the face of the planet. Whenever I feel myself getting nervous about the move I remind myself of two things; First, God is there waiting on us, and second, so is an entire community of United Methodists. I know God will take care of me and the boys spiritually, and the United Methodist people will cover everything else.

You are also experiencing change. In the month of June, Brooks UMC will be receiving a new clergy family. I celebrate with you the arrival of the Reverend Sheila Crowe and her family. I am thrilled for Sheila and for Brooks. I can see God's hand in this appointment and am looking forward to hearing about the wonderful ministries you will do together.

I hope that you will remember that Sheila is also looking for a place to buy tires, get her hair cut and all the other "little" things in making a community home. Sheila knows that God is here waiting on her and I know that you will inundate her and her family with love and warmth. Feel free to go above and beyond with food, gift cards and notes of encouragement. The boys and I both thank you in advance for your hospitality to the Crowe family.

Let me close by saying thank you for your love for Jesus and your faithfulness to God. Please know that you will continue to remain in our prayers as well as our hearts.

In the hollow of His hand,

Derek, Tristan and Brendan

What are you doing this summer?

June holds fun opportunities for all ages at Brooks UMC!

Preschool children will enjoy summer camp! Ages 3—5th grade look forward to VBS. Youth can hang out at the loft, join the praise band or tube down the Cool River. Adults will enjoy a trip to the High Museum. And don't forget that youth and adults are encouraged to sign up for a week of service at IMPACT 2010!

Details of all these events and MORE are in this newsletter. Join the fun at BUMC!

Father's Day Quotes Sunday, June 20th

"Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope." *Bill Cosby*

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be." *Unknown*

"Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body." *Elizabeth Stone*

"My father use to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, 'you're tearing up the grass.' 'We're not raising grass.' My dad would reply. 'We are raising boys.'" *Unknown*



Happy Father's Day



Something to think about...

What is it you love about Brooks?

Where do you see God working in Brooks?

Where do you see God leading in Brooks?



REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

EARTH FRIENDLY HABITS

Bring discarded AA, AAA, CD, Camera, Hearing aid, etc. batteries to the collection site in the hall. They are sent to Ellwood City, PA for recycling.

Bring old cell phones, blackberries, I pods, and digital cameras, etc. to the collection box in hall. Used printer cartridges can be put on Jill's desk in the church office for recycling.

Use the least toxic tactics to combat ants and roaches:

Ants—Inside Seal point of entry. Use a spray bottle filled with a 1:4 solution of dishwashing detergent and water which will erase the chemical trail ants use to navigate. For a simple bait station mix 1/3 cup apple-mint jelly and one teaspoon 99% pure boric acid. Set out dabs of mixture where ant activity is noticed.

Roaches---Boric acid is also effective against roaches. Dust it in areas such as refrigerator, behind stove, under sink. Mix boric acid with a little flour or sugar and place it in a saucer so bugs will be attracted to it. Also you can blow silica gel into baseboard cracks and crevices. This causes roaches to dehydrate.

Mice--- Put oil of peppermint on cotton balls in a little dish.

Visit Beyond Pesticides at beyondpesticides.org and click on 'Have a Pest Problem?' to find safe alternatives for solving pest problems and facts on health and environment effects of commonly used pesticides.

Buy fresh produce locally. Let us know of nearby markets and times they are open. We'll post on bulletin board in hall.

CONGRATULATIONS! 30 lbs OF BATTERIES HAVE EVADED LAND FILLS THANKS TO YOU.

They have been sent to Inmetco Battery Recycling.

Thanks for helping our efforts to "be green"!

**Ladies Covered Dish Lunch
June 4th at 11:30 am**



Brooks Methodist Women (BMW) is an organization that is open to any woman of the church or community. The purpose of the group is to grow in relationship to God through Jesus Christ; to develop a community of care and compassion; and to seek to share the love of Christ with others through word, deed and sign. Many activities take place throughout the year to help fulfill this purpose.

The ladies of BMW are always looking for new members who would like to help. There are no dues. All activities are financed through fundraising and pledges. All ladies of the church and community are warmly invited to participate.

The activities of the group are designed for fellowship and for furthering mission projects. Ongoing projects include:

- ⇒ Monthly financial support sent to the Sims family, who are missionaries in Ghana
- ⇒ Annual January birthday party for the residents of Brightmoor Nursing Home
- ⇒ Funds given to graduating seniors in the church who are going on to higher education.
- ⇒ The sale of fair trade coffee through the Equal Exchange group.

Annual fundraisers for the group include a bake sale in November and the soup supper during the fall festival in October. In the past, eggrolls have been sold and there are plans to sell them again this June.

The calendar for 2010 is set and the meeting for June will be a covered dish lunch on June 4 at 11:30 am at the church. We will go out to lunch to 'Founders' in Senoia on June 10th at 11:30. Please sign up to go to lunch in the Narthex. Eggrolls go on sale in June for pick up in July.

On August 28th we will have a luncheon at 11:30 am at the church. Melba Brown will be blessing us with her expertise for this luau themed event which will feature entertainment.



Tentative plans have been made for an evening meeting in September and a morning coffee house meeting in October. The group will also hold its annual evening Christmas party in December.

Please join us!



Second Chance Thrift Shop One Year Anniversary

The Thrift Shop will be celebrating our first year of operation on Saturday, June 19th. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come by for cookies and lemonade and celebrate with us. Your support of this ministry of our church has been phenomenal and we have been able to reach out into the community with Christ's love because of you. As always, we welcome suggestions for improvement. Thanks again for your donations, volunteer time, patronage and most of all for God's continued blessing.

Thrift Shop Team

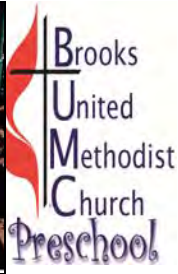


Vacation Bible School
June 28th - July 2nd
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration Now Open!

Look for the registration forms on the VBS Bulletin Board in the hallway near the sanctuary.

At our Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will help lead cadets into developing a stronger personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Kids will participate in fun centers including recreation, science, music, storytelling, and will chow down on some yummy snacks!!



The children at preschool have been busy, having "Wet Water Fun." They are ready to move on and it is a very sad time for the staff who have enjoyed these smiling faces so much. They will take a little of our hearts when they leave.

We can say that we have planted a small seed of God's love and now it is time for them to take a journey through life. With good choices, the seed will grow as their love for Christ will also.

Thank you for all of your help and support. It has meant so much to us. Lynn Lee

Sunday Mornings @KidStreet

Sunday School: KidStreet Live! (9:45am * 10:45 am)
 Kidstreet Children's Worship (Children ages 3 * 3rd grades leave after the children's sermon during the 11 o'clock service)



During the month of June, the children will be learning about the virtue of **RE-SPONSIBILITY** and our theme is **What in the world are you doing?** Our lessons will cover the following:

Week 1: What in the world are you doing to take care of what God made?

What about our nature and purpose? God said we are made in His likeness and that we are to "fill the earth and bring it under [our] control" (Genesis 1:28). But what does that mean exactly? Is the earth ours, to do with however we please? Or is it God's, even though He's made us accountable for it? Genesis 1 has the answers we will be exploring.

Week 2: What in the world are you doing to use what God gave you?

There is more than one kind of "natural resource." Because God created each of us in His image, we have certain qualities like His and certain abilities like His. Therefore, each of us has talents, abilities, and possessions that God has entrusted to us and that He wants put to good use. Jesus even told a parable about that in Matthew 25 that we will read this week.

Week 3: What in the world are you doing to encourage others with your words?

Words, like talents, abilities, and possessions, can be used wisely or unwisely. They can be leveraged to build or to tear down. Ephesians 4:29 (the lesson for week 3) says, "Don't let any evil talk come out of your mouths. Say only what will help to build others up and meet their needs. Then what you say will help those who listen"

Week 4: What in the world are you doing to show others God's goodness?

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). That's what God means for us to be: lights atop a dark hillside that draw people in, to God. In week 4 we'll explore what that looks like in a kid's world.

SUMMER CAMP

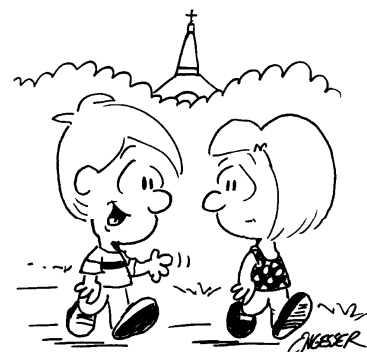
Preschool will offer *Summer Camp* as follows:

June 7-10 themed "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs"

June 14-17 themed "Stars and Stripes"

July 12-15 themed "Oceans"

July 19-22 themed "The Great Outdoors"



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."

Middle School/High School
HANG TIME



Wednesday, June 2, 6:30p – 8:00p
Check-in at the L.O.F.T. and then either play games in the gym or play games in the L.O.F.T. Bring money if you would like to purchase drink, candy, or chips from the snack bar. We will also build our own ice-cream sundaes.



ROAD TRIP!!!!

Wednesday, June, 23rd
Cool River Tubing

Helen, GA

Meet at the church @9:00am

Return time: 5:30pm



What should I Bring?

Bring \$4.00 for tubing plus money for lunch and snacks. Bring a towel and clothes to change into for the ride home.

What should I wear?

Shorts and T-shirts or swimsuit, securely fitting shoes, NO FLIP FLOPS or sandals on the river.



IMPACT 2010- June 8th - 11th

Please sign up on sheet in narthex, call or send email or send a facebook message to Rev. Lesley to register. Need adult volunteers also!

**Kick off Dinner/Program:
June 8th, 6:00 - 9:00pm**

Fayette Christian Church, New Hope Rd, Fayetteville (meet at Brooks UMC at 5:30 and we will ride the bus together to Fayette Christian)

Projects will be 6/9 - 6/11 from 9:00am -3:00pm

Fayetteville First UMC will host breakfast each morning at 8:00 am. Each church must provide one adult for every 5 youth that participate from their church. No youth will be allowed to drive to projects so each church must provide transportation for their groups. Lunch will be provided but each group of five needs to bring a cooler for drinks (water will be provided). Groups will return to Fayetteville First between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. Projects will include Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Healing Reigns in Tyrone, and others to be announced soon. A dinner/program with music and a speaker will be held each night from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at Fayette Christian Church.

**Youth Praise Team Development
Sundays, June 6, 13, 20, 27
5:00pm – 6:00pm**

We will be practicing over the summer to build up a set of songs that will be sung on Sunday evenings during our LOFT meetings and also occasionally during the Sunday Morning Worship services as special music. For more information contact Rev. Lesley.



**College Age Sunday School
And Gatherings**

All high school graduates and college age students (18-25 years of age) to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am for Sunday school.

We will also have two social gatherings in June. The first one will be on June 6th at 6:30 in the L.O.F.T. We will have food and an informal fellowship time. We will be asking for suggestions from the group for more fun events. So please come and let us know what you would like to do! On June 25th we will have a swim party and cook-out. The time will be determined by the group. For more information, see Rev. Lesley or Josh Matthews.





Summer Book Club

(Please contact Rev. Lesley to order book.

Price = \$10.00)

June 13, 20, 27

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Youth and Adults are invited to read and discuss the book, "Servolution" by Dino Rizzo. The book chronicles the story of Healing Place Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, when they decided to start a "servolution". Servolution is defined as a significant change in the course of history sparked by simple acts of kindness. This book is a challenge to churches, pastors, and believers everywhere to harness their faith and get down to the business of giving hope to a hurting world by starting a servolution.

What God is doing at Healing Place Church is far beyond anything its leaders ever imagined. Starting with just twelve people, they have served the poor and hurting in their community, and as the church has grown, the opportunities to serve have also increased. The accounts of how the church has responded to human tragedies like Hurricane Katrina and the September 11 attacks, and to the needs of thousands of people in their own community will inspire you. Through simply loving, caring, giving and embracing a hurting world, doors are opened to pour in God's love. That is what servolution is all about - a revolution ignited by serving those no one wants to serve, doing the outreaches that seem too difficult or too lowly, and loving those that feel like they are unlovable. It is serving people in the style of Jesus when he washed the feet of his disciples.

Servolution will make you laugh, make you cry, and above all it will make you ready to serve others like never before. And through the practical ideas and strategies in every chapter, you'll get a jump start on sparking your own servolution where you are.

The book is an easy read with short chapters. Please come join us to discuss this very important topic of how we can be Christ's hands and feet in the world.



Linda Spradlin, Wayne Sutton, Nancy Felbinger, Jouree Peterson, Family of Dexter Huckaby, Joe Garrard, Bob Peterson, Chase Bailey (*Relative of Beverly Evans*), Norma and Freddie Rutledge

(*Friends of Kaytee Thomas*), Patsy Yarbrough (*Cousin of Dan Langford*), Kathy Palmer (*Friend of Curriers*), O'Kasidee Thomas, Larry Thomas, Gary Cooper, Rhonda Stapleton, Mike Jenkins, Rondah Hardy, Rev. Sheila and Gene Crowe, Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford, Rev. Derek Porter, Rev. Carol Cook (*D.S.*), Michael Watson (*Bishop*), The Sims Family, (*Missionaries*)

June Birthdays

Karina Langford	6/6
Kelly Cottingham	6/7
Drew Waits	6/8
Jonathan Goss	6/9
Shirley Fisher	6/10
Rebekah Shadle	6/11
David Sowell	6/12
Karen Beeland	6/13
Joshua Hayes	6/15
Mac Cooke	6/16
Kirk Goss	6/16
June Rucker	6/16
Judy Worst	6/19
Mattie Daughtry	6/20
Robi DeMine	6/20
Matthew Hildebrand	6/21
Travis Hardy	6/23
Katie Leslie	6/24
Chad Gibbs	6/27
Michelle Speer	6/27
Alli Gable	6/29
Chris Mitchell	6/30



Adult Fellowship

We are going to the High Museum of Art on June 17th. The "Allure of the Automobile" will feature eighteen rare automobiles. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. See Shirley Fisher with any questions.

ALTAR FLOWERS

It is always a beautiful addition to our worship experience to have fresh flower arrangements placed in the chancel area. These offerings of flowers can be given in honor or memory of events or people. To order please sign up on the flower calendar in the hall way, noting the event/person and the person donating. A check should be written to, David Brown, before the Sunday the flowers are to be displayed so he can purchase the items needed. After the 11:00 service the flowers may be removed from the church and enjoyed. Arrangements that are left will be held at the church 2 days and then discarded.



Pencil this in!

Fund Raising Weekend

Pencil in June 25th—26th
A spaghetti dinner on Friday night (6/25) is in the works. We also are planning a car wash at 10:00 am and cook out from 11:00—1:00 for that Saturday (6/26). So please pencil this on your calendar! See Carole DeMine with any questions.

June 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Children's Team Meeting 7:00 pm	2 High Scholl/Middle School HANG TIME 6:30—8:00 pm	3	4 Brooks Methodist Women's Covered Dish Lunch 11:30	5 Narcotics Anon 8 pm
6 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Praise Team 5:00—6:00 pm	7 SPR 7:00 pm	8	9	10 Ladies' Lunch 11:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Ministry 10:00 am	11	12 Narcotics Anon 8 pm
IMPACT Service Week						
Preschool Summer Camp 7th—10th						
Jill out this week						
13 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Goodbye to Derek Reception after 11:00 Service Youth Praise Team 5:00—6:00 pm Summer Book Club 7:00—8:00 pm	14 Finance 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Adult Fellowship visits High Museum Intercessory Prayer Ministry 10:00 am	18	19 Narcotics Anon 8 pm Thrift Shop 1 Year Anniversary
Preschool Summer Camp 14th—17th						
Annual Conference 16th—18th						
20 Father's Day Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Praise Team 5:00—6:00 pm Summer Book Club 7:00—8:00 pm	21 Meet the Missionary 7:00 pm	22 JULY NEWS DEADLINE	23 Youth Road Trip Tubing! 9:00 am—5:30 pm	24 Intercessory Prayer Ministry 10:00 am	25 College Age Swim and Cook Out (time tba) Spaghetti Dinner	26 Narcotics Anon 8 pm Youth Car Wash 10:00 am and Community Cook Out 11:00—1:00 VBS Set up
27 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Meet our new Pastor After the 11:00 Service Youth Praise Team 5:00—6:00 pm Summer Book Club 7:00—8:00 pm VBS Set up	28	29 Preschool Open House 6:00—7:30 pm	30	Intercessory Prayer Ministry 10:00 am		VBS Set up
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 28TH—JULY 2ND						

