

# *The Charlotte District E-Pistle*

October 6, 2004

We greatly appreciate the ways in which Myers Park, Providence, Dilworth and other congregations have contributed to our Charlotte District initiative, the **School of Christian Discipleship**. The extraordinarily gifted speakers that these congregations are sharing with us will indeed enhance the quality of discipleship among all who attend these events.

We also welcome invitations from churches that are willing to share special opportunities to enrich our spiritual life through **qualitative musical experiences** that are held at times that do not conflict with worship schedules in congregations around the district. Thus, First United Methodist Church of Charlotte (at the Corner of 8th & N. Tryon Streets) invites our congregations to the following extraordinary musical opportunities:

**Saturday, November 20** – The Charlotte Children’s Choir performs at 7:30pm in our sanctuary. Program is not known at this time.

**Sunday, December 5** – Charlotte Civic Orchestra performs at 3:00pm in our sanctuary. Program is not known at this time.

**Sunday, December 12** – The Charlotte Music Club performs “The Messiah” at 3:00pm in our sanctuary.

**Wednesday, December 15** – Charlotte Oratorio Singers perform “The Messiah” at 7:30pm in our sanctuary.

Ivan Peden, Senior Pastor of FUMC wants us to know of an innovation in worship experience that is suggested by our *UM Book of Worship*: On **Saturday, October 9** there will be a blessing of the Animals service from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the breeze way to the Fellowship Hall. All creatures are welcome, either on a leash or in a carrier (even stuffed animals). There will be an ASK-A-VET site, pet goodies, and a free photo of your pet’s personal blessing, a prize drawing, and a Best Dressed Pet contest.

I appreciate the generosity of Ivan and FUMC and encourage your sharing this information with the membership of your church.

Grace and peace,

*George*