

DECEMBER 2011



CARTERET C O N N E C T I O N

CARTERET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | BEAUFORT, SC

YOU ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION HONORING THE REVEREND LARA BYRD

You are invited to a reception on December 18th between the two worship services to celebrate Lara's ministry with us. This will be a continental breakfast. At 10:30 am there will be a presentation as we thank Lara and Russell for what they have meant to this congregation for over seven years. She has been commissioned a Lieutenant in the United States Navy and will become a Chaplain. Lara will be preaching her last sermon at Carteret Street on that Sunday but will be with us until December 31st. We ask God's blessings on her as she reports for active duty on January 1, 2012.

Monday Advent Worship Services

Each Monday in Advent we will have a guest preacher for a thirty minute worship service at 12 noon followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. We encourage you to invite your friends and co-workers to these services:

- November 28** The Reverend Ross Chellis, Hampton UMC
December 5 The Reverend Peter Berntson, Church of the Palms UMC
December 12 The Reverend Anne Bridgers, Port Royal UMC
December 19 The Reverend Fadetra Harrington, Fisher Chapel UMC/St. Stephen UMC

The Children's Christmas Music Program

Wednesday, December 14th
6:15pm

It is special to have the children celebrate our Christmas season with songs about the birth of our Savior. It is an experience that the children will cherish for years to come. Thank you for your support in advance. Children should wear black, navy or denim pants. Red shirts will be provided, which they can put on that night.

Rise Up! A New Light A-Comin'

Presented by the Chancel Choir
Carteret Street United Methodist Church
6:00pm, December 18, 2011

The Chancel Choir invites you to join them in worship as they present their Christmas Cantata. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring goodies for the reception, please call the Church Office.



Christmas Eve Services

- 5:00pm** Christmas Eve Worship Service, Children to Sing
(a nursery will not be available as we encourage families to attend this service together)
11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



Reminder: Take Note of Schedule Change

December 25 and January 1, 10:00am Worship
No Sunday School



United Methodist Women: A Busy Year in Mission

Carteret St. UMW has had a busy year involved in mission. UMW worldwide has 800,000 members. The mission of UMW is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice. We have 104 members in five sub groups at CSUMW. In January, each sub group held a pledge service. The executive committee studied the UMW purpose so that we can live the purpose in everything we do. In March, UMW enjoyed a prayer breakfast where Lillian Spears delivered a great message. We also held a reception for the project manager of the UVMIM mission in Georgia. Some members have attended the following events, some local, others state-wide: Legislative Day at Epworth, Mission Day where each UMW brought gifts for the five state missions, Come Together, Be Together, School of Christian Mission, and the UMW state meeting held in Aiken as well as the district meeting held in Smoaks.

Some of our local mission projects and activities include making Easter baskets for Hope Haven; a kitchen shower for CSUMC; a program on human trafficking; held a clothing sale where we raised \$1800 that was sent to seven local, state and international missions; 56 health kits sent to tornado victims in Joplin, MO, everyone was given a copy of the racial charter, and \$422.75 was collected for the World Thank Offering that will be used to help women, youth and children across the globe.

Some of our goals for 2012 are to find a local ongoing mission project for "Love in Action" for all subgroups, adopt standing rules and procedures for our local UMW, encourage more participation in the UMW reading program, and seek out and encourage more members under 40 . If you are interested in joining UMW, please call 379-0688 for more information. If you would like to donate a book for our reading program, call the church office.

As you can see, our UMW is excited about mission and fulfilling our purpose in supporting women, children and youth and living out our purpose which reads:

UMW shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Sandy Somerall, President

A Word of Thanks

It is with regret that the Staff Parish Relations Committee announces the resignation of Joy O'Kelley, our Director of Children's Ministries. Joy has accepted a position with Riverview Charter School. We express our gratitude to her for her commitment and contributions to our children's ministry. Joy and Arthur and their daughters Virginia and Caroline will continue to be an integral part of our church family. She has already volunteered to be involved in our ongoing children's programs.

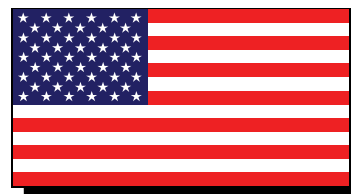
Stewardship Update

During the month of October, our stewardship theme was Extravagant Generosity. October 30th was Commitment Sunday and thus far, we have received pledges for 2012 in the amount of \$426,529.00. Carteret Street United Methodist Church is a generous congregation and because you give we are able to do ministry that changes the lives of many. This year we have received \$489,668.65 which continues to fund our 2011 spending for ministry.

Please know that your generosity makes a lasting difference. When you give, it sets off a chain reaction of thankfulness and ignites ministries in our church, which enables others to find and experience God. Thank you for sharing your resources with God's people. If you have returned your Estimate of Giving Card, thank you. If you have not responded but would like to, please return your card to the church office as soon as possible.

Flag Presentation

On November 16, 2011, GySgt Jonathan Damren presented Carteret Street United Methodist Church with an American Flag that had been flown in Afghanistan on October 17 and 18, 2011 in honor of this congregation. GySgt Damren, husband of Melissa Munn Damren recently returned from a seven month deployment in Afghanistan.



Advent is a time of anticipation and hope as we await the birth of Jesus Christ. We look forward to sharing in this special season of the church through worship, fellowship, and other opportunities.

First Week in Advent

November 27 ~ Sunday

9:00am Worship Service
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 6:00pm Hanging of the Greens followed by a reception

November 28 ~ Monday

12 noon Advent Worship Service followed by lunch
 The Reverend Ross Chellis, Hampton UMC

November 30 ~ Wednesday

5:30pm Wednesday Niter Dinner followed by a
 program on Kindness
 Adults: *Exploring Kindness*
 Children: *Discovering Kindness*

December 3 ~ Saturday

10:00am UMYF Christmas Parade Float Decorating

Second Week in Advent

December 4 ~ Sunday

9:00am Worship Service
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 3:00pm Beaufort Christmas parade

December 5 ~ Monday

12 noon Advent Worship Service followed by lunch
 The Reverend Peter Berntson, Church of the
 Palms UMC



December 7 ~ Wednesday

5:30pm Wednesday Niter Dinner followed by Cookie
 Swap

December 8 ~ Thursday

4:30pm Gray Blades Christmas Dinner – Dockside

December 9 ~ Friday

12 noon Hope McLeod Foster Circle - home of
 Marjorie Trask

December 10 ~ Saturday

3:00pm Lydia Nelson McAfee Circle Christmas Tea -
 home of Brenda Harlan

Third Week In Advent

December 11 ~ Sunday

9:00am Worship Service
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 6:00pm UMYF Christmas Party

December 12 ~ Monday

12 noon Advent Worship Service followed by lunch
 The Reverend Anne Bridgers, Port Royal UMC
 6:00pm United Methodist Men's Ladies Night

December 13 ~ Tuesday

11:30am Susanna Wesley Circle Christmas Luncheon
 7:00pm Tennessee Thomas Circle - Home of
 Courtney Worrell

December 14 ~ Wednesday

11:30am Ouida Shearouse Circle Christmas Luncheon
 5:30pm Wednesday Niter Dinner followed by the
 Children's Music Program

December 17 ~ Saturday

10:00am Children's Christmas Celebration

Fourth Week In Advent

December 18 ~ Sunday

9:00am Worship Service
 10:00am Reception for The Reverend Lara Byrd
 11:00am Worship Service
 6:00pm Chancel Choir Cantata followed by a reception

December 19 ~ Monday

12 noon Advent Worship Service followed by lunch
 The Reverend Fadetra Harrington,
 Fisher Chapel UMC/St. Stephen UMC

December 24 ~ Saturday

5:00pm Family Christmas Worship Service
 11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 25 ~ Sunday

10:00am Christmas Worship (no Sunday School)

**Merry Christmas!!!
 May your Christmas be filled with peace and joy!**



Carteret Missions

Looking Ahead

Carteret Street will once again reach out to our community during our 2012 Great Day of Service. Please put March 10, 2012 on your calendar so you can be part of this life and community changing ministry.

Christmas Mission Offering

We are continuing to accept gifts for our Christmas Mission Offering in honor or in memory of a loved one. If you are interested in doing this, please fill out the perforated form in the bulletin or call the church office. Also we will be receiving gifts for our Christmas Mission Offering at the Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Eve Services. This offering will be divided between Great Day of Service, Costa Rica and Rural Mission.

2012 UVMIM Mission trip to Costa Rica

Joan Suda is still seeking volunteers to join the 26th annual UVMIM overseas mission trip to Costa Rica. We will be working in the Indian Village of Tonjibe, a small community in the north-central part of Costa Rica near the Nicaraguan border. There are 2 spots to fill on Team Two: January 30 - February 13. Please call Joan Suda at 838-2872 as soon as possible if you would like to go.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from noon until 6PM on Thursday, **December 1st** in the Fellowship Hall. Come give the ***gift of life*** at Carteret Street United Methodist Church. Please make an appointment by calling 1-866-611-7137 or log onto www.givelife.org.

The success of the October blood drive was due, in part, to a very low rate of deferrals. Our donors have been heeding the advice to eat (something--iron rich) at least two hours before donating and reduce intake of tea and colas at least one day before donating so that you can pass the "iron" test. Drinking lots of water is also suggested. Our goal was 49 units of blood and we yielded 53 units. We exceeded our goal by the largest amount in over three years.

The success of the blood drive was due to faithful donors, CSUMC volunteers, and our co-sponsors including the United Methodist Women, who provided wonderful home-baked goodies, Pepsi, Publix, Chocolate Tree, and Chick-fil-A. A special thanks to Kristopher Ayers, a first-time donor at CSUMC, who gave a "double red cell" donation which is especially helpful for treatment of cancer patients and counts as two good units!

For questions, please call Merle Hoagland (522-2073) or e-mail merle13@embarqmail.com.

We Need Your Help in 2012

If you are interested in serving in any capacity listed below, please call Ellen at the Church Office, 524-3841, to volunteer.

Nursery Volunteers

We need adults of all ages who love children to help in the nursery on Sundays from 8:45am - 12:15pm. This will only be twice a year. Thank you for your willingness and desire to help with this ministry.

Altar Flowers

The flower calendar for 2012 is on the display rail in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign up for your special day.

Ushers and Greeters

Ushers and greeters are needed for both services.

Communion Servers

We need people to assist the pastors by helping serve communion.

Acolytes

Acolytes are needed for both services, grades 4 - 12. Training will be provided.

Sound System Operators

We need people to operate the sound system during the 11:00am worship service. Training will be provided.

125th Anniversary Throws

Carteret Street UMC Anniversary Throws are still available for purchase. Sale \$25.00. If you would like to buy one please come by the church office.

Pluck a Turkey

A special thanks to all those who contributed to providing Thanksgiving dinner to needy families in our community. We provided 17 complete meals as well as many other food items to these families.

Operation Christmas Child Update

Because of your generosity we sent over 1900 filled shoeboxes to children all over the world in order to make their Christmas brighter.

Food Pantry Sunday

Please remember to bring canned goods and other non-perishable items to the church for HELP of Beaufort each Sunday.

Children's Corner

Children's Choir

Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm until 5:30pm (please note that our practice time is now until 5:30pm).

Anyone 5 years of age through 5th grade is invited to be a part of the Children's Choir.

November 27 Practice 4:30 - 5:30pm

Sing for Hanging of the Greens, 6pm

December 4 Practice 4:30 - 5:30pm

December 11 Practice 4:30 - 5:30pm

December 14 Musical presentation after Wednesday Niter dinner at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary. Children will meet in the choir room between 5:45 and 6:00pm to warm up for the program. Children should wear black, navy or denim pants. Red shirts will be provided, which they can put on that night.

December 18 No Practice (Chancel Choir Cantata)

December 24 Children will sing for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service. Meet in the choir room at 4:30pm to put on your choir robe.

Children's Christmas Celebration

December 17, 2011 at 10:00am

Children ages 3years - 5th grade are invited to come make Christmas crafts. ***Surprise Guest!***

Youth Happenings

- Dec 3** 10am, Christmas Parade Float Decorating
- Dec 4** 1pm, meet at the church for the Christmas Parade
- Dec 11** 6pm, UMYF Christmas Party
- Dec 18** 6pm, Christmas Cantata, NO UMYF
- Dec 25** NO UMYF, Merry Christmas
- Jan 1** NO UMYF, Happy New Year

Join us each Sunday evening at UMYF for games, a devotion, supper and an enriching program.

UMYF Benediction:

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Wednesday Niters

Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm. Followed by a program beginning at 6:15pm. There will be a program for children and a nursery for infants. The cost of the meal: \$3 for 12 and under, \$5 for adults, families not to exceed \$15.

December 7

Cookie Swap: Please bring 4 dozen of your favorite HOMEMADE cookies (each dozen bagged separately). You will be able to swap cookies with others and go home with 4 dozen.

December 14

Children's Christmas Music Program: The children will use singing, instrument playing and smiles to help us prepare our hearts for the Christmas season.

December 21

NO WEDNESDAY NITER

December 28

NO WEDNESDAY NITER

Gray Blades

On December 8th at 4pm the Gray Blades will meet at Dockside for their Christmas Dinner.

United Methodist Men

Ladies' Night on Monday, December 12th at 6pm.

United Methodist Women

Please take note of circle meetings in the calendar.

The Seekers Book Group

1st Thursday of each month, 11:30am

December 1, 2011

Christmas Jars by Jason F. Wright

Lunch will be provided.

Home of Margey and Terry Pfeiffer, 17

Royal Pines Blvd.

January 5, 2011

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

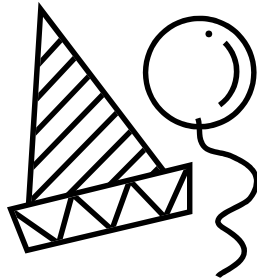
Wednesday Evening Book Club

Our Wednesday evening book club is continuing to meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00pm in the Wesley Building Conference Room. The book club will not meet in December. We will meet again January 25. The book is to be determined. If you have questions, please call the church office or Margey Pfeiffer, 525-1761.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paige Holliday	1	Merrick Ellenberger	20
Ella Gordon	5	Rick Griffin	20
Rosanne Chisum	5	John Asher Howell	22
Sue Barnes	6	Devi Murphy	23
Beverly Heles	7	Faye Smit	23
Dolores McKenna	7	Trudy McAlhane	24
River McLeod	7	Terry Pfeiffer	25
Katelyn Roberts	7	Mary Jane Martin	26
Martha Smith	8	Sammy Gray III	28
Lucas Michels	10	Louis Holliday	30
Margey Pfeiffer	10	Don Meyer	30
Sam Belflower	12	Michael Bogan	31
Jerry Burris	12	Cherie Buchanan	31
Claudia Hoffmeyer	13	Bobbie Page	31
Merle Hoagland	13	Holly Roe	31
Phil Chappell	14		
Greg Mauriocourt	15		
Sandy Somerall	16		
Cameron Posey	16		
Brian Bundy	17		
Gladys Chapman	17		
Janie Culley	17		
Amy Lawson	17		
John Luce	18		
Logan Hiers	19		
Jonah Roe	19		
Ashby West	19		
Sarah Bette Bundy	20		



Check it Out!

The Carteret Connection is published monthly and the Sunday bulletin is published weekly on our website. Please check it out at www.carteretstumc.org. Also if you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please call the church office.

Connection Deadline

Please submit information for the January 2012 *Carteret Connection* to the church office by December 16th.

Stewardship Report as of November 27, 2011

Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$528,435.10
Received Y-T-D	\$489,668.65
407 West Street Fund	\$15,033.00

Our Service

Acolytes: **9am** 4, 11 and 18 Matthew Holliday
11am 4, 11 and 18 Curtia and Carletha Benning

Crucifers: **9am** 4, 11 and 18 Zoe Farley
11am 4, 11 and 18 Maliek Maldonado

Greeters: **9am** Jan Bowers
11am Debbie and Jim Fedyshyn

Ushers: **9am** John Perry, Earl Pickel, Hal Holliday, Phil Chappell
11am Bob Cummins, Hugh Folk, Allen Farley, Sharon Burris

Fellowship Moments:

4 Hope McLeod Foster Circle
11 Disciples 11
18 Bob Howell Class
25 Trinity Class

Nursery: **4** Judy and Bill Evans
11 Merritt Yeager
18 Laurie Martin
25 Russell Byrd

Visitors Center:

9am Courtney and Jack Worrell
11am Wally Cole

New Members

Our church family continues to grow as we welcome **John and Ellen Adams** into the membership of Carteret Street UMC. They have three children John Henry, Waverly Grace and Matthew. We also welcome **Nancy Smith and Susan and Gibbes McDowell** into the membership of Carteret Street UMC.

Baptisms

Phillip Joseph Hooper born July 24, 2000 and **Shelby Ann Hooper** born November 27, 2001 received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 20, 2011. They are the children of Teresa Phillips.

Matthew Aiden Bowles born February 26, 2009 received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on November 27, 2011. He is the son of Ellen and John T. Adams.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

The family of **Mena Wire** on her death, October 29, 2011 in Beaufort, SC; Gayle Holliday and family on the death of her sister, **Pamela Lee Overby Potter**, October 31, 2011 in Moncks Corner, SC; The family of **Ann Carson** on her death, November 1, 2011 in Beaufort, SC; Lib Smith and family on the death of her brother, **J. K. Inabinet**, November 2, 2011 in Knoxville, TN; Lynn Meyer and family on the death of her mother, **Marjorie Lillian Graham** on November 4, 2011. Cindy Keener and family on the death of her father, **Fred Gramling** who died on November 16, 2011 in Beaufort, SC .

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly							
Sunday							
Sunday School 10:00am					1 11:30am Seekers Book Group	2 9am Altar Guild	3 10am Christmas Parade Float Decorating
Worship 9:00am					12 Noon - 6pm ARC Blood Drive		
11:00am					6pm SPRC		
Children's Choir 4:30pm							
UMYF 6:00pm	4 3pm Beaufort Christmas Parade	5 12 Noon Advent Worship	6 5:30pm UMW Executive Board 6:30pm Girl Scout Leaders	7 6:15pm Cookie Swap	8 4pm Gray Blades Christmas Dinner	9 12 Noon Hope McLeod Foster Circle Christmas Luncheon	10 3pm Lydia Nelson McAfee Circle Christmas Tea
Monday							
Carillon Choir 6:00pm							
Boy Scouts 7:00pm	11 3 - 5pm Walterboro District Lay Orientation	12 12 Noon Advent Worship 6pm UMM Ladies Night	13 11:30am Susanna Wesley Christmas Luncheon 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Tennessee Thomas Christmas Dinner	14 11:30am Ouida Shearouse Christmas Luncheon 6:15pm Children's Christmas Music Program	15	16	17 10am Children's Christmas Celebration
Wednesday							
Bible Study 10:00am	6pm UMYF Christmas Party						
Wednesday Niter 5:30pm	18 10am Reception for The Reverend Lara Byrd	19 12 Noon Advent Worship	20	21 NO Bible Study NO Wednesday Niter	22	23	24 5pm Family Christmas Eve Worship Service 11pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Chancel Choir Practice 7:00pm	6pm Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata						
Thursday							
Carteret Street Striders 8am	25 10am Christmas Worship (No Sunday School)	26	27 6:30pm Girl Scouts	28 NO Bible Study NO Wednesday Niter	29	30	31
Sandwich Ministry 4:30pm							
Friday							
BayView Devotionals 10:30am							

Thank You

Dear Friends:

Jay, Amy and Burt join our family in thanking you for all of the prayers, the cards and love that you gave to us during Pam's illness and death. We are grateful to you, our church family who so richly gave of yourselves. Her death has left a huge hole in our family and she will be sorely missed by all of us. We are gladdened to know that she won't suffer anymore and that she is with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in heaven.

In His love, Louis, Gayle, Hal, Jeff and children

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

BMH: Lynn Meyer
Home: Sara Graves, Claudia Hoffmeyer, Amos Horle, Velma Kelley,
Annette Lewis, Tom Lewis, Tom Mitchell, John Risch, Helen Rooks,
Dan Thompson, Harriette Woodbury
Helena House: Sara Funk
BayView: Mary Hazen, Jessie Meetze
Morningside: Art Foulger, Joanne Hosek, Ruth Weakly
Summit Place: John Ausband, Lillian Erlandsen
River Oaks: Cornelia Godsey, Pearl Jodoin
The Oaks: Vi and Lee Hundley, Martha Smith
Anderson Oaks: Barbara Shepherd
Savannah Grand: Mary Jane Matthews

Deployed Military

GySgt Shannon Arredondo,

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