

STAYING IN TOUCH... HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR **COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

Steve's Corner

This week's text and sermon comes from Luke 10:25-37. The name of the parable is usually given as the parable of the "Good Samaritan." Of course this title gives away the punch line. The Catholic Church has generally named it by the first line. So this week's parable is called:

"A Man Went Down From Jerusalem to Jericho." The surprising twist at the end is preserved. This is one of the most famous parables of all Jesus' parables, and we are liable to fall asleep when we read it. So this week, you might read it in several translations.

Our three questions we are asking as we read through Luke--Who am I in this story? What is God calling me to be and to do? And, Who is my Neighbor? -- apply with particular force in this story. Read it through three times? What words or actions stand out each time you read it? Have a good week, and I'll meet you on the Jericho road!

PS. You will see enclosed my final Retreat Report with some reflections on Grace as we move forward. You might want to go back and read my other Reports to get the whole picture of what we talked about.

Calendar

Wednesday 7:00pm - Choir Practice

Sunday

10:00am - Sunday School 11:00am - Worship

Contact us at aracestatesville@amail.com or visit us at www.gracestatesville.org.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound: Mary Alice Woods, Tressie Starrette, Rosemary Rector, Ernestine Lanford, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Beecher Grose.

Those issues close to us: Nellie

Grant family, Shirley Milstead family, Sam Vanhoy family, Abby Tomlin, Linda Jolly, Randy Stutts, Tracev Barnes. Rosemary Rector. Sloane Goodman. Nancy Milstead, Debra Schultz. Wally Davis, Jack Hickman, Matt Jordan family, Karen Marlowe, Casey Leslie, caregivers, and healthcare workers, homeless children, our nations immigrants.

Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence. those who are incarcerated.

In our community and in our the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig. Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Caleb Sisk.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations: Birthdays:

18 - Vincent Toups

18 - Linda Marshall

19 - Phyllis Munson

19 - Jo Salisbury

19 - Autumn Tilley

Concerns:

Marco's mom is recovering from surgery. Waiting to hear results.

Josh Haddix family.

Thomas Young, pastor of Cochrane St. bible church is at Baptist.

Health Coverage for all!

1200 children have been killed by world, children who are a part of guns since the Parkland shooting a year ago.

> Kari's mother in law, Debbie, recovering from 3rd knee surgery.

> JD Harris in critical care at Iredell.

Gusler family.

Jennifer Roper and Nicole Farmer. both have health issues.

Immigrants in the community and around the nation

Upcoming Events

March 5 Shrove Tuesday.
5:30pm
March 6 -

Ash Wednesday 6:00pm

The Lenten offering this
year will be split between
Rise Up Against Hunger
and the Global Baptist
Peace Conference.
Rise Up Against Hunger
will be March 31 at Trinity
Episcopal.
The conference dates are
July 12-20 in Cali,
Columbia. Please let the
mission board know if you
are interesting in attending
the conference. There are
scholarships available.

Scriptures for the Week

Luke 10:25-37

SUNDAY'S SERMON

A Man Went Down From
Jerusalem to Jericho

Budget

Needed year to date: \$13,753.25 Received year to date: \$14,005.00 OVER budget: \$251.75 Weekly needs: \$1964.75

Weekly Assignments

Church Maintenance Hendrix

Worship Leader

John Koppelmeyer

Worship Reader

Steve Coarsey

Second Hour Helpers

John Koppelmeyer and Carole Hendrix Alt. Katelyn Johns Grace Baptist Church 719 Club Drive Statesville, North Carolina 2867

