

# The Antioch UMC

## EPISTLE

February, 2015

### "An Athlete's Prayer"

It was right before the big one and the football player said,  
"Excuse me guys for just a sec while I go bow my head."  
And in the quiet of that room The football player prayed,  
"Oh God if nothing hear me now I know that fate is made."

"So help us Lord to win this game, It's the big one, man, you see,  
If we lose this game that's it for us, Please do this, Lord, for me."

And as his body knelt in prayer, He looked up to the sky,  
"And while I'm here, and have some time, I need to ask you why?"

"They say you never help teams win, Just do it once I pray,  
We will pay you back in kinder deeds Or in another way,"

"The reason why I can't help you win," The Lord just then replied,  
"Is as you're asking me to win, So is the other side."

"I'm everybody's father and I must not take one side,  
So games are played all on your own Or they would all be tied."

"But that doesn't mean you shouldn't pray," He answered him with care,  
"You can pray that players don't get hurt And that all the calls are fair,"

And while the player heard this voice, He bowed his head in prayer,  
"I pray for fairness," said the boy "And for your tender care."

"You shall be blessed," the Lord replied, "Your team and you the same."

"And now will you excuse me please, I shall not miss this game:"



**HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Sally Bacon	7
Haynie Hite	9
Ricky Bacon	10
Bobby Bagley	13
Tommy Conner	13
Ruthie Ann Bacon	14
Jody Coleman	15
Dorothy Shields	15
Joe Coleman	16
Ray Hazlewood	27

**News on the HOME front**

Pastor Alan led the monthly first Wednesday worship service at Pine View Assisted Living Facility on January 7. Even though the number in attendance was small (due to an outbreak of a virus that was going through the building at the time), the service was Spirit-filled and inspiring as always. All are invited to attend this particular service and all are invited to drop in Pine View at any time to spend some time with the residents. They are always happy to see visitors!!

On Friday, January 16, Wayne was there with his guitar to entertain the residents. Approximately 18 residents were there with a couple of visitors listening in. One of the residents sang harmony with him on a couple of songs which was very moving, to say the least. There was also a big discussion on the merits of being "from Lunenburg". That created a lot of laughter!!

Please drop in sometimes when you are in South Hill and have a few minutes to say hello. It means so much to them!!

**Monthly Numbers:**

Average Attendance =	50
Needed each month =	\$5,338
Received last month =	\$4,652
Budget YTD =	- \$ 686

**UMW**

UMW – Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, 7:30 pm, at the home of Frances Bacon, 2384 Bacon Fork Road. Ladies, you are all welcomed to attend.

*Everyone! Please remember to join us in helping others by saving your "freestuff" to be recycled to benefit various worthwhile projects.*

- Labels for Education
- Box Tops for Education
- Pop Tops from Tin Cans
- Cancelled Stamps (with ¼" border)

**Farmville District  
UMW Prayer Breakfast**

Theme for the day – “Angels Among Us”  
Saturday, March 14, 2015  
Registration 8:30 am

Breakfast 9:00 am Cost \$10 per person  
Buffet Breakfast  
at Brian’s Steakhouse, in South Hill

Registration Deadline is February 26.  
Offering will go to Mission Giving and to UMCOR  
for the treatment of Ebola in Western Africa.

Please let Susan Moseley know by February  
22, if you’d like to attend, so your name can  
be added to the Registration form.

**Attention smartphone users!** Use the  
barcode reader app on your phone to link  
to our website,



**Imagine No Malaria**

To date, the Antioch and Williams have saved 212 lives from malaria, contributing to the Virginia Conference total of 28,000 lives saved! The need remains as one person dies from malaria every 60 seconds, most of them children under the age of 5. Make your check payable to the church, and memo “No Malaria.”



**Serving in February**

	<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Children's Church</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
1	Chris Jenna		Communion Sunday	Shirley Hite
8	Joyce Lori		Susan / Diane	Dawn Bacon
15	Trudy Marjorie		Kim / William	Earl Callis
22	Sherie Cale		Shirley / Sara	Tessie Bacon
1	Sara Shirley		Communion Sunday	Abigail Barnes

**Church Notes**

**The 2015 Church Directories** were given out last Sunday. If you have not received one for your household, please see Betsey. Also, if there are any corrections that need to be made, please let Julie know and those corrections will appear in next month’s Epistle so that all can make them in their copy of the directory.

**The Birthday Calendar for 2015** is on the bulletin board in the fellowship room. Please take a minute to be sure you and your loved ones are listed on the date of their birth.

Once again the children will be baking something sweet just in time for EASTER !! They will be baking **home-made cinnamon rolls**. The cost will be just \$6.00 per dozen and all of the profits will be going to pay for nets for our on-going ***Imagine No Malaria*** campaign . Please sign up, for how many dozen you want, on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Money will be due no later than Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> for delivery of cinnamon rolls on Easter Sunday. Please give the money directly to Julie and remember all DONATIONS will be greatly appreciated as well.



**Nursery News**

**Pictures** of our babies **are needed** for the bulletin board in the nursery. Please add some of those cute pictures that are going around on Facebook.

There is a container of water in the nursery for use in mixing formula or just for the babies to drink. Please keep this at room temperature.

## **Fruit-ful February**

The Mission & Outreach team has established an ongoing food drive to support the re-organized Lunenburg Food Pantry. Souper Bowl Sunday is our kick-off. To get us started we hope February will be Fruit-Full! That's the theme for the month. Cans of fruit are being sought, but as always, all non-perishable foods are accepted. Our offering will be taken to the food pantry monthly. Thanks for your support!

## **We are on a Mission!**

The UM Churches of the Lunenburg Charge are sponsoring the annual Spring Mission Trip, March 5 – 8. We are headed to eastern North Carolina to repair houses damaged by tornados last spring. All skill levels of on-site workers are needed, from craftsmen, to experienced do-it-yourselfers, to willing helpers. If you are interested, we will have a brief informational meeting after worship on Sunday, February 8.

If going on the mission is not an option for you, there are others ways to support the effort. First, pray. Pray for the team and the people who are in need of assistance. Second, your financial support is essential, to provide food for the team and materials and supplies for the projects we work.

A special offering will be collected on Sunday, February 22.



## **The Joke at THE END**

Jim Lewis was thrilled to get a ticket for the Super Bowl. The big day came and he took his seat in the stand. After the pre-game show he noticed the seat in front of him was still vacant. Even after the kick-off nobody was sitting there, so he asked the guy next to the empty seat why nobody was sitting there. The guy replied it would have been my wife's seat but she just died."

"Well," said Jim, "why didn't you just bring a friend or relative?"

The guy replied, "Oh, they're all at the funeral."

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*As a community of faith,  
our mission is to be the Presence of Christ.*

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