Are you struggling with your Faith?

At the start of a new year, we often make New Year’s resolutions that we hope will strengthen our faith in God, and the way we live out our faith in daily life. We do this because we are struggling, or even wrestling, with what we perceive to be a lack of vibrant and living faith at work in our lives.

The Struggle Starts Innocently Enough

Drifting away from the God who loves you happens innocently enough. You start out with enthusiasm and passion. You get ‘burned’ a few times by people and the challenges of living a “life in Christ,” and your heart grows a little hard. You start to miss a day or two a week on your personal devotions, or just quit putting yourself in God’s Word to you on a regular basis because life is busy. You still believe in your head, but you’ve lost your heart.

Some Searing Questions

Be 100 percent honest about where you are with God, and ask yourself these questions.

Do I still passionately love God?
Do I have lots left to pray about?
Do I want to lead people to Jesus?
Do I wake up grateful?
Do I still confess my sin?
Do I live out of an overflow of my relationship with God?

If the answer to these questions is “I’m not sure” or “no,” you have a problem.

Remember: God loves you, not for what you do, but for who you are – a child of God by faith. Who you are matters so much more than what you do.

So What Helps?

Perhaps you need a close circle of friends for support and accountability. You need to pray. But more than anything, the next statement is truth.

The more I engage the Scriptures, the more I engage God.

When you read the Bible personally, you grow closer to God. When you skip or skim, you don’t.

Five Ways to Keep Your Scripture Reading Fresh

1. Find Your Best Personal Time.
Most folks are at their best in the morning. If you try to spend time with God at night, you will fall asleep (it’s nothing personal, you also treat late night movies, friends and family the exact same way after 10:00 p.m., right?) First thing in the morning is best because you are usually fully awake, engaged and present.

What’s your best personal time? Give it to God and you will grow.

2. Find the Medium that’s Best for You.
Some folks quit reading their Bible because it is the same old Bible they have always read. A few years ago the YouVersion app of the Bible came out and it puts God’s Word at your fingertips anytime, anywhere by using your smart phone. This may strengthen your connection with God. Reading God’s Word from a tablet can also make it seem new and exciting again. IF you don’t like reading, get an audio Bible and listen.

Many new Christians think there is something sacred to the King James Version of the Bible. There isn’t. It’s a beautiful translation that can work powerfully for people, but there are many great translations out there. The Life Application Study Bible - New Living Translation is in today’s English and has footnotes that are invaluable!

4. Use a Reading Plan.
Random reading can get you started, but it often doesn’t keep you going. Like many others, try using a reading plan. The Life Application Study Bible has a daily reading plan in the appendix that helps you to read through the Bible in a year with a 15 minute commitment a day. There are also many reading plans available on the internet.

5. Take Time to Reflect and Pray.
A combination of prayer and some kind of reflection time is advised. Some people love to journal. Other people reflect on their life and issues when they pray. If you make your prayer time a time of asking God to help you apply what you’re learning and apply what you’ve read, you will never run out of things to pray about.

Whatever you do, keeping your relationship with your Savior fresh and alive is critical. After all, if your relationship with God dies, you lose your passion and joy. May God bless you in the new year as you commit or recommit to living out your faith by spending time regularly with God in His Word – his love letter to you – His child.

Pastor Todd
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
Better Than Good Intentions

So often, I have entered a new year with a list of resolutions and good intentions to live a healthier lifestyle, to spend more time with my family, to save more money, and to better manage my time. Somehow during February, I noticed that I was not doing the things on my list of resolutions. Looking back, I think the problem has been that I failed to look at each day with the same focus that I had when I made my list as the new year approached. My commitment to those tasks eventually waned. While I started with good intentions for the new year, I did not approach each day with intentionality.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, may be one of the best examples of living intentionally. In order to help the small groups live this kind of focused life of faith, Wesley began holding Watchnight Services on New Year’s Eve that involved renewing their covenant with God. Because it is a covenant, many view it as commitment that they make to do something more.

Yet, I believe that Wesley and his brother understood that this means of grace comes not from committing to doing more, but from intentionally surrendering all of life to God. In the hymn “Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”, Charles Wesley described what happens in the Covenant Service as “giv[ing] up ourselves, through Jesus’ power, his name to glorify; and promis[ing] in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.” John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer is not an affirmation of the things that I am going to do for God, but a plea for God to use all of my life — the good blessings and the greatest struggles.

The language of intentional surrender is evident in the Covenant Prayer:

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and Blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

I hope that you will join me in using this prayer not only during the Covenant Service on January 6 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary, but also daily this year as a way of intentionally turning over each day to God.

Peace, Pastor Laura

SPIRIT NIGHT JANUARY 2016 MENU

| JAN 6 | SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE |
|       | SALAD BAR              |
|       | APPLESAUCE             |

| JAN 13 | BEEF STROGANOFF |
|        | BUTTERED NOODLES |
|        | PEAS            |
|        | PEACHES         |

| JAN 20 | BAKED CHICKEN |
|        | PARSLEY RED POTATOES |
|        | SUCCATASH      |
|        | APPLESAUCE     |

| JAN 27 | PULLED PORK BAR-B-Q/ |
|        | HAMBURGER ROLLS  |
|        | COLE SLAW       |
|        | BAKED BEANS     |
|        | BUTTERED CORN   |
|        | PEACHES, DESSERT, DRINK |

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We collect non-perishable food and money each week for South Strand Helping Hand.

Make your reservation by 3pm on Monday at the volunteer office, by calling the church office, or online at (www.surfsideumc.org).

Spirit Night Opportunities

January 6: Wesleyan Covenant Service, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Join Pastor Laura in the Sanctuary for a traditional Wesleyan Covenant Service to start the New Year. Rather than making resolutions, make a covenant to surrender your life to God.

January 13 – February 3: Do Not Be Afraid! 6:30 pm in Room 8/10. Throughout the Bible, we encounter the refrain, “Do not be afraid!” Join Pastor Laura in Room 8/10 to study four of the narratives that include these words of encouragement.

February 10: Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Begin your Lenten journey with the dispensation of ashes during a worship service in the Sanctuary.
Happy New Year, United Methodist Women

The 2016 Membership Directories are printed and enough have been placed in each circle’s mailbox in Fellowship Hall for each member to have one. Read them and use them all year long. Now that our current membership has been updated, I am sad to announce our membership has declined a little. What can we do about it? What will we do about it? Keep announcing our meetings and welcoming women of our church who want to experience freedom as whole persons and expand concepts of mission through participation in UMW. Let’s work to replace members we have lost.

Congratulations to Surfside United Methodist Church on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary this month. Remember, UMW members are being asked to wear any combination of red and black to several events this year as we celebrate: January 31 - our worship service and luncheon in celebration of our founding; March 13 - our UMW Sunday worship services, and April 17 - our worship service and picnic when Bishop Jonathan Holston will preach. Additionally, each member will have a special nametag to wear to these events and on each “Nametag Sunday” when Communion is served, if you wish.

Thanks to everyone who furnished holiday foods for the Choir Cantata Reception on December 13th. It was a festive occasion and Glynis, our choir, and visiting orchestra members all seemed to enjoy being our special guests in appreciation for their beautiful music ministry. Thanks, too, to the helpers who set up and cleaned up. Well done!

Please grab a registration form from our bulletin board, fill it out, and send your check if you are interested in attending Mission U at Socastee UMC on January 23. Some of you took the dessert recipe and will be providing foods for the Church Women United Human Rights Day event in Fellowship Hall on January 16. Bring your dessert prior to 11:00; lunch is at noon so you’ll need to bring a bag lunch if you plan to stay for lunch, meeting, and program. Bonnie Maddox needs help with the “Let There Be Peace on Earth” skit. Volunteer – don’t wait to be asked! Our thanks to Fonda Rist for providing the music for this event. The day is being dedicated in memory of Doris Shoebridge; a candle will be lit and a eulogy given.

As we begin 2016, we are grateful for those who have gone before us sharing in the work of United Methodist Women at Surfside. We will look forward to UMW Sunday as it gives us an opportunity to share a little of our history during our 50th Jubilee Celebration. Our theme for this service will be “Cover Me with the Warmth of God’s Love.”

Officers, please remember there is an Executive Board Meeting at 9:30 on January 29 in preparation for our General Meeting at 10:00 on February 6 when Joy and Quest Circles are in charge of arrangements.

Yours in the service of Christ,
Judy Lienemann, President

MARY BAKER CIRCLE
Mary Baker Circle will meet on Wednesday January, 13 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Elaine Paige will have the Pledge Program. Linda Pagani and Marge Ricker will host. Ladies prepare to make your yearly pledge.

HOPE CIRCLE
Hope Circle will meet at noon on January 7th in Fellowship Hall. Pamella Brown will present the devotions, and Sarah Beck will present the program. All ladies of the church are invited. Please just bring a sandwich/salad for yourself; other refreshments will be provided by Betty Sherman.

JOY CIRCLE
Joy Circle will meet Tuesday, January 12 in the Fellowship Hall at 12 PM. Hostess will be Sybil Hucks and Harriett Dry. Dee Fields will have Devotions and will lead us in the study of Psalms 120-124. Joy Circle wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

QUEST CIRCLE
Quest Circle members got into the Spirit of Christmas by continuing their Pillowcase Project. Members made over 100 pillowcases of brightly colored cotton fabric, filling them with pillows and gift bagging each with socks, underwear, a fleece blanket, and a bag of candy for children of all ages. They were distributed to Help 4 Kids and Fostering Hope. The pillows were donated by the Garden Club of Mt. Gilead. Members of Hope Circle and other individuals also contributed the socks, underwear and blankets.

The Pillowcase Project began last spring with 100 being made and donated to the SC Youth Advocacy Program. In 2015, Quest Circle has made and donated a total of 250 pillowcases to those in need in our area. Members are continuing this project for 2016.
EXERCISE CLASSES

You are invited to join any of our separate exercise classes offered at Surfside UMC.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, an Adult Fitness Class is offered in the FLC from 9:45-10:45 a.m. These classes consist of walking, stretching and strength conditioning exercises at a low impact rate. Weights and various other exercise equipment are provided. Men and women are invited to participate. These classes are taught by Pat Messinger, an Active Older Fitness Instructor with 10+ years experience. A contribution (in any amount) will be greatly appreciated with 10% tithe to the Church. Please call Pat Messinger at 843-650-2412 for more information.

The Hatha Yoga Class: Meets Wednesday at 9:30 a.m in room 8/10. We begin with stretches and breathing exercises and then we do balancing exercises and last we go to the floor for poses and deep relaxation. All you need to bring to class is a mat or beach towel and water and a will to learn how to bring your mind, body and spirit at peace. If you have any questions call Mary Jo Doggett at 843-712-2932 or cell at 704-361-4798. We have a wonderful group of ladies and would love to have you join us!!!

Every Friday at 9:45 a.m in Room 8/10, “Yoga Exercise with Pat.” The class consists of Yoga poses geared for the Older Adult (“sitting and standing” only.) The Yoga breathing and poses will increase your balance, stretch your muscles in a gentle manner, make you feel more relaxed, enable you to sleep better and to cope with stress better. This class is taught by Pat Messinger, an Active Older Adult Fitness Instructor with over 10+ years experience. A contribution (in any amount) will be greatly appreciated with 10% tithe to the Church. Please call Pat Messinger at 843-650-2412 for more information.

SUMC Leadership Directory

Our 2015 Annual Charge Conference elected all leaders for the 2016 ministry year. A new directory of all leaders and all ministry teams is available by email (Send email to Kesha Sims requesting a copy) a hard copy can be requested in the church office.

CONFIRMATION – COMING SOON

Confirmation is a process that allows students to explore their faith as they move toward professing their faith and committing to a new role in the Church. Although Confirmation classes are geared for 6th grade students, students older than 6th grade may choose to participate. Pastor Laura will meet with parents on January 24 at 5:30 pm in Room 110. Confirmation classes will begin on February 7. We will meet on Sunday afternoons throughout the Spring from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Please contact Pastor Laura with any questions about confirmation, and register online at your child for confirmation by January 17.

SUMC OFFERING COUNTER NEEDED

JOB DESCRIPTION: Each Monday a team of four (4) persons count all collections received at the preceding Sunday services, adult Sunday school, Contemporary service as well as any miscellaneous monies received by the church during the week. Each counter is bonded by SUMC.

QUALIFICATIONS:
◊ Must be available to count Monday morning at 9am on a bi-monthly basis. The process generally takes about two (2) hours but counter must be agreeable to stay until balanced if discrepancies arise. Must be agreeable to substitute when needed (if available).
◊ An accounting or banking background not necessary but helpful.
◊ Must be able to work a calculator with tape.
◊ Must demonstrate an attention to detail.
◊ Must work well with others and be a “team player”.
◊ This is a position that demands confidentiality. Must be able and willing to maintain discretion.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS: A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Craig Miller is offering Heritage--a new, ongoing study--Tuesdays, 9:30-11 in Room 5. The class blends respect for science in biblical inquiry and dependence on the Bible in theological matters. This offers us a wide avenue for pursuing our OT-NT heritage. With a doctorate in theology, he is also trained in recent approaches to biblical and area studies. The class, fueled by candid input, is for everyone. It will raise issues across and deep into the Bible, themes that may be new to you and that are always engaging. Come join in. And bring your Bible.
Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year! Although 2016 is just beginning, our school year is almost half over already. Soon we will be planning and registering for our summer program! The month of December was short and quick. We did lots of crafts and sang lots of Christmas Carols and prepared for the Christmas Pageant. We appreciate being able to participate in Spirit Night as our children performed the pageant. It was heartwarming to have so many in attendance.

The Child Development Center will be closed from December 21 - January 1. We are hoping this will be a restful time for everyone.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy New Year!

Much Love,

Stacey Cleveland
YOUTH CORNER

2016 Winter Retreat Information

The 2016 Youth Winter Trip will be over Martin Luther King Weekend, January 15-18, 2016. We will travel to Lake Junalaska, NC and will stay in a cabin near the retreat center. The cost of the trip is $200 per person and includes a three-night stay, programming / participation in worship at Lake Junalaska, a day of skiing or snow tubing (with rentals and lift tickets), travel expenses for bus, and all meals (except for two fast food meals). The final deadline for the retreat is past due! Also, we have ONE more Space available for a youth or chaperon. Please contact Blair Delappe if you are interested! Checks can be made to SUMC Youth with your child’s name and “Winter Retreat” written in the memo line. Please remember that financial assistance and scholarships are available for those who need it.

January 2015 - Youth Calendar

Sunday 1/3 — Regular Youth Group (5-7 PM)
Sunday 1/10—Regular Youth Group (5-7 PM)
Friday 1/15 - Monday 1/18— Youth Winter Retreat to Lake Junalaska - Depart 10 AM Friday, Return 6 PM Monday
Sunday 1/24— Regular Youth Group (5-7 PM)
Sunday 1/31— *No regular Youth Group* (Church-wide 50th Anniversary Celebration)

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading begins SOON! To register please follow this link: http://registration.upward.org/UPW60506 or visit our church’s website at www.surfsideumc.org, and follow the Upward Registration Link which can be found under the “Ministries” tab at the top of the homepage. The cost to participate is $65 for the first child, $60 for the second child and $55 for the third child. Uniforms and end-of-year trophies are included in the registration fee. Additional uniform items (shorts or turtlenecks) are also available for purchase upon registering. *(Please note the cost to participate increased by $5 at the end of Early Registration).*

If you missed the first coaches/volunteer training, a make-up training will be held on Monday, January 4 at 5:30 PM also in the FLC.

The current Upward Program Schedule is as follows:
  Evaluation 1: January 5, 2016 - 6-8 PM
  Evaluation 2: January 9, 2016 - 9 AM - 12 PM
  Games: Every Saturday from January 23 - March 12, 2016
  Upward Celebration: March 19, 2016

Please contact Blair Delappe at bdelappe@surfsideumc.org if you are interested in serving in one of the following areas: Basketball Coach - Cheerleading Coach -Concessions - Devotions - Prayer - Referee - Score Keeping - Set Up - Tear Down- And More!
South Carolina United Methodist Church
Disaster Recovery

The SC Conference is moving from early response to flooding to repair and rebuild, so our needs will change a little. **Many churches are asking how we can help, here are a few ways:**

◊ Can you provide housing with a kitchen and showers for out of town Volunteers in Mission Teams, contact Chelsey Faircloth at the Conference center, 803 786-9486?
◊ Be sure all families or individuals with flood damage and unmet needs contact the conference office and that they file an application for assistance with FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA). Deadline extended to January 4, 2016.
◊ The recovery process will be a 2 to 4 years project, please continue to help with donations to the SC Conference flood relief fund. http://www.umcsc.org/
◊ Can you help get the word out? **House In a Box** is the response from the National Society of St. Vincent de Paul to any natural disaster affecting families with loss of household furnishings. The program provides new furniture which includes a bed, linens, up to two dressers, a sofa, a kitchen table with 4 chairs, kitchen supplies, and bathroom supplies. There is no cost to the homeowner once the approval process is completed. Families affected should come to the intake center at 3512 Devine St. in Columbia, S.C. to complete an application.
◊ Applicants must have a **FEMA** number, a picture ID, and must be in need of the furniture (which will be verified with FEMA). The intake center will be open Monday-Thursday from 10-4 at least through February, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Gray at 803-730-1241, marilyn@gmminsurance.com or Russ Jones @ 803-254-7647, rpatjones@gmail.com.
◊ Can you provide small office facilities to accommodate 2-3 people helping with flood relief in specific areas. They are Charleston/Summerville, Columbia and the Florence area?
◊ Can you provide help with local participation such as having construction skills to do assessments, assist with acquiring building permits, delivering materials to job sites, and so on?
◊ Be on the lookout for future training for Early Response Teams or Volunteers in Mission teams, the workload is heavy and far from over.

**Friendly Senior News**

The January meeting for Friendly Seniors will be held in the Fellowship Hall on January 19, at 12:00 PM. The program will include a special challenge for the year and information shared by Donna Hutter, snowbird from Cambridge, Wisconsin. For the past four years, Donna has been organizing and facilitating workshops entitled “End-of-Life Preparedness” based on the workbook entitled, And Then There Was One, by Charlotte Fox of Flagstaff, Arizona. She has presented this informative material at workshops in Churches, Senior Centers, OLLI and Libraries in Wisconsin and South Carolina, where she spends the winter.

**GROUND UPDATE**

**Statement Bricks for the Courtyard**

The forms for brick dedications are on the bookshelf in the narthex. Fill out the form, include your name and phone number, place it in a pew envelope and drop in the offering plate. Still looking for special statements for our 2016 - 50th Anniversary. Bricks available as long as there is a blank brick in the courtyard. Funds to provide upkeep for the grounds and campus projects. Contact Lynn Livesay, 843-238-1718, if you have a question. Thank you!  
...supporting the human spirit.
Lynn W. Livesay  
lynnwlive@aol.com

**The National Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** service will be held on January 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Journey Church. Love offerings will be given to a church-sponsored fund for Syrian refugees. Please come and fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters.
**Missions**

For Unto you is Born this day in the City of David, a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ, the Lord. (Luke 2:11) Christ is born, our Savior Lives: What a Glorious Season of the Year

Do you need a Challenge for 2016? 
**AS MISSIONS CHAIRMAN, I NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please consider contacting one of the following chair people and volunteer to serve for one year. Why? Our Mission Team Chair Persons have told me, “Jeff, we are short staffed” Help is NEEDED, Where?

- **Good News Club**: brings the Gospel to children in public schools. Our group was organized in Fall 2015 and has 50 students interested at Lakewood Elementary School. We need 12 to 15 volunteers, but have 7, who meet on Tuesday afternoons weekly, for 1 hour to a maximum 2 hours. Contact Linda Pagani.
- **Winter Coat Drive**: Bruce and Nancy French lead this Help4Kids mission.
- **Upward Basketball**: combines athletics and the Gospel. We have over 30 youth signed up. You can help by volunteering as a Coach, Cheerleader Director, Referees, Prayer and Inspirational Leaders, Concessions helpers. Season runs from January 23-March 19. Whether you can join us for one Saturday or more, please contact Blair Delappe.
- **Jason’s House**: Get ready to make a child’s summer by contacting Elaine Paige who coordinates this ministry for children with life threatening cancer.
- **South Strand Helping Hand**: Thank you is going out to those members of our Church who gave an extra bag of groceries for those less fortunate. Contact Patti Magliette.
- **Mobile Meals**: Contact Nancy Yongue to learn how you can help homebound persons get a hot meal each day.

**A BIG THANK YOU**

- **Angel Tree**: Thank you to everyone, who returned your ANGEL to our Christmas Tree. We provided presents for over 81 children.
- **Samaritan Purse**: reached their goal of gifts for children overseas. We contributed over 500 boxes. Can we increase this number in 2016? Lee Ritchey and I thank you.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Blood Drive**: Anyone who has had to take a loved one to the hospital knows the value of blood. Please watch the weekly church bulletin for the next date.
- **Golf Tournament Fundraiser**: Mark Cierzan and a group of avid golfers are planning a Golf Tournament fundraiser. Whether you play golf or not you can enjoy a day of fellowship and fun while helping. Please contact Mark for more information.

Remember: “For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve others and to give his life as ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

As you mark your church envelope each month, please designate under special offering, what Mission you want to give a donation to. This is how your Favorite Mission is sure to receive it. It goes into the RESTRICTED ACCOUNT and can be only used for the account you designated.

“Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit” Romans 8:5

~Jeff Jewell
Missions Chairman
THE MARION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES
TRAINING SCHOOL
CLASSES WILL BE HOSTED BY
CHRIST UMC
819 N. Marlboro St
BENNETTsville, SOUTH CAROLINA

SCHOOL DATES WILL BE:
FEBRUARY 6TH & 7TH
2:30PM – 8:00PM

MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY JANUARY 8, 2016
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED!!!!!

LIGHT SUPPER SERVED @ 5:00PM
ALL CLASSES MUST BE ATTENDED TO RECEIVE A
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
COST OF THE SCHOOL IS: $30.00
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!
Applications available on the bookcase in the Narthex.

The January meeting of the Surfside United Methodist Men-N-Ministry
will be January 21. Meal will be provided starting at 6:45 p.m., meeting
to follow. We are looking for a few good men.

The United Methodist Men continues to be the largest most organized
denominational men's ministry in the U.S. The Surfside United Method-ist Men-N-Ministry hope you will join with us in Spiritual Growth as
we become new in Christ. We earn credibility and opportunity to pre-sent Christ to others through our Spirit-filled lives, selfless service and healthy relationships. Hopefully
in the not so distant future we will see many younger men join with us in this Ministry. There is no bet-ter place to start than the S.C. Men-N-Ministry Weekend February 19, 20, 21. This weekend will change
your life. Bishop Holston has challenged us to bring 1500 men and women to the meeting. My challenge
is to get at least 20 men from our Church to attend. The price is only $65 if you go online at
www.ummsc.org or www.mennministrysc.org for online registration and Event information. After De-cember, 31 the price will increase to $90. Hope many of you will sign up to go this year.

God has been good to the Men's Ministry this year. We must thank the people of our church for your partcipating and backing us in everything we do. If you are just looking for a blessing or interested in a better prayer life, interested in impacting lives of children and youth in our community, there are many workshops for you to attend. God will bless you and you will be changed. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up with me to attend and several men told me they were going to before December is over.

May God bless each of you in 2016.

SUMC Men-N-Ministry President Kenny Bingham
**Weekly Events**

**Sunday:**
- 8:30 AM Morning Worship
- 9:30 AM Fellowship Time
- 9:45 AM Church School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 5:00 PM UMYF
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting

**Monday:**
- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM CDC Preschool
- 9:45 AM Adult Fitness Class
- 11:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM NA Meeting
- 7:00 PM Sisters in Faith

**Tuesday:**
- 8:30 AM-3:00 PM CDC Preschool
- 9:00 AM Craft Club
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting
- 6:30 E-Group Study
- 7:00 PM Huff-n-Puff Basketball
- 7:00 PM Jubilation Ringers

**Wednesday:**
- 8:30 AM-3:00 PM CDC Preschool
- 9:45 AM Adult Fitness Class
- 9:30 & 11:00 AM Hatha Yoga
- 10:00 AM Prayer Group
- 11:00 AM CDC Chapel
- 5:30 PM Spirit Night Dinner
- 6:30 PM Spirit Night Classes
- 7:00 PM Spirit Singers Rehearsal

**Thursday:**
- 8:00 AM Men’s Grow Group
- 8:30 AM-3:00 PM CDC Preschool
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting
- 7:00 PM Huff-N-Puff Basketball

**Friday:**
- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM CDC Preschool
- 9:45 AM Adult Yoga w/Pat
- 5:30 PM AA Meeting

**Publication Submission Deadlines**
The deadline for the *Bulletin* is 9:00 am on the preceding Wednesday.
The deadline for *The Messenger* (newsletter) is 12:00 pm on the 20th of each month.

**Calendar Scheduling**
Please contact the Office Manager as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

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*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.*
*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*
*2 Corinthians 5:21*
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Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry!

OUR JUBILEE YEAR IS FINALLY HERE! We hope by now that you have saved the date (January 31, 2016), made your reservation and paid for your delicious “low country” lunch catered by Dilly Beans. Farrell Cox (pastor from 1972-1978) will preach at both services as we celebrate 50 YEARS OF BLESSINGS IN THIS PLACE. Also, SAVE THE DATE of April 17, 2016 when SC Bishop Jonathan Holston will join us for worship and a picnic on the grounds. DON’T MISS these milestones in the life of SUMC!