



## ***RICH'S RITINGS***

The Greeks had it right. We had it wrong. What am I talking about? I am talking about the word, **LOVE**. In the English language we have **one word** to express how we feel about people, sport teams, cars, etc. The Greeks have **seven words!** **EROS**, to indicate passion; **PHILIA**, to indicate friendship (think of brotherly or sisterly love – that is why Philadelphia is known as the city of “brotherly love”); **AGAPE**, a self sacrificing love/love of God to mankind and mankind to God; **STORGE**, family love; **LUDUS**, a playful love; **PRAGMA**, a longstanding love, as in a couple married for many years, and finally, there is **PHILAUTIA**, a love of self. When someone speaking in Greek says they love you, it is very clear what they mean. For we English speaking people it can mean anything from the simple I like you as a friend, to I want to marry you etc., etc., etc. You get the picture.

Why this lesson on Greek words for love? I am glad you asked! The month of February is commonly referred to as the month of love because of Valentine’s Day. It is a day of flowers, cards, candy, and romantic dinners for most of America. But real love is not just a one-day event. Real love is **Philautia**, understanding that you are a child of God and whether you are young or old, tall or short, heavy or skinny - you are a special wonderful child of God! Soak in that knowledge. Real love is **Pragma**, it walks through the valleys and the mountain tops, as the wedding vow says: “for better or worse, richer or poorer, sickness and health.” It is a long-lasting, eternal love. Real love is **Ludus**, we should have moments of laughter in our love, in the church, in the family and between spouses. Real love is **Storge**, a deep understanding, sometimes a tough love that holds and leads the family unit through life. Real love is **Agape**, a love willing to do anything to protect, cherish and support a loved one. Real love is **Philia**, a love that cements friendships and walks with friends through the good and the bad, the joy and the heartbreak. Finally, real love is **Eros** – passionate. We should be passionate in our relationship with our spouse, family, friends, and especially God. That is what love is truly about. The Greeks really did have it right. Didn’t they? Amen & Amen!

Agape,

*Rev. Rich*

## **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY**

Our next Kairos Prison Ministry weekend will be February 6-9 at Central Prison in Raleigh. Kairos is a prison oriented evangelical program based on The Emmaus Walk. In an effort to raise awareness of Kairos at Central Prison, all residents get a dozen homemade cookies. In order for this cookie ministry to happen, each team member must contribute cookies for the Kairos weekend. Holland's bakers please bring your homemade cookies to church on Sunday, **February 3**, and place on the altar for prayer. Please sign the prayer chain sheets as they are circulated at church and pray for a successful weekend.

## **MISSIONS SUNDAY**

Our annual Missions Sunday will be **February 10**. All three worship services will focus on Holland's outreach and mission. The Reverend Bruce E. Stanley, President of Methodist Home for Children, will be our guest speaker that day. We will have table displays set up to highlight our many different areas of mission work at Holland's. If you or your group are interested in setting up a table for your ministry area, please contact Mike Wamboldt at [mike\\_and\\_patti@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_and_patti@hotmail.com).



## **ASP VALENTINE'S BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER**

ASP will be hosting a Valentine's Babysitting Fundraiser on Saturday, **February 16** from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. We will be making crafts, playing games and watching a movie. Dinner will be served. All donations will support the two Summer 2019 trips.

## **ASP AUCTION**

**March 2**

Holland's ASP Team will be hosting an auction on Saturday, **March 2** from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. There will be a silent auction during dinner and a live auction after dinner. Child care will be provided after dinner. All funds raised will support our two Summer 2019 trips.

## **THE YOUNG AT HEARTS**

The Young at Heart Senior group will meet Thursday, **February 21** at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. A Valentine Lunch will be catered (for a donation), followed by entertainment and fun for all. Reservations are not required! *Blessings, Judy Best, Paulette Hackney and Jan Koot*

## THANKS FROM REV. RICH & DEBBIE



Debbie and I would like to say a huge *thank you* to all of you who shared your love with us at Christmas time. The amount of Christmas cards and the sayings and personal notes really touched us. We displayed the cards in a very unique way at the parsonage until January 6th! The gifts you gave us also touched our hearts. I think the thing that touched us most was the love behind each of these moments. So thank you each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts.

*Agape, Rev. Rich & Debbie*

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Holland's next blood drive will be Monday, **March 11** in the fellowship hall from 12 noon - 5:30 pm. Lydia's Circle and Kindred Hearts Circle are co-hosting this drive. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Please make your appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "HOLL", or contact Sibyl Pedzwater, [sunnydays4ever87@gmail.com](mailto:sunnydays4ever87@gmail.com) or 919-773-9149. To save time on the day of your donation appointment, you can complete most questions online by going to [www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass)

## FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Rev. Rich Vaughan will offer a study, *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton explores the final words of Jesus as they were seen and heard by those who stood near the cross. This study will be offered on Wednesday nights from **March 13 - April 17** at 6:30 pm. Join us for this exciting Lenten Bible Study. There is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Do you have a loved one, birthday, or anniversary, you would like remembered? Donating altar flowers is a lovely way to do this. There are still Sundays to choose from. Please schedule your Sunday on the sign-up sheet which is temporarily located in the narthex. For more information, contact Angel Baker, [angel@hollandsumc.org](mailto:angel@hollandsumc.org).

Flowers are ordered from Garner Florist, and you will be billed by the florist. If you want special flowers, you may call the florist at 919-772-2334. The flowers will be delivered to the church by the florist. If you sign up for flowers and would like to use a different florist, please let the church office know in advance. If you choose to use a different florist, we ask that you pick up the flowers and bring them to the church before Sunday morning. The cost for a vase of flowers from Garner Florist is \$35.00.



# 150

## Years of United Methodist Women Missions 1869-2019

Join us to commemorate 150 years of giving to Missions both at home and around the world! You have the opportunity to honor people who have worked in various ways to support United Methodist Women's missions. Honor (or memorialize) your mom, aunt, friend or grandmother who worked tirelessly for UMW.

With a minimum gift of \$10 to UMW per honoree, the names of the people you honor (or memorialize) will be printed in the Program Book of the 2019 North Carolina Conference UMW Annual Meeting.

All of the funds received will be sent to the National Office to be used for National and International missions.

If you are interested in making a gift to UMW, please see Amy Sawyer, Becky Wilson or Donna Hayes. We will have forms and envelopes on the UMW table. Thanks in advance for supporting UMW.

# THE APPEAL OF YOUTH

By Gray Southern  
Capital District UMC Superintendent

Hello from Harvey...



Appeal (a-pel) *noun*.

- 2.b. an earnest plea: entreaty
- 2.c. an organized request for donations
3. the power of arousing a sympathetic response: attraction

All the above is from Merriam-Webster, still an official arbitrator of all sorts of linguistic questions. I omitted many other definitions but left us with the ones pertinent to this **appeal**.

Hopefully you know that our Conference has made an extraordinarily strong response to the damage done last fall by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. We always do. Just recently 4 new recovery centers were opened in different areas of the state. Yesterday, Bruce Stanley, President of The Methodist Home for Children, recounted that a friend of his, not a United Methodist, told him how impressed she is by the witness of our connection, “No other faith community has done anything like this,” she told him. Even better, in ways, however, is something else new going on in flood recovery work.

Our NC Conference Youth have pledged to raise \$500,000.00 to help rebuild homes. Their **appeal** is that we will all share in that work and so they are **appealing** to us, their (slightly) older friends for help in reaching their goal. How wonderful to be led by the appeal of youth: to raise \$500,000.00 to help our neighbors repair and return to their own homes.

This is just about the most **appealing** thing I can offer you. How cool is this: our youth asking to work with us to help other folks. You can help by sending a gift to the NC Conference Treasurer marked “Youth Storm Fund” or you can help by getting your congregation to help raise money to send a much larger gift to the Youth Storm Fund.

We are blessed to have youth who, as the Church, want to help. The **appeal** is enormous, enormously **appealing** because of the people who are making it, enormously **appealing** because of the good it will do in our own area, and enormously **appealing** because through them I hear God calling me to help my neighbors in Christ’s Name.

What could possibly be more **appealing**?

So I **appeal** to you, answer the **appeal** of our youth.  
In the Name of the One who appeals to us to follow,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gray Southern".

Gray Southern

## Update - Hurricane Florence Special Offering at Pilgrimage 2018

In early September 2018, Hurricane Florence battered North Carolina communities. By the middle of September, the youth of the NCCUMC accepted a challenge to raise \$500,000 for storm recovery by next June. In just six weeks, the youth of our conference spread the message of a special offering at Pilgrimage 2018. **By Pilgrimage 2018, our youth raised \$40,880. With the generous matching of the NCCUMC, the current storm relief offering amounts to \$81,760.**

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**WEDNESDAY**  
★ **NIGHT** ★  
**LIVE**

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**5:45 pm WNL SUPPER**  
Fellowship Hall 142, 148  
Contact: Donna Hayes, donnahayes@bellsouth.net

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**6:15 pm THE GLORY BELLS**  
Johnny Russell Room 108  
Contact: Betty Bowes, betty@hollandsumc.org

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**6:15 pm NURSERY (if needed)**  
Birth - 3 years old  
Rooms 104 and 105  
Contact: Kathy Feola, kathy@hollandsumc.org

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**6:30 pm BYGRACE PRAISE BAND**  
Sanctuary 130  
Contact: Lisa Treadaway, lisa@hollandsumc.org

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**SONGBIRDS CHOIR**  
Ages: 3 yr. old - Kindergarten  
**MUSIC MAKERS CHOIR**  
Ages: 1st - 5th Graders  
6:30 pm in Room 101  
Contact: Donna Burnette, daburnette22@gmail.com

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**7:30 pm CHANCEL CHOIR**  
Choir Room 140  
Contact: Angela Stephenson, angela@hollandsumc.org

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**7:30 pm PRAYER WORKS**  
Prayer Room 200  
Contact: Bill and Lynn Singletary

## SAMARITAN'S PANTRY



Proceeds of this church-wide ministry are donated to Garner Area Ministry. By donating the "item of the month" you are able to help provide food to our LOCAL families in need. The Samaritan's Pantry is located in the hallway near the church office. For more information, please contact Sandra Irving, 203.240.3628. February "item" of the month: *Boxed dinners and vegetables.*

## ASP 2019 Summer Youth Trips

Holland's UMC is preparing and fundraising for a team of approximately (28) volunteers to serve the week of 6/16 to 6/22 in Wise Co. VA and another team of approximately (21) volunteers to serve the week of 7/14 to 7/20 in Rutherford Co., NC. Look for upcoming events this spring for ways you can help support our teams, both spiritually and financially. Our primary fundraiser, the ASP Auction, will be March 2 at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Additional upcoming events will be announced in the Sunday bulletins. We currently have openings for each trip for both adult and youth volunteers. If you are interested, there is a meeting you may attend on February 17 (room and time to be determined). If interested, please contact Bill Band, [bband@mckimcreed.com](mailto:bband@mckimcreed.com) or Laura Hoffman, [laurahoffman723@gmail.com](mailto:laurahoffman723@gmail.com)

## FOOD BANK

In January, Holland's UMC volunteers worked our regularly scheduled monthly work date at the Food Bank warehouse on Capital Boulevard. This month volunteers participated in "salvage" operations of various food and "non-food" items donated by local food stores. In total, our work helped salvage 4,000 lbs. of food or approximately 2,500 meals.

Reminder: Holland's UMC regularly scheduled monthly work dates are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. We meet at the Food Bank warehouse, where we work from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There is no monthly commitment, no heavy lifting, just come and work when you can. We have a lot of fun working with others as the hands and body of Christ. If interested in joining us, please contact Bill Band at [bband@mckimcreed.com](mailto:bband@mckimcreed.com)

## EMMAUS WALK

Emmaus Walks coming up! The next Walk to Emmaus Retreat for men will be **March 7-10**. The next Walk to Emmaus Retreat for women will be **May 2-5**. Both Walks will be at Camp Agape near Fuquay-Varina.

The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day interdenominational retreat sponsored by the Upper Room of the United Methodist Church and is designed for adults who are already Christians and are looking to "grow" their faith. Over two hundred of our Holland's members have participated.

Join the crowd and don't miss out.! For more information, please contact Rod Poole-919-721-9161, or ask anyone else at Holland's who has been on the Walk.



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**Weekly Worship Schedule:**

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am Traditional Services  
Sunday: 9:45 Connexion (Praise) Service  
(9:45 Sunday School for all Ages)



February 2019						
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- January 27 - February 3: Family Promise of Wake County
- February 3: Kairos Cookies Placed on Altar
- February 3: Baby Shower for Ally & Kadin Stevenson
- February 3: UMYF Not-So-Super Super Bowl at Lake Benson
- February 6-9 : Kairos Prison Ministry
- February 9: Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
- February 10: Missions Sunday
- February 14: Valentine's Day
- February 10: Boy Scout Sunday
- February 16: Valentine's Babysitting Fundraiser
- February 17: Boy Scout Sunday
- February 21: Young at Heart Group Meeting
- February 24: Ft. Caswell Youth Retreat Form and Deposit Due
- March 2: ASP Auction