

Queens Creek United Methodist Church

March 2017 Newsletter

Rev. Gary Gandy

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Pondering With the Pastor

As I sit in front of my fireplace this winter, I am noticing that the nights aren't quite as cold or long. We will soon be planting flowers and gardens, seeing the trees bud and the grass turn green. We will be changing our warm coats and socks for tee shirts and flip flops. We all have our favorite things about every season and I suppose that is why God created them. As much as I enjoy feeling the heat of a fire in the fireplace on a cold night, I also enjoy seeing and smelling the blossoms of the apple trees. When we see new life in the blooming flowers and newborn birds of the spring, we should be reminded of the seasons of our lives. Just as the young plants start out needing to be nurtured, we start out needing to be taken care of.

Then, we go through the summer of our youth when God provides all of the things we need to exercise our minds and bodies to grow; just as the plants grow from the sunshine and nutrients in the soil. Then we go into the fall where the plants finish growing and producing their fruit of many kinds. In our fall we should be producing our fruits for God, because just as the plants, our season in time to produce fruit for Christ is limited. Each of us will eventually reach the winter of our lives, where just as the plants, we wither and die. But just as the seed of the plant is reborn in the spring, we will be reborn in the master's season. So, let's live each day of this season for the purpose that God made for us

May God bless,
Pastor Gary



I would like to thank the Women's Circle for awarding me the Seven Star Pin. It was a total surprise and I definitely was not expecting such an honorable award. I truly appreciate it and it was something I will never forget.

Sincerely,
Joe Hartsoe

A Thought for St. Patrick's Day

Have you ever stopped to ponder
At the wonder of His ways?
Prayers unanswered, will so often
Prove His love in later days.
Yet we humans pout and worry,
Selfishly we ask our will ~
Thinking surely God's ignoring
Plans we want Him to fulfill.
As you come into His presence,
Though it seems your prayer's unheard;
Rest upon the Father's goodness,
In His love, and in His Word.
Claim His promises,
Know He's able,
Seek His heart in all you do,
Dream big dreams,
Asking His wisdom ~
You will find God's love is true!

Connie Hinnen Cook



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Church News and Happenings



Boy Scout Troop 743
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**Meatball Sub
 DINNER**

March 11, 2017
 4:30 – 6:30 PM

**Meatball Sandwich, Fries & Beverage
 \$6.00**

Please come out and support the Boy Scouts



Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 a.m.

Senior Ministry News

The Senior Ministry Team hopes to see you on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Come to enjoy special food and fellowship. Sometimes the weather can be unpredictable this time of year. If we get inclement weather near the luncheon date, please call Carol Hartsoe, (910) 330-0578, to find out if our plans have to be cancelled.



Queens Creek United Methodist Church Schedule

- ✿ Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Please come and join us.
- ✿ Worship Service is Every Sunday at 11 a.m. Nursery is provided. Please come and join us.
- ✿ Girls Scouts meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.
- ✿ AA Meeting is every Monday at 7 p.m.
- ✿ Boys Scouts meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- ✿ Cub Scouts meet every Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
- ✿ The Council meeting is the first Monday of each month at 7pm.
- ✿ The U.M. Men's Meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All men are invited. Please come and join us.
- ✿ Trustees meet on the fourth Monday of each month.
- ✿ Senior Ministry Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- ✿ Senior Ministry Lunches are on the third Tuesday of the month
- ✿ The U.M. Women's Meeting is the fourth Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Manning's house. All women are invited. Please come and join us.
- ✿ Soup & Salad is the second Sunday of the month after services. All are welcome.
- ✿ Luncheon, Movie & Discussion afternoon is on the third Sunday of the month at noon

Happy Birthday to:

Roger Hutson	3/1
Lynn Nesbit	3/2
Carol Hartsoe	3/3
Emily Murry	3/3
Alice Lilley	3/3
Cheryl McCallister	3/4
Jack Layman	3/8
Allen Pittman	3/13
John Horne	3/15
Sandra Lasko	3/15
Jayden Forsythe	3/18
Joanne Edsall	3/21
Raymond Hall	3/22
Chandler Uzzell	3/22
Tara Owings	3/25

Ladies Circle News

Your circle met at the church on Thursday, January 26th at 10:00 a.m. All women are welcome to attend. You do not have to be a member of our church to attend. The only requirement is to help meet the needs of our church, neighborhood, community, and state with Faith, Hope, and Love of God in action.

Several things were discussed:

1. Lack of communication to our ladies in the church.
 - a. New UMW circle news
 - b. Phone committee set up
 - c. Rides, if needed.
2. Our church has been asked to have the All Officers District meeting at our church on January 13, 2018.
3. The decision to meet at the church:
 - a. On the 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a.m.
 - b. Brief as possible meeting
 - c. To have speakers or programs come in from outside the church if more attend.
 - d. TO continue meeting the needs of our church and missions.
 - e. Easier for all to attend.
4. Spring Yard Sale
 - a. Will be held May 6th (with rain date of May 20th). Please start thinking about what you can donate and how you can help.
 - b. The proceeds go to the church first and then to help with our missions.
5. Fall Craft Fair
 - a. Saturday November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - b. Donations go to help our church, our neighbors, our community, and missions.
6. Our church met all the requirements to be a 7 Star Church in the Southwest District.

Our 2017 goal is:

1. Continue supporting our church with love and fellowship with our Lord and Savior.
2. By continuing to support all our previous missions.
3. Make our meetings more interesting so the women of the church will attend.
4. Remembering those in our church, neighborhood, and community that need our love of God.

We ask all the ladies of the church to seriously think about attending our meetings, if nothing else but to get out. If you would like to come to our February 23rd meeting but do not drive, just let us know.

Thank you! We do this in God's love!



The Ladies Circle met Thursday, February 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The ladies gathered information from, Mary Wilkinson, from Lifetouch Pictorial Church Directories about pictures for an album. We will keep everyone informed on how things are coming along.

The March meeting will be on Thursday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Our speaker will be Lynn Rouse from Swansboro United Methodist Church. Lynn will be speaking and telling us the things they do for missions, some of their programs, and a little about the reading program that she is in charge of.

Please come join us!

Prayer List

Gary & Thud Gandy
John & Louise Horne
Debi Peterson
George & Connie Taylor
Alice Mack
Debbie Barnes
Sandy New
The New Family
Katherine & Alan Hall
Linda Lawrence
Andy & Sandy Lasko
Steven Snow (job)
Deborah Dillon
Lee Rogers
Judy Golda
Mary Yoak
Martha Pittman
Jackie Manning
Jennifer Manning
Our Church
All Unspoken
Leaders of our country & the world



Bill Smith's Atlantic Beach Pie

1 ½ sleeves of saltine crackers
½ to ¾ cup softened unsalted butter
3 tablespoons sugar
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
4 egg yolks
½ cup lemon or lime juice, or a mix of the two
Fresh whipped cream and coarse sea salt for garnish

Preheat oven to 350°. Crush the crackers finely, but not to dust. You can use a food processor or your hands. Add the sugar, then knead in the butter until the crumbs hold together like dough. Press into an 8-inch pie pan. Chill for 15 minutes, then bake for 18 minutes or until the crust colors a little. While the crust is cooling (it doesn't need to be cold), beat the egg yolks into the milk, then beat in the citrus juice. It is important to completely combine these ingredients. Pour into the shell and bake for 16 minutes until the filling has set. The pie needs to be completely cold to be sliced. Serve with fresh whipped cream and a sprinkling of sea salt. Yields one pie.

Our State Magazine

Bulletin Bloopers

Believe it or not, the following announcements actually appeared in various church bulletins...

Don't let worry kill you – let the church help.
*Thursday night – Potluck Supper
Prayer and medication to follow.*

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Ms. Julius Belzer.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Thursday at 5PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the pastor in his study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to the choir practice.

Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with joyful songs. Then the nations said, "The LORD has done spectacular things for them." The LORD has done spectacular things for us. We are overjoyed.

Psalms 126: 2-3

CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



Queen's Creek United Methodist Church
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January 30, 2017

Dear Queen's Creek United Methodist Church Members,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you for your donation of personal care items to the Elder Cheer Program for our 2016 season. Thanks to your donation we had another successful Elder Cheer season!

With the donations of personal care items we received and the assistance of the 4H Clubs of Onslow County, we were able to put together and distribute in excess of 200 Christmas stockings/bags to those living in Adult Care Homes.

We also raised approximately \$4,000.00 in monetary donations for Elder Cheer and as a result purchased personalized gifts for 111 persons who were the most in need. The vast majority of the persons served are residents of adult care and family care homes in Onslow County, while others are adults served through Adult Services of Onslow County DSS.

You may not be aware, but the Elder Cheer Program exists solely because of donations like yours! The program is not an Onslow County or Department of Social Services budgeted item.

Thank you again for your generosity and support of the Elder Cheer Program and the many individuals to whom you made a very tangible difference. I ask that you please remember Elder Cheer this coming season and consider making it an annual tradition to support this cause.

Robert Buckner, Social Worker
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Onslow County Department of Social Services

DaDonna Coulter, Supervisor
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