

Welcome to Binkley! “Every Member A Minister!”

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who desires to unite with this church and share in its ministry and mission. We seek to honor the presence of God and follow the teachings of Christ as an inclusive Christian Community of Faith. Membership in Binkley is not dependent upon race, age, ability, gender, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, spiritual tradition, political affiliation or economic circumstance. Persons may join this church through profession of faith in Jesus Christ and the meaningful experience of baptism by immersion, by transfer from another Christian congregation respecting the mode of baptism by which one has symbolized faith, by reaffirmation of Christian faith, or by request for a watchcare relationship to this congregation while retaining one’s full membership elsewhere. Those who wish to join the church are invited to walk forward during the Hymn of Invitation at the end of morning worship. In a spirit of Christian love, we welcome you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT BINKLEY FEB 21-28

SUNDAY 2/21: 9:30 am Church School
11:00 am First Sunday in Lent, Dale Osborne preaching, *Come to the Table of Yearning*
12:15 pm Mental Health Support Group, Lounge
3:00 pm Faith Connections Panel Discussion, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm Youth Choir\

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY: Dana Trent, Becky and Wayne Robinson, Carol Vander Zwaag and Lin Crocket. Kara Richards-Baker greets today.

TUESDAY 2/23: 10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:30 am Daytime Book Group, Library
12:30 pm Sermon Shaping/Lectionary Bible Studies

WEDNESDAY 2/24: *Newsletter Mailed*
9:00 am Morning Prayer, Chapel
9:30 am Job Seekers Networking Support Group
Wednesday Night at Binkley: 4:30 pm Music and More
5:30 pm Supper for All
6:10 pm Child care or Children's Choir
Adults choose from 3 options:
1. Creating Mandalas (Church Office), Gloria Lightsey-Lewis
2. Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem (Library), Brian Graves
3. Living Our Values as Parents, (Youth Room), Sybil Wagner

SUNDAY 2/28: 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
9:30 am Church School
11:00 am Second Sunday in Lent: Rev. George Reed preaching
12:00 pm Church in Conference
12:15 pm Mental Health Support Group, Lounge
3:00 pm Binkley/Barbee Gathering, Fellowship Hall
2:30 pm Youth Group, 5:00 pm Youth Choir

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES:

- How a Poem Means, Library till the Sunroom is warm again
- Coffee and Conversation, Room 17
- Introduction to the Bible, Lounge
- Greening Binkley Church, Room 16
- Introduction to the Bible, Lounge (Feb 21: scenes from Jesus' ministry found only in Luke; Feb 28: Luke's Passion Story - the Trials and death of Jesus; art: Ciseri, Ecce homo).

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP meets Tuesday, February 23rd, 10:30, in the library at Binkley. And the March gathering will be on Tuesday, March 23rd, 10:30, also in the library. Join us!

DEACON NOMINATIONS: Prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve our congregation as a deacon. If you feel this is not the right time to accept the nomination, please remove your name from the list of eligible candidates posted in the narthex. You may also contact the church office (942-4964; office@binkleychurch.org) to have Mo remove your name.

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE: When One Suffers From Mental Illness, Sunday Feb 21, 3-4:30, Binkley Church: panel discussion of how the faith community plays an essential role in dealing with the pain, isolation and stigma of mental illness. Panelists include: Rev. Steve Hickle (Fairmont UMC), Rev. Emmanuel Katongole (Duke Divinity School), and Rev. Dale Osborne (Binkley Baptist Church). Free, open to all, and especially recommended for clergy/religious leaders, professionals in the field of mental illness, social workers, and persons who struggle with mental illness and their families. Contact: gbelder@bellsouth.net.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: As requested by the Church Council Moderator, the Long Range Planning Committee has examined the 2007 Discernment Report and determined that many of the action items have been accomplished or are currently being addressed. Our Church Council moderator has asked that we lead in the creation of a new vision, mission and goals statement of Binkley Church. It is our belief that such a statement needs to include objectives identified in the 2007 Discernment Report, as well as fresh input and inspiration from the congregation as a whole. Our next report will give recommendations for a process of identifying how we discern: "Where is the Spirit moving in our midst?"

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION for Julie Strobe, who is retiring from Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Greensboro. All who know Julie are encouraged to attend, or send a written contribution for her "memory book", or a Love Gift by February 17. Memories or love gifts may be sent to: Rosser Tilley, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 501 S Mendenhall Street, Greensboro NC, 27403. Make checks out to the church, with "Julie love gift" in the memo line.

"JUST US": A weekend with Binkley women to get to know one another better, kick back and relax, talk about important things, or nothin' at all. No guest speaker. Just discussion prompts, games, laughter, fun ~ and time to wonder. Music, readings to inspire, poetry to tend the heart. "The Spirit in me greets the Spirit in you. Alleluia." Come Join Us! April 16-18, 2010, Trinity Center, Salter Path, NC. We begin at 7:30 pm Friday night (dinner is on your own). Due to accessibility concerns (financial, geographical, and physical), the 2011 women's retreat will take place at Avila Retreat Center in Durham. Do take advantage of this opportunity to be at the Trinity Center again! Registration begins March 7.

LENT IS HERE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 21: Lenten Art Exhibit begins, featuring depictions of The Last Supper

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28: Faith and Mental Health support group, 12:15pm

February 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 19-21: Discipleship Class for interested youth, contact Dale

Wednesday Nights in Lent (Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17 and 24): after supper, during childcare or choir, adults are invited to 3 classes: Bible Study, Creating Mandalas, and Living Our Values as Parents. Come and join in the Lenten journey, and stop by the Lent materials table in the narthex for brochures and guides for home Lenten reflections.

- **Pausing On The Road** to Jerusalem (Lectionary Bible Study), led by Brian Graves

- **Creating Mandalas** (experiential art opportunity), led by Gloria Lightsey-Lewis

- **Living Our Values as Parents**, presentations and discussions with Sibyl Wagner (clarifying values and dealing with transitions), Dick Clifford (facing decisions about child care), Kay Pratt (family nutrition), Maureen Rosen (talking to kids about money)

February 28: Worship with Guest Preacher George Reed, NC Council of Churches

March 7: Taize Worship Service; Deacon elections take place in March

March 21: CROP Walk

March 22: Deadline for ordering Easter lilies

March 28: Palm Sunday; Labyrinth set up for Holy Week

April 1: Maundy Thursday Meal and Service (no Wednesday dinner March 31)

April 2: Lenten Music Program, 11 am, Good Friday Services, 12 pm

April 4: Easter Sunday-Sunrise Service, Breakfast (No Church School), Worship

April 11: Baptism Sunday

REX/UNC BLOOD DRIVE: On **Friday, March 5th from 3-7 pm** the Rex Hospital Bloodmobile will be at Binkley Church. We had a very successful blood drive last year, so let us plan on having another one this year. There are several ways to sign up to give blood:

1) Sign up in the Narthex before or after church for the next two Sundays.

2) Contact Marcella Burk Groon, mburkgroon @bellsouth.net; 929-5742

3) Sign up on line at www.mysignup.com/binkley.

Rex Blood Services is part of the UNC Healthcare system and donations will support patients at UNC, Rex and other local hospitals.

ICE COUNTERPOINT, ENCOUNTERS IN ANTARCTICA: February 23rd, 7 pm,

FedEx Global Education Center, UNC campus at corner of Pittsboro and McCauley Streets.

Features photography, videography and nature sounds of the High Arctic, accompanied by live music performed by Florence Peacock (soprano), Brooks de Wetter-Smith (flute), Jonathan Bagg (viola), and Jacquelyn Bartlett (harp). Guests are invited to view the paintings of Nerys Levy and the photography of Brooks de Wetter-Smith on all three floors of the Global Education Center atrium. Free public event. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

MARGARET'S HEALTH SUPPLY CLOSET: Never heard of it! Located across from the ministerial offices, Binkley has a wonderful closet of health care equipment for members, their families and friends to borrow when in need. Sign up on the sheet and take what you need. We accept donations of walkers, tub chairs, wheelchairs, canes, crutches and other odds and ends. To donate, simply bring them to the closet and let Mo know. We sometimes send the surplus to Orange County Program on Aging and other agencies. Right now we seem to have many wheelchairs, a rarity. If you or anyone you know needs a wheelchair, feel free to borrow. If needed on a long term basis, contact Marge or Linda. We need to keep at least 2 to 3 wheelchairs at the church. Before we find other needs for surplus wheelchairs, we want to see if anyone at the church needs them. - Marge Miles and Linda Textoris

Prayer Concerns in the Church Family: Lew Miles, Marj Boltz, Nettie Bradley Wilburn, Alice Glover, Bonnie Stevenson, Mable Strowd, Nancie McDermott, Aaron Shah, Michele Mabry, Claudia Cannady, Brooke Wheeler, Laurie Freeman, Bob and Betsy Kreutzberg, Beth Jukes, Carolyn Wallace, Nina Stein, Martha Henderson, Phillippi family, members of Job Seekers, others seeking support.

Prayer Concerns in the Extended Family: Andrew Henley (Carl and Martha's son), Jack Waddell (Mae Lee's husband), Evelyn Stella (Lu's mother), Elizabeth McLachlan (friend of Stacy Shelp), Gail Carson's sister, Tessa Benjamin's family in Haiti, Charles Clapp (Susan Preston's father), Bob Lewis (Rob's father), Eric Wells (Julie Jennings' friend), Susan Campbell (Julie Kern's sister), Martha T. Smith (Allison Corum's mother), Sally Rockriver (David Resnik's sister), Bo Stevenson (Bonnie's father), Malone and Betty Thomason (Caryl Price's parents), Martin Radford (brother of Geraldine King), Lynn Marcin and her mother Jean Steele (friends of Frank Smith), Harvey Zelon (friend of Ellen Stutts), Mary Booth (friend of Caroline Lindsay), David McIlwain (Ashley Nissler's uncle), Ram Thapa, Carol Salzgaber, the Ailstock family (cousins of Sue Wallace), Cathy Hamm (Tonya Hamm's mother), Klaus Ford (friend of Ginny Lansing), George Zangaro (Hill-Wise friend), Frances Daughtrey (Heather Rabalais & Nathan Daughtrey's grandmother), Marie Long (Karen's mother), Shirley Weems (Marty Weems' mother), Meg Kemper (Sybil Wagner's friend), Carley Pardington (Joe's mother), Henry Hall (Howard Lee's brother-in-law), Alan Bibb (Barbara Nettles-Carlson's son), Carol Richardson (Bonnie and Laura Rogers' mother), John Kent's father, Johnnie Johnson, (friend of Lillian Lee), family of Thomas Barnett (Karen Long's friend), Tan and Scott Coats, Tara Hogan (Talmadge Walker's niece), Health Center Residents.

We offer prayers of sympathy to the family of Rod Byard, former Binkley member who died on February 4; and to the family and friends of Binkley member Gladys Matthewson who died on February 12.

In the hospital: Rusty Wagoner (Carol Woods Health Center); Warren Nord (UNC); Jane Hill (Carolina Meadows Health Center)

Prayers for our men and women in the armed forces: Ray Lloyd, son of Bo Lloyd, who is in Afghanistan; Paul Smith, grandson of Allen Smith, and Patrick Harris, nephew of Phil and Rhonda Szostak, who are in Iraq.