

Myers Park United Methodist Church

# News

Programs and activities for adults over 55, especially retired persons

**Spring 2002**

## **From Your Chairpersons:**

**Melvin & Anita McIntosh**

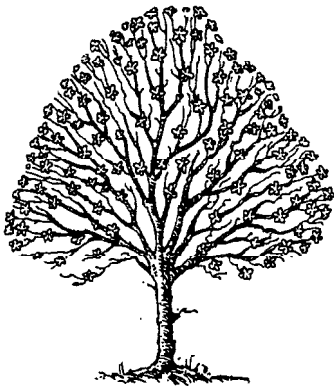
All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today. Put a seed in the ground and all the company of nature; soil, rain and sunshine, are put to work. We haven't conquered nature – we obey it. Nature is but a name for the activity of God.

### **ARE YOU ENJOYING GOD'S BEAUTIFUL SPRING?**

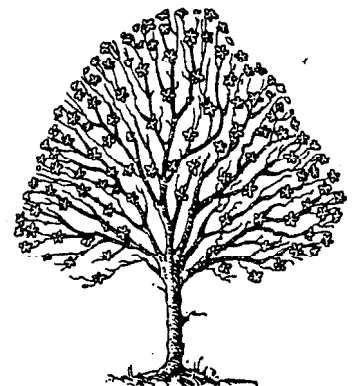
"Earth's crammed with heaven and every common bush is afire with God. But, only he who sees, takes off his shoes...." Browning.

We hope you will take time to soak in the colors, the smells, and the feelings of God's season of Spring. Be sure to plant some seeds and to Bloom Where You Are Planted. Think of the potential of a package of seeds. We may not be planted where we want to be, but if we bloom where we are, think what it could do for others – and for us.

Encouragement from someone is tremendous. Bloom in the midst of sickness, joy, sorrows, success, in the storm and in the sunshine. Never forget the importance of one flower blooming – one candle lit.



*The Lord always leaves a Season  
With a teeming nest of young'uns,  
In the heat of expectation,  
In a blaze of color,  
Or as a snowy white spectacle.*  
**Anita**



# UPCOMING ADULT PLUS! PROGRAMS

“Who’s Coming to Dinner?”

The Rev. Dr. James C. Howell, better known to the members of Davidson United Methodist Church as James, will come our way on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to speak at our Adults Plus meeting. The lead story for the North Meck Leader in the March 15<sup>th</sup> issue features the contrast between The Rev. Lenny Stadler’s style at Weddington United Methodist Church and James’ style at Davidson United Methodist Church, reminding us that there is room for diversity within the United Methodist denomination in seeking to serve a diverse population.

James will share his insights on “The Aging of Christianity”. Under his leadership, Davidson United Methodist Church has become one of 15 churches nationwide designated by Duke Divinity School as a Teaching Congregation for pastors-in-training.

**Call the reservation line to sign-up for the Adults Plus meeting on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM and plan to stay for lunch at 12:00PM (cost \$3).** You may also make your reservation by signing-up in your Sunday School class. **Please remember to bring your items for the Health Kit for Missions (list enclosed in this newsletter).**

Mark your calendar for May 15<sup>th</sup> when our own Joseph F. “Chick” Thompson, resident author and photographer, will join us to present our May meeting. His latest accomplishment is winning the grand prize in Creative Loafing’s search for the best non-fiction short story in which he shares the development of a 5-year-long relationship with a disciple of Charles Manson. Chick will share his story of this relationship with us.

June 19<sup>th</sup> takes us to the lake-side home of Melvin and Anita McIntosh for our annual picnic. Check this newsletter’s calendar of events for more details. Everyone is invited!



## ✂ HEALTH KIT FOR MISSIONS ✂

- 1 hand towel
- 1 comb (regular size - not pocket)
- 1 bath bar of soap in original wrapper
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 nail file or clipper
- 1 toothbrush
- 6 adhesive bandages

Place the items in the new towel and tie with a string or yarn and place inside a sealed one gallon plastic bag with zipper closure ✂



## Lakota Offering Report

So far in 2002 Adults Plus! members have contributed:

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| January  | \$ 10.00 |
| February | \$149.00 |
| March    | \$143.00 |

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

- April 17:** James C. Howell, Adults Plus! Meeting and lunch (10:30AM-1:00PM)  
**May 7-10:** St. Simon/Savannah Trip (leave Tuesday at 8AM / return Friday by 4PM)  
**May 15:** Chick Thompson, Adults Plus! Meeting and lunch (10:30AM-1:00PM)  
**June 19:** Annual picnic to McIntosh's at lake (9:00AM-4:00PM) *Fried chicken*  
**July 24:** Flat Rock Playhouse "South Pacific" (7:00AM, return approx. 6:30PM)  
**Aug. 21:** Ericsson Stadium / Blumenthal Performing Arts Center "Behind the Scenes Tour", lunch possibly at Showmar's (9:30AM-mid afternoon)



### Day Trip to Flat Rock Playhouse "South Pacific" in July

Travel on July 24<sup>th</sup> to the beautiful mountains in Western North Carolina. In Historic Hendersonville, there's time to shop and browse for that unique article in one of the many quaint antique and specialty shops. Along the elaborately designed streets is your choice to find that item you've always wanted. Hendersonville is known for its charm and small town tradition. Lunch is included at one of the local eateries. After lunch, we will experience "South Pacific" at the Flat Rock Playhouse. This musical features some of the best-loved music

written for stage: "Some Enchanted Evening", "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair", "Bali Hai" and "Younger Than Spring." Sit back, relax, and enjoy this delightful performance.

**Times: Leave 7:00AM - return by 6:30PM**  
**Price Per Person: \$75 - Full payment due with reservation by June 16, 2002. Make checks payable to Burke Tours.**

**For reservations contact: Joe Hamrick at 704-588-8313.**



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#### Update on Melvin McIntosh:

Melvin and Anita were riding bicycles, Melvin's bike slipped on some sand, and he fell – turning back and breaking his leg an inch or so above the ankle. The emergency ambulance was there in 5 minutes, and later in the day, on April 6, Melvin underwent a three hour operation.

Now at home, he will have to keep his leg elevated for several weeks with a 20 week recovery period. No flying airplanes, driving boats, or skiing during that time.

Early Sunday morning, April 7, Anita received a call that Melvin's younger brother, Charles, had passed away during Saturday night.

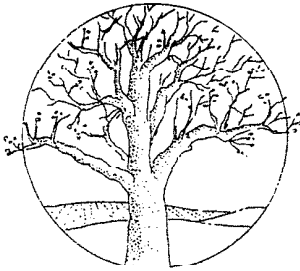
Let us keep Melvin in our thoughts and prayers as he deals with his recovery and the loss of his brother. Melvin's home address is 2832 Morris Lane, Denver, NC 28037.

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#### Cancellation Policy for Adults Plus! Trips

The cancellation policy for Adults Plus! trips adopted by the Adults Plus! council on March 20, 2002, is as follows: No refunds after payment

deadline, unless cancellation due to medical reasons and then refunds will be reviewed on an individual basis.



# SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

By Bill and Mabel Doser

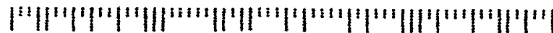
Our Spiritual Life Retreat will be September 30th - October 2nd, 2002, at The Terrace Hotel, Lake Junaluska. Janet Collins, leader of the retreat, will discuss the life and writings of C. S. Lewis, focusing on the spirituality of his writings.

Janet is an outstanding teacher and speaker and has served in many leadership capacities in the Western North Carolina Conference, including serving as President of the Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women.

Plan to attend this exciting retreat! Make reservations NOW by contacting Barbara Barden or Nancy Holmes. Payment in full due by: August 19, 2002

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| Cost - includes lodging and 5 meals | Single Occupancy              | \$156.25 |
|                                     | Per Person - Double Occupancy | \$112.25 |

If needed, transportation will be provided by the church at an additional cost.



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