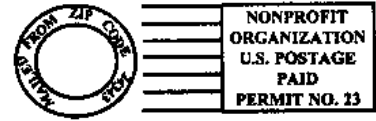


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By this all men will know that you are my disciples,
 if you have love for one another." John 13:35

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS "I will surely bless you"...Hebrews 6:14.

Once again, CWF will be collecting "Blessing Boxes" for our annual remittance at the Virginia Women's SPA Day in April. March 15th has been designated as Blessing Box Sunday" for the year 2009. This is a reminder to those of you who practice this tradition, to prepare your boxes for collection during the March 15th Worship Service. Your coins become symbols of recognition for the way Gad has blessed you, as well as a means of bringing blessings into the lives of others through Disciples Mission Fund. Do not leave your boxes in the vestibule, but bring them with you to worship Sunday. Baskets will be passed to collect the boxes for dedication. If you do not have a Blessing Box, we welcome your loose change or checks made payable to HCC Christian Women's Fellowship. After the boxes have been emptied, we will return your boxes to you for another year's remembrance of blessings to be collected in the spring of 2010. We thank you for your support and may God richly bless you.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Please mark your calendars to attend the March 19th gathering of CWF. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the New Fellowship Hall for Dinner, followed by a brief business meeting. Therese Sapone, our guest speaker, will be joining us with her program entitled, "Mind, Body and Soul". Therese has a very interesting life story. Born in Holland, surviving the Nazi invasion of WWII, marrying a U.S. service man and moving to the states, she has adopted the USA as her home and is a U.S. citizen. Her spiritual testimony is inspiring and comforting. She has been a physical trainer for many years and will instruct us on how to incorporate a daily physical workout for aging bodies. Therese has recorded a CD of spiritual hymns and we've asked her to sing a couple of those selections for us. Ladies...don't miss this one! Mark your calendars now to enjoy an evening of fun, food and fellowship.

Food Pantry
needs for this month are:
 canned chicken, beef stew,
 quick cooking oatmeal, boxed
 cereal, peanut butter, canned
 soups, diapers, pull-ups,
 any basic need.
Thank you for your donations!



Thanks to all who came out in
 support of our **MARDI GRAS**
Chili Cook-off Contest!
 We will have a longer article
 on this event in next week's
 newsletter!

<u>Thurs.-12</u>	<u>Friday-13</u>	<u>Saturday-14</u>	<u>Sunday-15</u>	<u>Monday- 16</u>	<u>Tuesday-17</u>	<u>Weds.-18</u>
			SS- 9:45 am Worship- 11:00am Potato Bar after worship			Christian Ed - 6pm Choir- 7 pm

Our Shut-Ins



Grayson Nursing & Rehab-Indep.
Lattie Alderman

Waddell:

Hannah Alderman, Ethel Vass,

Wheatland:

Harry & Helen McGrady
Alene Bowman
Bobby Henley

Valley Health Care Center
Don Nichols

Jack & Mildred Cooley
Countryside Manor
770 US HWY 158
Stokesdale, NC 27357

Wallace Hall
Ridgefield Assisted Living
155 Ridgefield Dr.
Marion, VA 24354

Volunteer and Serving List for March 8, 2009

Elders: Erroll Rhea Jett, Dale Ross

Serving: Jonathan McGrady, Corine Elkins
Derrick Spence, Bethel Webb

Greeters: Derrick Spence

Children's Church/ Nursery: Vickie Ross

S.S.Refreshments: Mike & Linda Kay Smith

Flowers: Vance and Margaret Leggett

Tellers: Betty Kilbourne

Counting Up!

Mar. 8, 2009
Sunday School Attendance 28
Sunday School Offering \$19.50
Worship Service Attendance 76
Offering \$2458
Week of compassion- \$270
Building Fund- \$100
Food Pantry- \$50
Outreach- \$25

POTATO BAR!!

The Youth and Kids will be sponsoring a potato bar immediately after church on March 15. The proceeds will be used to help our kids attend summer camp at Craig Springs. Make plans now to attend the potato bar and help support the youth and kids. If you are unable to attend, you can still help by making a donation to the church and specify for "church camp." Hope to see you there!

Do You Know How Important it is? The Disciples Mission Fund

Exciting things are happening through Disciples shared outreach ministries. Disciples are leading the New Church Movement in the USA. We are developing new leaders for congregations through our Leadership Fellows Program and institutions of higher education. Disciples continue to coordinate work trips and send volunteers to the Gulf Coast through Disciples Home Missions. Regional ministries provide vital support for congregations as they call pastors and transform into vibrant 21st century communities of faith. Join us as we continue the excitement of sharing the Good News through our common mission fund.

Disciples Mission Fund is a ministry of money that links congregations, regions, institutions of higher education and general units in the mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This ministry is a faithful witness of receiving, caring and giving in Christian community. Disciples Mission Fund receives contributions from more than 2,800 Disciples congregations to support the worldwide mission of the church. Our ministry in your community and to the world is important. Thousands of lives are changed daily because of Disciples generosity. The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) encourages congregations to place a line item in their budgets for Disciples Mission Fund. Congregations provide opportunities to individuals to share their abundance in over-and-above giving through Special Offerings received at Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These four Special Offerings are designated Disciples Mission Fund giving:

EASTER – for general ministries implementation of Disciples Imperative to strengthen congregational life.

PENTECOST – for new church development, divided equally between the region in which the offering is received and general new church ministry.

THANKSGIVING – for higher education institutions who are responsible for the theological education of the church's leaders.

CHRISTMAS – for regional ministries in the region where the funds are contributed for implementation of the church's imperative: "To strengthen congregational life for this mission."

Our Mission as Disciples is "to be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the Earth" (Acts 1:8).

THANK YOU

Be sure to thank Joe & Jonathon McGrady for the gracious donation of a copier to the church! If you have not seen it, be sure to check it out in the Christian Ed building in the living room.

Faith Fellowship Food Fun Fifth Sunday



On March 29 at 6 p.m., our church family is invited to our first Fifth Sunday Celebration of 2009. Plan now to bring a covered dish and your whole family to the new fellowship hall for an evening of sharing, learning, entertainment and, of course, good food!(Drinks will be provided.) Fun for all!

VETERANS: We need your help!

The Worship Department is beginning work on a booklet featuring our living veterans and a record of their military service. Copies will be presented to our church families on Veterans Sunday in November. We hope you will agree to be interviewed and to share your recollections when contacted.

If you are a veteran of the armed services and your name is NOT on the list below, please contact Jim Kilbourne at 728-7512. Thank you for your assistance and for your service to our nation. We are proud of all of you! Hillsville Christian Church Veterans: Coolidge Beasley, Moir Branscome, Chester Cochran, Edd Cole, Frank Cooley, Jack Cooley, Raleigh Cooley, Dale Crowder, Randall Dalton, Gene Elkins, Bobby Henley, Erroll Rhea Jett, Harry McGrady, Jack McGrady, Don Nichols, Arvin Quesenberry, Dale Ross.