

MARCH 2024

THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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NEW TERRITORY

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL



Please read Exodus 13:17-22

As we walk the road toward Easter, we are reminded how we too often walk a wilderness road. One that leads us, to places we may never walk on our own. In this passage, we read how the Israelites could have taken the short route back to the promise land. Problem was that journey would have taken them through territory they were not yet prepared for. God knew that for them to journeying through that land would end up derailing the plan He ultimately had for his people.

They first must to learn to trust God.

God had already shown himself faithful in the delivering them from Egypt. God showed it through the plagues in Egypt and ultimately through the Passover; the final plague that cause Pharaoh to release them. He had provided in the verse preceding this one with means and funds to travel from the very people that enslaved them. Even here in this passage, we hear of God fulfilling a promise to Joseph to be taken home. God is faithful. God, however, needed to prepare His people for a life beyond slavery and bondage to a life of radical faith and obedience.

The Israelites were used to working the fields, quarries and land of Egypt as slaves. They knew how to follow the voice of Pharaoh but it had been some time since they had truly followed the God of Abraham, God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. They would have also known that God was leading them “Wrong Way” out of town. They probably had questions. Why are you leading us out there? Don’t you see the Red Sea ahead? Can’t you hear the rumbling of the chariots of Pharaoh behind us?

Later in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus was also leading His disciples and telling them of the cross He would die on, and Peter, like the Israelites here, took him aside and began to rebuke him (Mark 8:32). Peter, like the Israelites, struggle with the being lead to uncomfortable and painful places. I think if we are honest with ourselves, we too like to escape those liminal spaces as well. It’s why the season of Lent is often glossed over in the Easter journey.

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I would like to offer this Lenten season as a time to reflect upon the lessons you may still need to learn. For the Israelites, it was a new perspective beyond slavery. For Peter, it was learning the difference from his will and God's will. What Territory is God taking you through to prepare you for this year's Good Friday? How will your faith and trust in God need to be strengthened before we ever welcome Jesus in triumphant entry in our lives? What uncomfortable and real wilderness will you have to wrestle with before the empty tomb can be opened anew?

This month's passage come to close with the Israelites following God in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Whatever journey of exploration you may still need to go through to prepare for Resurrection Sunday, remember to look up. God is never far from you in this journey. He is always right in front of you leading you to the next step.

Your Pastor and Brother in Christ,
Nathan Finsel

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Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised. Proverbs 31:30 NLT

M.O.M. The Mission of Moms Bible Study

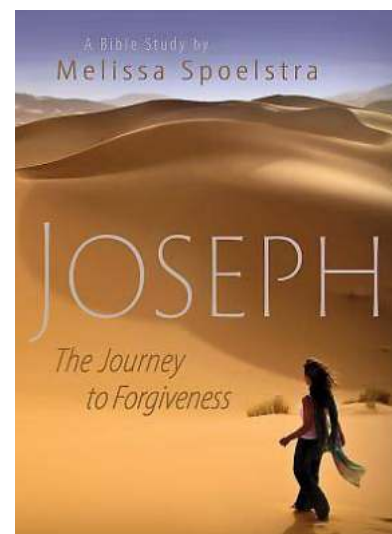
Meets every month on
2nd and 4th Mondays
5:30-6:30 in the
Fellowship Hall
Contact Danyel at
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M.O.M. – The Mission of Moms Bible Study Continues

All of us know what it's like to be hurt or betrayed. Often it's a small breach such as being spoken to rudely or overlooked in a time of need. Other times we experience lies, gossip, or harsh words that cut us to the core. Some of us have endured unspeakable pain through abuse, adultery, or abandonment. God knows the pain we cause each other and longs to help us learn to practice forgiveness. Nowhere do we see forgiveness played out more fully in Scripture than in the biblical story of Joseph.

This six-week study explores what God has to say to us about grace and forgiveness through Joseph's story of trial and triumph found in Genesis 37-50. As we study his dreams, his betrayers, his dysfunctional family, his struggle to forgive, and his journey toward reconciliation, we'll find truths that echo into our own personal situations.

Find the link to the participant guide at www.fairviewumc.org/women.



If you have questions or need more information, please contact Danyel Williams (daniwilliams870@yahoo.com)

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

BY MARY STUTTS



On February 15th, we got together in Wesley and made beautiful candle holders for some of the church members. Then we headed off to Troutman for a wonderful time of food and fellowship at Julia's Talley House. Afterwards we returned to Wesley for coffee and cheesecake.

On March 21st, we will gather at the church in the workroom at 10 am. We will load up and head over to the Davidson College campus. Once there, we will stroll around the campus looking at some of the art sculptures on display and walk the meditation labyrinth. After working up an appetite, we'll go to the Brickhouse Tavern for yummy food.

THIS MONTH

All are welcome to join us any time for fun and fellowship! Contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@windstream.net if you have any questions about the group.

LOOKING AHEAD

APR

Reynolda House –
Winston Salem, NC

MAY

Smithmore Castle –
Spruce Pine, NC

JUN

Flowers for Hospice
House – Fair View UMC

FAITH STUDY GROUP

BY BRENDA HARVEY



Meeting Mondays @ 5:30-6:30PM
in Wesley

The Adult Sunday School Class meeting on Monday evening. Couples and Singles are invited for study and fellowship each week.

We are currently reviewing a Lenten study Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday by Amy-Jill Levine a professor of New Testament and Jewish studies at Hartford Seminary, and Vanderbilt University. She brings to life the characters who the Gospels tell us were witnesses to the Crucifixion.

We will be looking at the Bystanders & Scoffers, Others on the Crosses, The Soldiers, The Beloved Disciple, The Women and Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.

Each is a stand alone, so please join us anytime!

stephen MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

2024 Stephen Ministry training will begin on **Wednesday, January 10 from 9:30 am-12:00 noon** and will continue weekly until the end of **May**.

If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact Kia Whittlesey at 704-999-1477.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM meets for a breakfast meeting every 2nd Sun. at 8:00 am in the church Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to attend.

The men met on Sun. Feb. 11, and following the meal, Eddie Brotherton opened the meeting with a prayer. Pastor Nathan Finsel shared a devotion. Several items were discussed.



The Youth will assemble approximately 12 new care kits to replenish the bins. It's important that the kits get into the hands of our at risk neighbors,

so please reminder to pick one or two up or tell a friend about this ministry.



The UMM Hands and Feet Ministry is up and running and a new tracking system has been implemented. Updated lists can be found on the white board in the work room, or any of the UMM can have access to the list via a google drive.

If you know of or have a need for small jobs, please contact any of the UMM, the church office or submit a request form located at the UMM webpage at fairviewumc.org/men.

The 2024 Man of the Year presentation will be made during an upcoming March or April worship service.



Lastly, save the date for the next Roadside Pick-Up scheduled for April 20 at 7:30AM.

Next UMM Meeting Sun.
Mar. 10 at 8AM in 204-A.

CROSS CONNECTIONS

The Cross Connections contemporary prayer and worship service has been postponed at this time. While the idea of helping families with a weeknight meal and presenting a more casual worship service during the week was a good outreach, the lower attendance and food preparation proved challenging. Thank you for all who participated! We do hope to bring the Cross Connections mid-week service back at another time.



We are, however, excited to roll out this summer, community family nights. We are exploring dinner under the pavilion, live music, food trucks, children's activities and fellowship.

Stay tuned for more information as we work out the details of this community outreach!

If you would be interested in helping with the summer outreach, please contact Pastor Nathan at nfinsel@wnccumc.net.

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE FRIDAY

On Fri. Feb. 23, more than 10 of our church family enjoyed the opportunity to Make A Difference at the Mooresville Christian Mission. Coordinated by Pastor Nathan Finsel and Ellar Hicks, the individuals worked during a morning and afternoon shift in the resource store. All had a great time knowing they were giving to others.

Thanks for
Making A
Difference!



COMMUNION SERVANTS

We are thankful for our members who serve Fair View during Communion and to our homebound.

Communion Servants for **MARCH** are as follows:



Addison & David Finsel
Ann Goode & Brenda Harvey



VBS COMING IN JUNE

On Saturday February 24th, the first of many VBS Craft Days was held. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped in making coral, sea creatures and so much more! We couldn't do it without you.



ADOPT-A-PROP

For those unable to help on designated craft days, a new "Adopt-A-Prop" program is rolling out. In the Narthex you will find a VBS display table setup where there are a variety of projects and the materials and instructions on how to make them.

- pick the craft(s) you would like to help with
- take them home to work on them at your own pace.
- bring the completed project back no later than June 9th

Please see Ms. Krystal or Mrs. Danyel if you have any questions.

BOOK CLUB

BY BRENDA HARVEY

In March, the Book Club will discuss *The House is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland and led by Judy Donaldson. We have a copy that Judy purchased on trip to Virginia (local author) and we've been passing it around. It is an eye-opener of a period of time during slavery in the south.

It is starting to stay lighter longer and we meet through the summer....usually are finished before 8 pm. Join us any month. We find that the book group sometimes pushes us to read books we might not have picked up and out of our normal genre. We have lots of fun discussing the books and sharing with others what books we have been reading and sometimes we eat!

Kinfolk by Sean Dietrich was led by Ann Goode on February 12. Ann Goode, Penny & Barry Price attended a book signing in Greenville, SC the weekend of February 23. We sent our book group copy to get signed, and we are anxious to hear about their time with him.

We meet on Monday, March 11, in Wesley at 6:45, following the Faith Study.....which you are welcome to join us for as well!

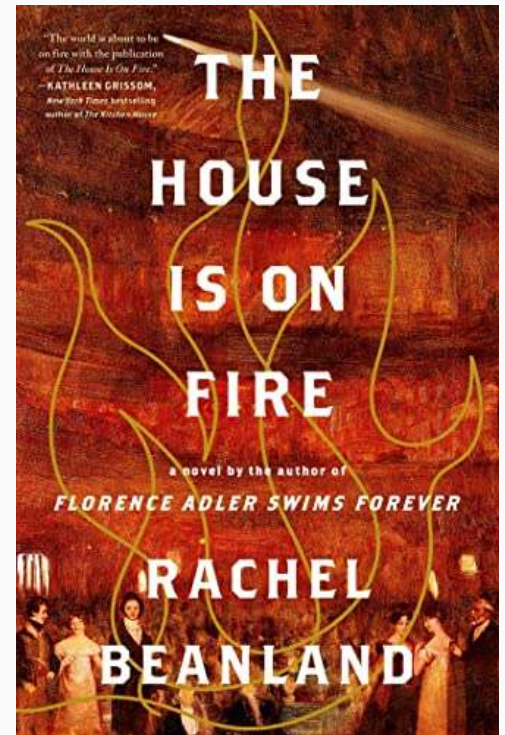
The House is On Fire is available on Amazon for 14.35 for hardback and 14.99 on kindle.

Upcoming Studies

2nd Mondays at 7:00 in Wesley

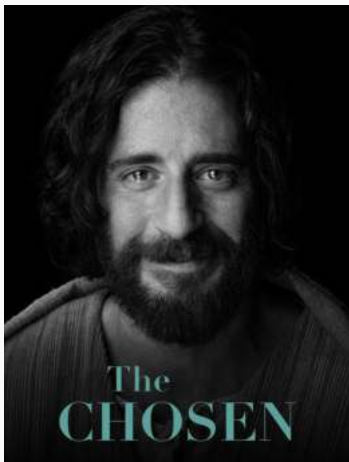
April - Send Down the Rain by Charles Martin.
Led by Penny Price

May - The Brighter the Light
by Mary Ellen Taylor.
Lead by Jo Rossini



THE CHOSEN WRAPS-UP MAR. 3

BY BRENDA HARVEY



We will be finishing with final episode 8 of *The Chosen*, Season 3, Sunday, March 3. This episode is titled Sustenance and follows many familiar scriptural passages including very well done portrayals of feeding of 5,000 and Jesus walking on water to reach the disciples. This session runs an hour and 10 minutes.

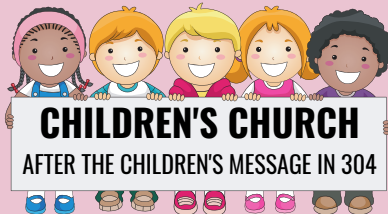
We usually do not get started until 11:20-11:30 but have a snack and coffee, tea, or hot chocolate is available, or you can bring your own snack to share. All that have viewed *The Chosen* have loved the series.



If you have yet to see them, you can watch easily seasons 1-3 by streaming:
<https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen#extras>

COME JOIN US!

SUNDAYS AT FAIR VIEW SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:00AM



**AGAPE SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASS**
11:15AM IN ROOM 204-A

Youth
11:00AM IN CHAPIN




2nd SUNDAYS
8:00AM IN 204A

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

FAITH STUDY
MONDAYS
5:30PM IN WESLEY

UPPER ROOM
WEDNESDAYS
11:00AM IN WESLEY

 **CHOIR**
WEDNESDAYS AT
7:00PM

BOOK CLUB
2ND MONDAYS
6:30PM IN WESLEY

STEPHEN MINISTRIES
2ND/4TH THURSDAY
7:00PM IN WESLEY

March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			6 STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINING 103			
10 8AM UMM MEETING		12 SPRC WORK RM 7PM	13 STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINING 103			16 Aspire Women's Event
17 12PM TRUSTEES WORK RM	11 MOM BIBLE STUDY 204A	19 FINANCE 204A	20 STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINING 103			23 Easter Party & Story Walk 11-2
24 PALM SUNDAY	25 MOM BIBLE STUDY 204A	26 CHURCH COUNCIL 204A	27 STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINING 103	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	29 Comm. Good Friday SERVICE	
31 7AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE						

Join Us for
Easter
at Fair View

Sun. March 24 | 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Service

Thur. March 28 | 6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service

Fri. March 29 | 6:00 p.m.
Community Good Friday Service
at Williamson UMC

Sun. March 31 | 7:00 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service

Sun. March 31 | 10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service

1430 Mecklenburg Hwy | Mooresville
www.fairviewumc.org



MARCH 10

UMCOR SUNDAY will be held on Sun. March 10. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR – assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council meets monthly during each of the odd months. Their next meeting will be Tues. March. 26. All church council members are encouraged to attend. Thank you for serving Fair View!



Watch your inbox each Wednesday for the View from Fair View.

This weekly newsletter regularly contains upcoming events and opportunities to serve the church and the greater Mooresville community. Not receiving church emails, let us know by emailing us at info@fairviewumc.org.

HAPPY **March** BIRTHDAY

- 2 JO ANN NEILL
- 4 CHRISTAL PRINGNITZ
- 7 SYLVIA SHERRILL
- 8 NORA POTOCAK
DON STIEL
- 11 MARCIA WRIGHT
- 13 BEKAH WHITE
- 22 CARRIGAN MCCANN
- 23 PEYTON WILLIAMS
- 24 JANE TESTERMAN
- 25 KELSEY GOARD
- 28 KAREN CALDWELL
- 31 DOUG AGAN



HAPPY
Anniversary

MARCH 15
DAVID & DIANE RYON





Aspire
Author & Bible Teacher
MELISSA SPOELSTRA

1 night – 3 hours
Just for Women
An evening full of laughter,
learning, stories & music

**SATURDAY
MARCH 16, 2024**

**FAIR VIEW UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
1430 MECKLENBURG HWY.
MOORESVILLE, NC 28115

6:00PM SHOW
5:30PM GA DOORS OPEN
5:00PM VIP DOORS OPEN

Comedy by
MICHELLE MILLER

Music by
MIA KOEHNE

ADVANCE TICKETS
General Admission - \$30
VIP Reserved - \$40
Group tickets for 10 or more - \$25
VIP Reserved Groups for 10 or more - \$35
Group sales call 480-812-1100

VIP Reserved Includes: Snack Bag, Early Entry, Reserved Seat, Pre-show Q & A

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100**
or online at:
ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com

Courtesy of  **External Faith Productions**

Aspire Women's Event

Fair View is excited to host the Aspire Women's Event this month. Discounted tickets are still available from Krystal Davis or Danyel Williams. Bring your friends and co-workers for a great night of fun!

Doors open for VIP ticket holders at 5pm and for general seating at 6pm.

Volunteers please meet in the Fellowship Hall by 3:30pm. Dinner will be provided for all volunteers.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP



Each Wed. at 11:00 a.m. in Wesley, attendees meet with prayers and scripture before reading/discussing the current Upper Room devotional.

Our structure follows morning worship service from red hymnal with the reading of a Psalm, followed by prayers for Fair View, those suffering, our community, our country, the world, the church universal and communion of saints.

AGAPE CLASS

The Agape Class continues meeting immediately after service in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Jean Newman (jlnewman063@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like more information about the class.



BIG RED BUS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Big Red Bus Drive held Feb. 18. Of the 11 that stopped in, 9 were able to donate.

Within a few days of her donation, Danyel Williams received an email that her donation was already matched to a patient in need, and it was on its way to them!

Another drive is being explored for the Fall Festival.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like to request one of our Communion Servant to administer Communion, please call the church office to schedule a time.

Communion Servants have been trained to administer communion and are Stephen Ministers and Congregants. We appreciate their service to the church body.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Fair View church volunteers each Thursday delivering Meals on Wheels. Many are widows or widowers, some in ill health and dealing with disabilities or aging restrictions. We would ask you to keep them in your prayers as we have ministered to their needs and have developed friendships.

If you would like to join this ministry, contact Judy at judithdonaldson@windstream.net.

FAIR VIEW KIDZ



Danyel Williams & Krystal Davis
Contact: fairviewkidz@yahoo.com

"THE LORD WILL INDEED GIVE WHAT IS GOOD, AND OUR
LAND WILL YIELD ITS HARVEST."
PSALM 85:12

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The Stepping Stones are exploring Bible stories using the Super Book program that turns popular Bible stories into fun animated cartoons that recreate stories in a manner that our younger kids are able to follow, interact with and understand.



The Older Elementary class has been watching The Creators, a series that uses key Bible verses to help a group of kids work through their real life problems in a fun and creative way.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The community is invited for this fun and engaging event to share the resurrection of Jesus!

Volunteers are still needed!!



The group will depart the church at 9am and return at approximately 2pm.

Both children and parents are welcome to come. Ticket price will depend on the size of the group who goes. The first 14 to signup will have a seat on the church bus, others are welcome to follow us in their own cars.

Pack a peanut free lunch to enjoy with the group during the outing.



On Friday April 26th, Fair View Kidz will enjoy a Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Movie TBD. Dinner and drinks will be provided. Plan to bring a friend!

SWEETHEART LUNCH



In February we hosted our annual Sweethearts Luncheon following service on the 11th. We enjoyed fellowship, pizza and brownies with everyone.

We had so much fun we forgot to pull out our phones to snap any pictures.

MISSION OUTREACH



MARCH OUTREACH TO BENEFIT Hope of Mooresville

For the month of March, we will be collecting the following items:

- cleaning supplies
- personal hygiene items
- gift cards for Amazon, Uber or Walmart
- OTC medicines for HOME.

You can find the full list of suggestions on the Outreach bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall.

All donations can be left in the narthex or dropped off at the church office M-F 9AM - 1PM.

HOME provides individual case management, financial literacy and life skills training. We also connect guests with critical support resources such as physical and mental health services, resume assistance, employment and placement in stable housing.

Lake Norman Humane

We are grateful for your generosity in supporting the work the LN Humane with your donations. The products donated were scheduled to be delivered in early March, and we know all the items given were much appreciated.

Stay up to date with them by visiting their website at www.lakenormanhumane.org or follow them on social media.

BACKPACK MINISTRY FOOD BOXES



We continue to provide for 21 Backpack children each week, so their families will have extra food on the weekends.

You can find the list of food items needed on our website. Your giving enables us to fill our pantry so that we always have food items to give.

Donated items can be left in Narthex or monetary donations earmarked Back Pack Ministry

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.
2 Corinthians 9:8.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

By Elaine Willeford - Trustee Chair

Thank you for your patience as we performed maintenance on the church steeple and replaced the roof for the sanctuary.

When you are at the church property next, take a look up when you enter the sanctuary, the newly finished project looks amazing! And, that shiny white steeple definitely has a presence in the sky.



We are off to a good start for 2024. Thanks to good giving we are slightly ahead of our expenses. That may change once we know the final cost of our roof project, but so far we are doing well. Keep praying and give with your heart.
John Gustafson, Finance Chair

*Truly
Grateful
for you.*

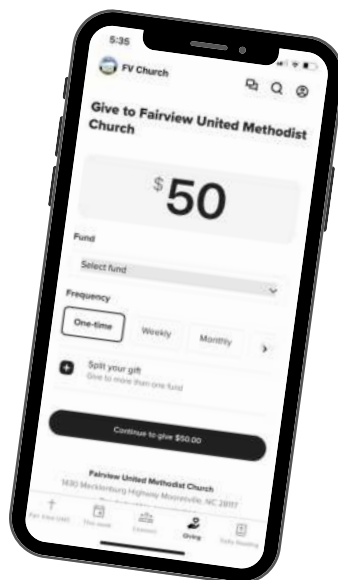
YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS KEEP OUR CHURCH ACTIVE AND THRIVING AND SUPPORT OUR MAJOR PROJECTS!

TXT2GIVE

Text **FVUMCgiving** to 1-888-364-4483 in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive.

If you already have a Subsplash giving account, you will be able to login and give immediately!

Don't have a Subsplash account, you can create one in seconds!
The privacy of your personal information is our first priority and is secure through our giving platform!



TRUSTEES

2024

Peggy Jones
Elaine Willeford (Chair)

2025

James Williams
Bill Hicks

2026

Tom Gray
Mark Gurley



A big
THANK YOU goes
to Fair View from
Pack #173 and
Troop #173 for
facility use.

SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks



Scouting's February birthday month has passed after the Cub Scouts participated in a Scout Sunday Services at Fair View. Thanks to all of Fair View who made all the Scouts and their families so welcome at the Scout Sunday Service. Scouts also attended earlier a countywide Vesper Service at the Rocky Mount Church. At the end of the month was the annual Blue & Gold Banquet with almost 100 Scouts, family members and guests attending.

At the annual Gemstone District (Iredell County) Adult Leader Recognition Banquet, Pack #173 was awarded the Shutterbug Award for having the most Pack #173 newspaper articles in the local papers and online in 2023 than any other Scouting Unit in the county. The Pack was also awarded a gold level recognition in Journey to Excellence. This award was based on membership growth in 2023, advancement in rank by the Scouts, community service hours, outdoor activities as well as other areas of growth and achievement.



On the last Saturday in January the Pack held its annual Pinewood Derby Race. Cars were built from kits and raced down a long 48 foot race track. There was a separate race for siblings that were not Scouts. The top three Scout winners advance to a county-wide race in April.

In addition to the weekly Den and Patrol Meetings with the Scouts and their leaders, with spring almost here, the outdoor activities will include a county-wide camporee for the older

Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts Olympics and finally a Pack family camping weekend at the Lake Norman State Park.

As a reminder, children in kindergarten thru 5th grade can join the Pack anytime during the year, Contact any scout leader you know or Bill Hicks at wchicks@hotmail.com or 704-650-1026.



Be sure to pass this month's newsletter on to a friend. You never know that might inspire them for a visit!



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