THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

8:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

SUNDAY, February 17

5:00 p.m. — Children's Choir

5:00 p.m. - UMYF No Bible Study

TUESDAY, February 19 - Newsletter Deadline

6:30 p.m. - Handbells

WEDNESDAY, February 2 7:30 p.m. – Women's Ensemble

6:30 p.m.- Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service (Chapel)

7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice

SUNDAY, February 24 5:00 p.m. - Children's Choir

5:00 p.m. - Bible Study

5:00 p.m. - UMYF

STEWARDSHIP ORT FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2008

Received to date	Budget received last Sunday	Needed to date	eek	Budget for 2008
\$60,569	\$6,849	\$46,530	\$7,755	\$403,236
		Early Worship Attendance	Worship Service Attendance	Sunday School Attendance
		36	190	112

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

SS GREETERS - Petowship Class RADIO ANNOUNCER - Dave Thomas GREETERS - Ric and Peggy Wright

DRIVER - Lee Jennings

ACOLATES - Marchell Foreman and Mickey Lilly

ALTAR GUILD - Wolly Luther, Amanda Betts, Jill Fairbanks and Sheri Allan

Every Baptized Member is a Minister

Mike Frese, Pastor, (w) 335-1771 (h) 335-7292 Diane Carver, Office Administrator, (h) 426-9206

Jeanie Biggs, Bookkeeper, (h) 426-4713 Shelley Greene, Preschool Director (w) 335-7615

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FEBRUARY 17, 2008

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

11:00 a.m

a friend; then as the Prelude begins, please pray for God's blessing and direction in our worship. As we enter the Sanctuary, greet and fellowship with one another, find a stranger and make

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

RINGING OF THE HOUR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO WORSHIP PRELUDE Variations on "Guide Me O Thow Great Jehovah"

> arr. Hal Hopson Acolytes

* INTROIT

Just a Closer Walk

* OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

that we might live fully in the confidence that faith can bring. Through Christ we pray. Amen. within our souls a sense of your eternal love, that will not let us go. Give us the assurance of your grace assurance of your love. Help us hear your promise that you will accept us when we turn to you. Embed jobs are not safe, and our best efforts do not always bring their intended results. We come today seeking Loving Lord, we live in a world filled with insecurity: our health is fleeting, relationships break down

* OPENING HYMN #715

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *GLORIA PATRI

The Apostles' Creed

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHORAL ANTHEM

Without Him

Suzanne Nelson

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

SERMON Today You Will be With Me In Paradise Luke 23:32-43

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

* HYMN #361

Rock of Ages

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS OFFERTORY Land of Rest Charles Callahan

* DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* HYMN #369

Blessed Assurance

- * BENEDICTION
- * THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US OUT TO SERVE
- * CHORAL BENEDICTION Sweet By and By

* POSTLUDE

Clerambault

Bass and Trumpet Duo

(*) Congregation please stand as you are able

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP ENDS: OUR WORSHIP IN SERVICE BEGINS

Children's Church for Kindergarten through 3rd grade is offered every week During church, nursery and toddler care is available each week

Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us today. We hope that you will find a spirit of friendship in our gathering and that you will be blessed through this service of worship.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Martha B. and George L. Owens and George L. Owens, Jr. by Dorothy and Willis Owens.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR last week were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles T. Bennett by his family.

> Jeanne Milbrath, on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Gordon Milbrath and Family upon the death of his wife,

is also considering entering the ordained ministry of The United Methodist Church. leading music for the children at the beginning of Sunday School, and playing in the handbell choir. Danny very active in the music ministry of First UMC, including playing in the music team at the 8:30 service, ODAY WE WELCOME DANNY PECK AS OUR GUEST PREACH THIS MORNING. Danny is

behold your Son ... Son behold your mother" found in John 19:23-27. dying to give insight and meaning to the living. On each Sunday of Lent, worship will center around one of LENTEN SERMON SERIES: Final conversations tend to be a legacy of meaning shared by the one the seven last words that Jesus spoke from the cross. Next week, we will look at Jesus' statement, "Woman

to Ecuador, please contact Julie Robinson before February 10th at 335-0915(home) or 339-1437(cell). helping with children in an orphanage. The cost of the trip is around \$2000. If you are interested in going 2008. The team will be doing work such as light construction, holding a Bible school for children, and THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION TEAM is going back to Ecuador July 21- August 1,

with Charles. She has all his contact information. McKenzie, who is pastor at City Road United Methodist Church. If a need arises and you would like a pastoral visit, prayer, or listening ear, please call the church office (335-1771) and Diane will get in contact Holy Land. During his journey out of the country, pastoral care needs will be covered by Rev. Charles FROM FEBRUARY 12-24 MIKE WILL BE LEADING a group of 21 persons in a pilgrimage to the

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT LAY RALLY will be held March 2, 2008, at First UMC beginning at 3:45 Kim, former District Superintendent of the Alexandria District, Virginia Conference. Nursery will be ministries--Tutoring/Mentoring Ministry and Livable Housing Ministry provided. Come celebrate the Outstanding Lay Ministry of the Year nomination of two First UMC p.m. Praise music will be provided by the District Youth Band and the guest preacher is Rev. Dr. M. J

What a wonderful way to serve your church ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEETING YOUR CHURCH MEMBERS? It's easy! If you would like to become a church greeter at our 11:00 a.m. Worship service, please contact Patty Davis at 330-4626

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, February 19th

members. This will benefit Missions. NOTE: If you would like to paint a bowl, join us on Tuesday. and St. Patrick's Day entertainment. Limited tickets are available in the church office or any UWM from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Asbury Room. Tickets are \$15.00 and includes hand painted pottery bow, Irish meal Hughes Blvd. Call Suzanne at 335-0684 for more info. February 19th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 23rd at 12:00 Noon at Clay Gardens or UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FUNDRAISER: IRISH "SOUPER" BOWL will be March 17"