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A NEW YEAR, A NEW DECADE, A NEW BEGINNING

of Christian Dedication

By: Dorothy Walker

It seems like only yesterday when we worried that computers and electronics would crash and disrupt world systems when the calendar turned from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000. We worried about terrorist attacks during the massive celebrations and that champagne would be in short supply for years to come after the historical change from one century to another.

As we know, these events did not come to pass during the build up to Y2K and the world continued on as before. It seems a little silly in hindsight but was of major concern at that time.

We could not imagine what did lie ahead. Now we look back on the 00's as a decade dominated by a sense of fear, war and economic uncertainty. We felt the world had changed. We have all been affected; we are veterans of a new era. Our younger people know no other world.

What does it mean to us as Christians and church goers at Chestnut Ridge UMC as we stand at the doorway of a new decade? As we step through, we do not know what lies ahead anymore now than we did in 1999. On personal, mature levels, we have human expectations of joy and love of life but also understand there will be disappointments, loss and fears of different natures to face.

We can start the new decade with a renewed sense of hope, secure in the knowledge that God is in control. That He has great expectations for His church and His people at Chestnut Ridge. As children of God, we strive to please Him through our actions and faith. We may not be able to impact world events as they occur, but we can impact individual lives through our actions in our own communities and through the United Methodist Church and Global Ministries.

As we reflect on our own personal goals and resolutions for the New Year, if we keep Christ first, we trust the rest will follow. When we face the trials, tribulations and fears that are part of the human experience, may God give us the strength to move forward with the full confidence that we are under His loving care.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in Him; And He shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:5

"May today be all you need it to be. May the peace of God and the freshness of the Holy Spirit rest in your thoughts, rule in your dreams tonight, and conquer all your fears. May God manifest himself today in ways you have never experienced before. May your joys be fulfilled, your dreams be closer, and your prayers be answered. I pray that faith enters a new height for you; I pray that your territory is enlarged. I pray for peace, healing, health, happiness, prosperity, joy, true and undying love for God". (Author unknown, from personal email)

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Getting to Know Kim Allen

By: Kim Allen

I am not a local. I was raised in Crozet, Virginia. It's a small town that grew up around the train station at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Now it's practically a suburb of a Charlottesville and it's the home of Rita Mae Brown's Sneaky Pie mysteries. But at that time it was a small spot; we didn't even rate a stop light! But there was plenty to keep me busy. I did baton, banged on the piano, rode horses, swam, (sometimes swam horses), helped my Dad keep a small herd of Hereford and Angus cattle, worked the garden and generally dealt with the small menagerie of animals that passed through our lives: ducks, chickens, assorted hound dogs, the house dogs and two horses. Oh, and I usually kept my nose stuck in a book or two.

Church was a major part of my life. We went to the Ivy Creek United Methodist Church (<http://www.ivycreekumc.org/>) outside of Charlottesville and my mom was a Sunday School teacher. It was like Chestnut Ridge in that a lot of folks were family or old family friends. Everyone knew everyone else and we were always there for covered dish dinners, work days, craft days, vacation bible school and, of course, services.

In 1982 I went to UVA. Ivy Creek was still my home church but I sometimes attended St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (<http://www.st-thomas-aquinas.org/index.php>). Partially it was because my roommate was Catholic. Partially it was because St. Thomas was only five minutes away from my dorm and partially it was because the priests there would discuss/argue anything under the sun with you. It made for some lively evenings.

It was also at UVA that I met Wade. He graduated a year before me and returned to Wisconsin to build armour. So 1985-86 saw me running up my parent's long distance phone bills. When he came down for my graduation, he proposed to me one evening on the lawn at UVA. A very glorious moment. Though it probably would have been better, if I hadn't been yelling at him for dragging me half way across campus after a long day of student teaching, end of year evaluations, and the joys of airport parking. ;0). But he put up with me and we were married a year later at Ivy Creek. After graduation, we spent a year in Milwaukee. Wade made armour and I worked at Waldenbooks. We then spent two years in Madison as starving graduate students. In 1989 we graduated and Wade was offered a position with IBM, so southward we came. We were in Durham for a number of years and then moved to Efland in 1998. Geoffrey put in his appearance in 1999.

While we were in Wisconsin and in Durham, we had fallen away from the church. However, once Geoffrey started walking and talking, we knew it was time to return. We attended Vacation Bible School here and here we are. I enjoy my church family and I hope I am becoming a better Christian. Of course, it has its up's and down's. There are days when I see God's glory and will in everything around me: other days I get too focused on my own situation. But at least I recognize that now and can take a step back and start again.



Kim employing her baking skills at the "Streets of Bethlehem"

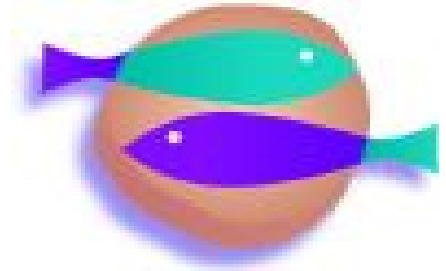
Committees of Chestnut Ridge UMC 2010 Officers
January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010

Education and Nurture: (Chair: Denise Collins)
 Angela Bobal Debbie Clayton Dana Clayton Chris Scott
 Debra Elmore Kim Allen Tina Hooker

Outreach and Witness: (Chair: Joyce Clayton)
 Dorothy Walker Gertrude Jones Doris Cook Hilda Sykes
 Rick Moore Ronnie Cecil Jeanne Metcalf

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 Communion: Merita Cheek Ushers Coordinator: Marietta Ray
 Flowers: Gertrude Jones Choir Director: Julie Perez
 Pianist: Kate Allison Pastor: Sang Park
 Welcoming Team:
 Hilda Sykes, Jason Elmore,
 Alex Sykes, Sally Ivey

Lay Leadership: (Chair: Pastor Sang Park)
 Class of 2010 Class of 2011 Class of 2012
Joyce Clayton Hilda Sykes Ann Osburn
 Joan Cecil Lynn Ray
 Lay Leader: Chuck Collins
 Pastor (Chair) Sang Park
 Vice-Chair- Presents report to Administrative Church Council



*Sharing God's Gifts
through Service*

Pastor/Parish Relationship: (PPRC) (Chair: Chuck Collins)
 Class of 2010 Class of 2011 Class of 2012
 Debbie Clayton Morris Shambley Sally Ivey
 Peggy Cates Nancy Holmes Kay Brown
 Dorothy Walker, (Lay Member to AC) (2010)
Tyler Moore, (Youth Rep.)

Trustees: (Chair: Johnny Cates)
 Class of 2010 Class of 2011 Class of 2012
 Doris Cecil Johnny Cates Joan Cecil
 Alex Sykes York Squires Lindsay Tapp

Finance: (Chair: Jason Elmore)
 Jimmy Cheek (Administrative Council Chair) Kay Brown (Treasurer)
 Chuck Collins (Lay Leader) Peggy Cates (Finance Secretary)
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 PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY COORDINATOR Gertrude Jones
 ADMINISTRATIVE CHURCH COUNCIL (Chair: Jimmy Cheek), (Secretary: Debra Elmore)

(Names underlined denotes new to committee/position)

Prayer Requests



Members

Amber Ray Jones	Jonathan Ray	Allen Cates	Michael Elmore
Katelyn Elmore	Lambert Cates	Gordon and Lois Elmore	Unspoken Prayers
Kim Allen	Inez Shambley	Lynn Ray	Edna Dawkins
Sam Cates	Frances Thompson	Gertrude Jones	Jason Elmore

Family and Friends

Joyce Collins	Doris Lawrence	Ann Laura Turner	Jane Edwards	Frances Wall
Chris Scott	Jane Park	Ronald Collins	Chris Tapp	Emagrace Blanton
Hugh Eckerd	Jackie Shoffner	Jervey Huskey	Angela Ellis	Cecil Davis
Susie Wood	Connie Wood	Katelyn Johnson	Larry Jones	
Family of Alma Brown		Family of Everett Foscil	Family of Morgan Minnis	

Those who are serving in the military at home and overseas:

Marv Singer, Na Darius Whitfed, Wes Hughes, Justin Bobal

The Ministry and Mission of Chestnut Ridge UMC

Those affected by the economy

Those who are grieving

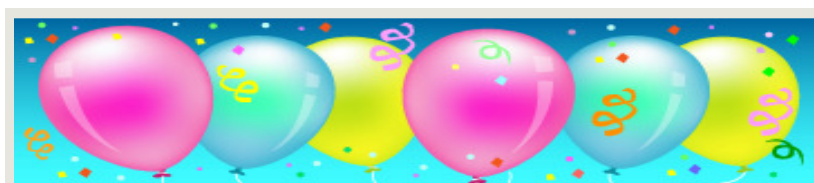
Those who are travelling and those whose families are far away

Special prayers for Pastor Sang, for his ministry of **two** congregations

Birthday Celebrations

12/08/09 Jeanne Metcalfe and 12/17/09 Ben Carroll (belated wishes)

~	1/8 Jackson Cecil	1/18 Lucas Cates	~
~	1/9 Lois Elmore	1/18 Chris Scott	~
~	1/9 Pat Osburn	1/19 Rick Moore	~
~	1/9 Geoffrey Allen	1/30 Johnny Cates	~
~	1/11 Dana Clayton	1/31 Morgan Ivey	~
~	1/17 Kim Allen	1/31 Sharon Cates	~



NO JANUARY ANNIVERSARYS

Community Bulletin Board

1/1 ** Saehae Bock Mani ba deu sei yo! ; Bonne Annee; L'Shanna Tovah;
 ** Prosit Neujahr ; Feliz Ano-neuvo; Heri Za Mwaka Mpya* ;
 ** Akimashite Omadetto Gozaalmasu; Whatever the language, we wish
 * all peoples of the world; good will, peace and a Happy New Year!

1/3 11 am Ben Carroll, Ministry Intern will preach

* Fellowship Meal following Worship Service

1/4 & 1/18 10 am Morning Bible Study will resume @ Carol Baker's home

* 5 pm Food For All (See signup sheet)

1/6 & 1/20 7 pm Choir Practice

1/7 7 pm Evening Bible Study @ CRUMC (**Every Thursday**)

1/10 11 am Service for Baptismal Renewal & Installation of 2010 Officers

* "Multicultural Ministry in 21st Century" Workshop & Team Meeting-Mt. Sylvan UMC in Durham-Sang attends

* 6 pm UMM Supper

1/11 Dcom Meeting @ Front Street UMC in Graham (Sang to attend)

1/17 4 pm Joint PPRC & Mid-Term Evaluation for Ben Carroll, Ministry Intern @ Clover Garden UMC

1/18 5 pm Food for All (See signup sheet)

1/19 7 pm CRUMC PPRC Meeting

1/21 9:30-2 pm 3rd Thursday for seniors @ Camp CR (Reservations to Joyce Clayton by 1/18)

1/24 3-5:30 pm Leadership Training @ Front Street UMC in Graham (Don't forget the Blue Jean collection)

1/25 7 pm Worship Committee

**Korean, French, Hebrew, German, Spanish, Swahili and Japanese (Translations from: theholidayspot.com)



Words of Wisdom for the New Year

Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle

A sharp tongue can cut your own throat

If you want your dreams to come true you must not over sleep

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important

The best vitamin for making friends is B 1

The happiness of your life depends on your thoughts

The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge

The one thing that you can give and still keep is your word

The problem ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us

If you lack the courage to start, then you are already finished

One thing you can't recycle is wasted time

Ideas won't work unless 'you' do

Your mind is like a parachute, it only functions when it's open

The Ten Commandments are not a multiple choice



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Tuesdays 3-6 pm
Pastor's Sabbath:
Mondays until 2 pm & Fridays

Sunday Schedule:
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Choir Practice:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.crumc-nc.org

As a community of believers in Jesus Christ, our vision is to be a "beacon of God's love, reaching out and growing!" Our mission is to GO and make passionate disciples for Jesus Christ.

January Food Needs for OCIM are:
Soup (Regular/low sodium/condensed/all sizes
Just for Kids:
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

February 2010 Newsletter Deadline: January 24, 2010

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