



## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

The yard sale at the church last month was a huge success! People contributed an abundance of time and energy and stuff to the project and it was a lot of fun. Not only did the church benefit by raising money for our web streaming ministry and mission work, but we had a fellowship working side-by-side.

Did you see during the week before the sale how full the fellowship hall had become with all the items we were getting ready to sell? It was packed wall-to-wall. There were clothes for people of all ages, kitchen items, tools, gadgets, electronic items, paintings, and much more. Something for everyone!

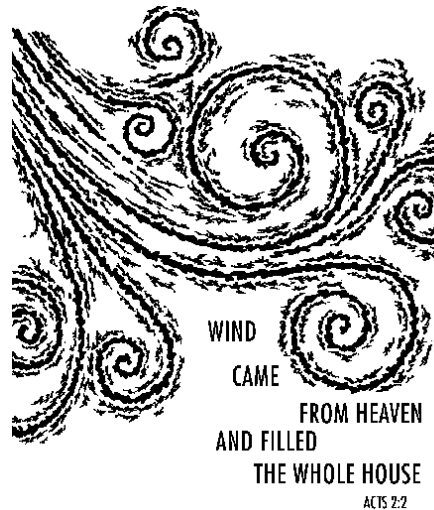
On the Friday of the sale, I enjoyed watching the people come and shop. I didn't arrive as early on that first day as some. I was told the first customers arrived at 6:40am! What I did notice was a steady stream of people coming to the church.

When I go to a yard sale I am curious. I like to go and see what treasures might be waiting to be discovered. That's something the kids and I have done together over the years. It's a fun activity for us on a Saturday morning.

I enjoyed watching people arrive at the church yard sale and see in them a similar curiosity.

Some who arrived didn't have that look of curiosity. It was all focused business for them. One lady said to me as she walked quickly toward the wagon covered with clothing, *I'm looking for something for my grandson.*

It was also fun to watch the various items people took with them. There were many examples of the way one person's trash is another person's treasure.



We also sold plants and baked goods. What a great idea that was! During the lunch hour on both days we sold a hot dog lunch. It was a well-planned event and I am really proud of the hard working folks of Green Spring Church.

Beyond the money raised and the great fellowship we enjoyed, our yard sale points to something else that is happening at Green Spring Presbyterian Church. It points to the absolutely terrific, joyful, energetic atmosphere and in the church right now. And the

credit for that goes to God's Holy Spirit.

Like the wind that blows through the leaves on a tree, you can really see the spirit at work in the life of the church right now: in a yard sale, in a worship service, in peanut butter that keeps coming in, in the growing number of people coming to Sunday school, and in many other ways.

This month we celebrate that Spirit of God filling the church. On Pentecost we retell the story of the Holy Spirit moving the disciples to announce God's deeds of power. *The rush of a mighty ruach (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power – the unseen power of God – moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the "unseenness of God" working among us. (From The Companion to the Book of Common Worship).*

With our Pentecost celebration we are renewed in a mighty calling: to make the *unseen* God visible in how we love and serve one another and how we share that love with the world. In an increasingly diverse Church, the *unseenness* of God is the mortar, glue, stickiness, bond that connects us to God and to each other. Together in Christ, Jon.

Prayer List

Connie Counts, Lowry Hall, Mildred Garrett, Carrie Kimery, Mike Lee, Jayland Wright, Nancy Sherrod James, Katherine Saul, Laura Mullins, Emma Barton, David Freeman, Virginia McFarlane, Linda Childers, Marge Margerum, Alice Porterfield, Leroy Jones, Jeanie Evans' sister-in-law-Jeanie Evans, Brenda Sprinkle, Sasha Lee, Myrtle Winfrey, Carol Biemel, Donita Lambert, Rhonda Moore, Bill Mylan, Angela Webb, Bruce Clark, Sara Lawson, Bob Elliot, Jody Williams, Judy Williams, Mary Gustin, Sarita Mullins, Carrie Blevins, Judy Puckett, Karen Combs, Carter & Emerson Hale, Barbara Adams, David King, Nancy Thompson, Barbara Knight, Janet McCauley, Eva Bailey, Bo Miller, Rickey White, Terry White and Helen Carter.

Birthdays/Anniversaries/May

May 5-Wayne Wimmer  
May 9-Linda Sweet  
May 11-Sandra Tignor  
May 12-Grace Garrett  
May 14-Susan Villiard  
May 20-Barbara Presley  
May 22-Bill Lawson  
May 23-Malcolm Sprinkle  
May 27-Phyllis Briscoe  
May 27-Pauline McClanahan  
May 31-Jane Hilt

May 6-Jack & Nancy Abel  
May 8-Roger & Sandra Tignor  
May 10-Bill & Sandy Lawson

Happy Mother's Day on May 12



PENTECOST  
A DAY IN THE SPIRIT  
May 19, 2013

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Wear something Red!



12:00 Noon: Covered Dish Lunch

Singing in the Spirit

A Service of Choir Music at  
Emory & Henry College  
Memorial Chapel at 5:00pm



Graduation Will Be Soon!

Send the name of your graduate (elementary, middle school, high school, college, and other) to the church office. We will be recognizing the graduates later this month.



THE CHUCK WAGON GANG

Saturday, May 25, 2013

6:00PM

Green Spring Presbyterian Church

The 2013 Gospel Singing Programs at Watauga Chapel begin on June 2 with *Jackson Memorial Trio* singing.

On Sunday afternoon, May 19th at 5pm in the Memorial Chapel on the campus of Emory & Henry College, church choirs from Abingdon Baptist, Emory UMC, 1st UMC of Marion, Green Spring Presbyterian, Meadowview UMC, Old Glade Presbyterian, Abingdon UMC and St Paul UMC of Wytheville will be combining for a service of music entitled "Singing with the Spirit". Each choir will sing their own selections along with congregational hymns interspersed for all to sing. A Brass Quintet and flute player will also featured as well as several pianists and organists. The service will conclude with the combined choirs singing three selections together under the direction of Dr. Robert Matthews, choral director at Emory & Henry College. A variety of music will be presented and you will not want to miss this!

In conjunction with "Singing with the Spirit", the Emory United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a walkathon and fun activities for all from 3:00-4:30 that same afternoon. The funds raised from the walkathon will be used for "Imagine No Malaria" in Africa. If you would like more information about either event, you may speak with Kevin Flannagan.

**Nursery Helpers for May**

- May 5-Joann Kilbourne and Jessica Wimmer
- May 12-Patsy Neel and Susan Villiard
- May 19-Sam and Erin Evans
- May 26-Sylvia Keller and Sue Gibson

# Sunday School SCHEDULE

9:45-10:40am

Pre-School	<i>Jesus' Friends Help Others</i>	Teacher: Jeanie Evans
Primary	<i>Getting Along With Others</i>	Teacher: Patty Clark
Middle School	<i>Read Your Bible Every Day</i> Teachers: Jane Prater and Erin Evans	
Adult Bible Study	<i>A Call to Holy Living</i> Teachers: Tom Deaton and Jasper Reynolds	
Warner Room	<i>The Book of Acts</i>	Teacher: Jon Martin

Watauga Chapel Clean  
Up Day  
Saturday, May 11  
9:00 - Noon



Get the chapel ready for our  
Summer Gospel Music  
Program

**From the Choir Director**

Special Thanks to all those who made our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter music so special. A huge thanks to the Choir for the many hours of practice they put in for our special times of worship. I also want to thank those children who sang on Palm Sunday and the week after Easter. Your singing truly enriched our worship. I also want to thank Tracy Mercadal for her great work as our pianist. Tracy is a wonderful addition to our worship and we truly appreciate all she does for us.

**Peanut Butter Offering**

2012 Total	1,340
So far in 2013	266
Overall Total	1,606

How soon will we reach 2013 jars?

**Responding to the Good News**

Date	Attendance	Offering
March	115 average	\$20,181.50
4-07-13	128	\$5504.13
4-14-13	114	\$2833.00
4-21-13	118	\$2686.00
4-28-13	102	\$4623.00

VBS "Jungle Jaunt" has been set for July 15-19