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Happy Father's Day June 21, 2009

Homecoming

By Dorothy Walker

Did you know that we have approximately 190 people on our membership role? If everyone who is still a member of Chestnut Ridge UMC were to return for Homecoming, we really would have to put up a tent or arbor as they did in the early days of our church. Homecoming is a time for coming together in Worship and Christian fellowship. We honor our past, celebrate our present and prayerfully look toward the future. As a House of Worship, Chestnut Ridge offers all "a home", so if you are a member, visitor or just looking, please come home. This year we will have our traditional covered dish meal after the service and our featured speaker will be Rev. Jay Bissett, former Chestnut Ridge pastor from 1995-1999.

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Welcome Home



Memorial Association and the Chestnut Ridge Cemetery

By Dorothy Walker with Lindsay Tapp

Since 1839, the Chestnut Ridge Cemetery has been the final resting place for many CRUMC members. In 1941, a Memorial Association was established for the management and upkeep of the cemetery. The older (upper) portion is complete (filled). The newer (lower) section has been marked and plotted out by the late Ruth Tapp, Lindsay Tapp and York Squires. Ruth was a vital member of the Association for many years. Lindsay Tapp, Johnny Cates and Jason Elmore make up the management team. Kent Cates keeps the grounds in pristine condition and Alex Sykes makes sure that Veterans are honored with flags on special days.

Financial support is generated through fees for burial plots and donations throughout the year. (Especially at Memorial Day and Homecoming Services). At Homecoming, the Memorial Association gives an annual report. A vase with fresh flowers is provided in memory of each person buried at CR during the past year. Family members are urged to take these flowers home. Those memorialized this year are:

Phyllis Mills (Memorial service, burial elsewhere)	
Carlton Thompson	Alton Thompson
Carl Thomasson	Ruby Hatch
James Minnis	JB Faucette Jr.
Linda Hatch	

Interview with Frances Carter Westbrook

By: Joyce Clayton

Frances was born in Orange County on March 5, 1923 on Lebanon Road, northwest of Efland. She grew up in the same vicinity. Her parents were Lula and Murdock Shanklin. She has one sister, Pearl and one brother, David.

Frances remembers things back then being quite different from today. She remembers walking everywhere they went. Her personal faith walk began at Lebanon Methodist Church. This is where she was baptized. Children walked to school and church barefooted in the summer time. There were no school buses. The old school, named Rehoboth wasn't too far from their house. There were only three classmates in her first grade. After two years at Rehoboth, she went to the bigger school in Efland. This is where she continued until graduating with thirteen students in her class. She finished with the honor of Salutatorian.

Her beau was Hubert Carter, who was serving in the US Navy. She married Hubert when she was twenty four years old. They adopted a son, Don, who now lives in Florida. She has two grandchildren, two great grandchildren (and expecting a third).

Frances and Hubert were in the insurance business in Mebane, working side by side. They lived in the Buckhorn/Chestnut Ridge Community until they retired. After retiring, they moved to an assisted living home in Burlington where Frances continues to live and maintain her independence. They had been married for forty six years when Hubert died in 1993.

Frances married Aaron Westbrook in March of 1999. Aaron is now living at the Spring View Rest Home in Burlington.

In 1992, Frances and Hubert gave a scholarship fund of \$50,000 to Chestnut Ridge UMC to help young people further their education. She knows education is essential for living in these times. The principal amount is to remain in the fund with interest being used for scholarship. Due to their generosity and foresight, **thirty four students** have received funds to help further their education. Many, many thanks!

Frances's favorite food is steak. Guess where we ate lunch? Western Steak House! Her favorite color is pink. She loves to read and visit with Aaron. She takes exercise classes three times a week. Hats off to her! After a heart attack several years ago she is now in good physical and spiritual health. She drives all the way to church on Sundays. She drives where she needs to go..... Doctor, drug store, grocery store and frequent visits to Aaron. *She is aging gracefully.* I asked her what kept her going under trying circumstances. She said she puts God first and asks herself what would Jesus do. God helps her to figure out the best solution for the situation. I have known Frances since I was eleven years old and find her to be a kind, humble and gentle person. Visit her and get to know her too!

During trying circumstances, Frances puts God first and asks herself, "What would Jesus do?" God helps her figure out the best solution for the situation.



Frances Carter Westbrook

Community Love in Action

Outreach, Mission and Evangelism

Relay for Life 2009

By: Kim Allen

We made it! The weather was cooperative and so were our supporters. By Saturday morning May 2nd, The Relay had made **\$115,564** and the Kids Walk, **\$7,615.59**. However, it isn't over yet. Chestnut Ridge made a **\$187.00** love offering on May 3rd, and other fundraisers are under way. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us this year. We know it's been tough, but your contributions will allow the American Cancer Society to make a world of difference for those in our community. See you next year!



2009 Relay for Life
Kids Walk

Concert by Mrs. Lee

What a wonderful gift to our community through the beautiful, inspiring voice of Mrs. Jae Sook Lee and the magnificent music by Julie Perez. A love offering of **\$324.00** goes to Efland Cheeks School for afterschool programs. Thank you Mrs Lee and Julie!

Walk for Hunger

By: Dorothy Walker

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, April 26th, some from Chestnut Ridge made a few laps around the walking track at Little River Regional Park. We walked in support of the 2nd annual OCIM Walk for Hunger. We collected **\$130.00** which goes directly to OCIM for local ministry. CROP Walk, which many are familiar with, is scheduled to take place in the fall. In acknowledging that most everyone is affected by economic hardships, our efforts are more and more needed and appreciated. Thank you!

Mother's Day Bulletin

Thanks to the CR Youth for their special Mother's Day Bulletin. **\$176.00** was raised for the ZOE Ministry!

Living Our Vision and Mission

In our April Newsletter we wrote about a recent workshop on Evangelism, and God's command that we "joyfully share the good news" or "share the gospel". How do we do this without feeling awkward or uncomfortable? For the next few months we will list ways that Rev. Van Spivey shared with us. Hopefully you will be helped in your own faith walk of making disciples for Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world. Remember, it's about Relationships! **78% of people come to Christ through a friend or relative.**

*You must care enough about people to be willing to step outside your comfort zone. "Just walk across the room".

* Develop friendships with non-Christians. No one is a "project"! Don't hide your faith -but don't wave it in someone's face either. Lunch/coffee, ballgames/concerts/movies etc. would be good activities

* Take the time to discover their life stories before you share yours

* Discern appropriate next steps with gifts such as a Bible, Christian book/CD etc. Invite them to church, Sunday school, Bible Studies, Christian concert, a mission project. Serve them through acts of compassion. PRAY for them (this ought to be NUMBER ONE!)

* At the right time share both the gospel and your faith story. Do you know the gospel? This must be about Jesus. Do you know your own story? Who you were before you knew Christ? Who are you becoming and how has Christ made a difference? Keep it short and honest. Can you invite a person to accept Christ? Do you know what to say? Create opportunities for your Christian and non-Christian friends to interact. (We will continue next month.)

Prayer Requests

Members

Amber Ray Jones	Brandon Hooker	Allen Cates
Gordon Elmore	Jennifer Hooker	Sam Cates
Michael Elmore	Jordan Elmore	Lambert Cates
Edna Dawkins	Frances Thompson	Jeff & Julie Perez
Katelyn Elmore	Gertrude Jones	Chuck Collins
Lynn Ray	Dustin Clayton	

Military Service

Chris Collins, Iraq
 Wes Hughes, SC
 Erika Couturier, Tx
 Siobhan Celusta, Germany
 Marv Singer, Iraq
 Na Darius Whitfed, Afghanistan
 Michael Edwards, Iraq
 Mike and Pat Sykes son-in-law Iraq

MINISTRY AND MISSION AT RIDGE GARDEN CHARGE

Friends and Family

Joyce Collins	Aaron Westbrook	Ray de Friess	Beth Newton
Ann Laura Turner	Ronnie Holloway	Hunter Williams	Doris Lawrence
Joan Walsh	Eddy Knighten	Barbara Adams	Randy Clark
Sarah Overanker	Rhonda Parker's Father	Tony Borg	Nate Terrell
Howard Coble	Jeff and Brenda Wall	Deb Romeo	Medlin Family
Glenn Family	Nichole Pittard	Sharon Tony	Henry Shambley
Ronnie Williams	Jeff Perez		

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Celebrations

Birthdays

6/14 Julie Perez
 6/15 Kyle Hooker
 6/20 Jordan Elmore
 6/20 Siarra Cates
 6/25 Janice Wilson

Anniversaries

6/10 Roger and Sally Ivey
 6/20 Buck and Joyce Clayton—57 years!
 6/26 Chuck and Denise Collins

Congratulations High School Graduates

Dana Clayton at St. Marks's on May 16, 2009
 Brandon Hooker from Orange High on June 11, 2009
 Lauren Wood from Orange High on June 11, 2009



Community Bulletin Board



- 6/1 10:00 am Morning Bible Study (1ST & 3RD Mondays) location TBA
 6/1 5:00 pm Food For All (1st & 3rd Mondays) see signup sheet
 6/1 7:00 pm Administrative Church Council (all members to attend)
 6/4 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study (every Thursday @ CRUMC)
 6/6 11am–6 pm Music in the Meadow @ Clover Garden, (CRUMC Youth & UMM will have food tent)
 6/7 Evangelism Celebration Sunday (Outreach and Mission Committee) Fellowship Meal following service
 6/7 Clover Garden Homecoming
 6/8 7:00 pm Worship Committee
 6/10th –13th NC Annual Conference in Greenville, NC (Pastor Sang and Dorothy Walker will represent CRUMC)
 6/14 11:00 am Communion Service--Summer Intern, Lyndsie Kidd, will preach
 6/14 6:00 pm Methodist Men
 6/16 7:00 pm Education and Nurture Committee
 6/18 3rd Thursday @ Camp CR & Retreat Center is **off for the summer**, will resume in September
 6/21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Also First Day of Summer
 6/28 Home Coming Sunday with guest speaker, Rev. Jay Bissett (covered dish meal following service)
 6/29 Burlington District Set-Up Meeting

OCIM FOOD FOR JUNE: Mayonnaise, Ketchup and Jelly, Just for Kids: Your favorite kind of Cereal

“A Little Story”

This was presented as a devotional at one of our Joint PPRC Meetings. It is timeless and bears repeating!

This is a story about someone named **EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, AND NOBODY**. There was an important job to be done and **EVERYBODY** was sure that **SOMEBODY** would do it. **ANYBODY** could have done it but **NOBODY** did it. **SOMEBODY** got angry about that because it was **EVERYBODY'S** job. **EVERYBODY** thought **ANYBODY** could do it but **NOBODY** realized that **EVERYBODY** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **EVERYBODY** blamed **SOMEBODY** when **NOBODY** did what **ANYBODY** could have done.

The church in this world will never be a church of perfect people, but rather it is a place where imperfect people can go to perfect themselves before the Lord!



Are you talking to me???

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9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
7:00 pm Choir Practice

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 Go
and make passionate disciples for Jesus Christ

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