

The Cross and Flame

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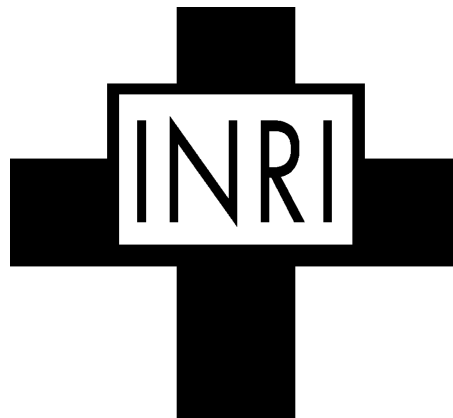
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Who in the world is Henry?



Norman Neaves, an Oklahoma City pastor, tells of a man who approached him after worship one Sunday and asked — or so Dr. Neaves thought — “Who in the world is Henry?”

A bit confused, Dr. Neaves said, “I don’t know. I’m not sure I know what you’re talking about.” The man pointed to what he called the “word” on the cross in the sanctuary. It was the letters “INRI” which the man seemed to be pronouncing “Henry.”

Dr. Neaves could not help but chuckle a little. Finally understanding what the fellow was asking, the pastor explained that the letters “INRI” actually stood for words which were placarded on the cross where Jesus was dying. The letters stand for Latin words.

The letter which looks like an “I” is actually a “J” in Latin and stands for “Jesus.” The “N” stands for “Nazareth.” The “R” stands for “Rex” which means “King” in Latin. The last “I” stands for “J” again but represents the word “Jews.” Thus “INRI” means in Latin, “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.”

Actually Pilate had the sign written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek so that everyone who stood at the foot of the cross could read the sign in the language with which he or she was most familiar.

The Resurrection proves that Jesus is indeed King of the whole world as well as Lord and Savior.

MARCH CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

March 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Each Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Each Monday

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Each Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Each Thursday

10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ Bible Study

- March 1 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
- March 2 6:30 p.m. UMYF with the Pastor
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Children Council
- March 3 6:30 p.m. Witness Committee
- March 7 7:00 p.m. 24 Hours that changed the World
- March 8 7:00 p.m. Nurture Committee
- March 9 6:30 p.m. UMYF
7:00 p.m. Communications Committee
- March 11 7:00 p.m. UMW Quiet Meal
- March 14 8:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast
7:00 p.m. 24 Hours that changed the World
- March 16 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. UMYF
7:00 p.m. Administrative Council
- March 17 6:30 p.m. Youth Council
- March 19 7:00 a.m. UMW make Chicken Pies
- March 21 12:00 p.m. "Stop Hunger Now" Luncheon
7:00 p.m. 24 Hours that changed the World
- March 23 6:30 p.m. UMYF stuff Easter eggs for hunt
- March 28 7:00 p.m. 24 Hours that changed the World
- March 28 6:30 p.m. Sedar Meal
- March 30 **NO YOUTH—SPRING BREAK**

- March 1 Byron Falls
Peggy Sizemore
- March 2 Terri Bryson
- March 3 Lou Bullington
Sean McGinnis
William Scott
- March 5 Jon Kite
Timothy Weavil
- March 6 Kerry Buchanan
- March 7 Alice Bergman
- March 8 Garnette Bodsford
- March 10 Julian Blackburn
Jean Brannock
Robin Pugh
- March 11 James Cox
Dennis Houle
- March 13 Ben Fuller
- March 14 John Mercer
- March 16 Emily Hale
Melanie Niblock
Sally Scott
- March 17 Dan Genevie
- March 20 Mark Ellis
David Zimmerman
- March 21 Brandon James
- March 22 Sandy Waldron
- March 23 Robert Greene
- March 24 Brady Shutt
- March 25 Sherry Brogdon
- March 26 Raymond White
- March 27 Andruw Hawkins
- March 28 Mack Smith
- March 29 Tiffany Bodsford
- March 30 Jeff Brewer
Ethan Sellers
- March 31 Norman Brogdon

WORK DAY—There is some outside work that needs to be done before Easter. A work day has been scheduled for March 20th with a rain day of March 27th, We will begin work at 8:00 a.m. so bring your gloves, wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels and what ever you need for yard work and come help make the grounds look good for the visitors that we will have on Easter. If you have any questions please call Jim Neace.

ANNIVERSARIES

- March 3 Julian & Eunice Blackburn
- March 5 Jessie & Von Ward
Dennis & Linda Houle
- March 10 Todd & Susan Buchanan
- March 11 Ray and Joan Byrd

**OUR VOLUNTEERS
PROVIDE BREAD FOR VISITORS**

- March 7 Mary Council
- March 14 Melanie Niblock
- March 21 Lisa Hale
- March 28 Peggy Sizemore

USHER SCHEDULE

- March 7 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
Scott Pugh
Eddie Scott
John Fonda
Calvin Tanner
- March 14 Roy Spach, Head Usher
Chris Council
Butch Hogue
Dee Fair
Brent Shutt
- March 21 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
Scott Pugh
Eddie Scott
John Fonda
Calvin Tanner
- March 28 Roy Spach, Head Usher
Chris Council
Butch Hogue
Dee Fair
Brent Shutt

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- March 7 Robin Pugh
- March 14 Terri Newell
- March 21 Lori Genevie
- March 28 Sally Scott

SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT

- March Evelyn Groce

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH

- March Wesley Patchwork

SECURITY CHECK

- March Discovery Class

CRISIS CONTROL ITEM

- March Laundry Detergent

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—MARCH 24

DID YOU KNOW . .

BREAKFAST MEETING—The United Methodist Men will hold their next breakfast and meeting on Sunday, March 14th. We'll have a modified hot breakfast of sausage and egg casserole, hash brown casserole, and the famous "cathead" biscuits. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. followed by a program. Donations to help with the food costs and other UMM projects will be accepted.

THANK YOU—The spouses, widows and widowers would like to give a really big thank you to the Methodist Men for the wonderful breakfast and carnation on Valentines day. The food was excellent, the fellowship was awesome and the carnations were beautiful. Thank you again for a wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship.

STITCHES WITH LOVE—Our group, "Stitches With Love" has gotten off to a good start. We have some sewing projects if you are interested. If you do not know how to crochet or knot but want to learn we will be glad to hold some classes. Contact Linda Kite with questions or concerns or want to join.

PRIME TIMERS— The outing that was scheduled for December, then February, has been rescheduled for March 13th. Reservations will be confirmed with those that were scheduled to attend our rescheduled Prime Timer's event. If you hadn't confirmed your interest in attending on 2/27 and would like to be added to our 3/13 date. . Please call Rhonda at 830-2807 by Monday, March 1.

STOP HUNGER NOW BENEFIT LUNCH— Please make plans to have lunch here at church **right after worship on March 21st.** The Witness Committee has planned and will serve the meal to benefit our "Stop Hunger Now" (SHN) food packaging event scheduled for May 8th. Lunch will be \$5.00 per person with a maximum

United Methodist Women

March, 2010

Attention all Pine Grove Ladies:

On March 11th at 6:30 pm both circles and all ladies are invited to attend the "Call-to-Prayer and Self Denial" Program and "Quiet Meal" in the Fellowship Hall. We are privileged to have Norma Pearman, Chief Development Officer at the Children's Home, with us as our speaker. She will educate us on "My Aunt's House", a new home for teenage mothers and their babies. This home will provide parenting skills, job skills, and other support. Come and hear about this mission and the renovations that are underway at the Children's Home.

Chicken Pies:

We will roll dough for chicken pies on March 16th from 12:00 – 3:30 pm and from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Please call Evelyn Groce or Peggy Williams to sign up to work a shift. We will make chicken pies on March 19th. Chickens are expected to arrive around 7:00 am.

District Annual Meeting:

Pine Grove UMW have agreed to host the District Annual Meeting on August 10, 2010. We are now forming a committee to begin planning for this event. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Michele Roberts.

Looking Ahead:

April 21st: "Stitches with Love", our New knitting and crocheting group, will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.

August 10th: Pine Grove UMW will host the District Annual Meeting

THOUGHTS FROM THE REV...

Can you believe that Easter is almost here? Maybe that is where my hair went... time is traveling so fast it just blew off. Well, if that is the case, let me suggest that you wear a hat. One good thing about the time moving so fast is that spring will be here soon and my head won't be so cold. And maybe the white stuff lying in the shaded areas will finally go away.

I want to join you in thanking the five people who joined the church in February and thank the Rowe's for the honor of celebrating Emma's Baptism. Those were some special times for us all. Please do all you can to make these people feel **very welcome** and at home among us.

For those of you who haven't been with us for a while we want to say that we do miss you very much and hope and pray that you will soon return home to us. It is just not the same without you.

For those of you still considering whether or not to join the church, give me a call and let's talk about it. My feeling is that we all need to be here and as involved as we can be. More of us working together for the kingdom is all the better. God needs all your talents and we all need each other. Come and become a greater part of the grace going on in this place. You are going to love it!!!

A special thank you to those who are coming and participating so faithfully in our Sunday evening study of "24 Hours That Changed the World." Adam Hamilton is making us think and ask questions and ponder the story once again – in a new way. Thank you for being here and making this time together so special.

Our Easter events has been changed somewhat; our Seder Meal will be on Monday evening at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. This will be the traditional Jewish Passover Meal (with chicken instead of lamb) and will be led by Reverend Ed Tapper – formally of the Jewish faith. After the Seder we will adjourn to the sanctuary where we will celebrate Holy Communion.

On Friday evening at 7:00 we will observe a Good Friday Tenebrae Service. (A service of shadows – the sanctuary will become darkened as we move closer to the betrayal of Christ.) The service will end in darkness and silence – mournful of what has just happened. During the service different elements of the faith will be removed from the sanctuary; the Bible, Communion set, the offering plates, the Baptismal Font will be draped... you see those things don't matter if Jesus is dead. It is a very solemn service.

Easter morning we will gather for the SONRISE... and all the elements of the faith will be restored to the sanctuary... Jesus is Risen!!!

I hope that you will pray for our church and its ministry... especially that it may touch our lives and the lives of others during this Easter season in such a way that Jesus may be made known in a real and touchable way, and that our lives will be changed.

Be at all the services you can. Your presence and participation makes a real difference.

Grace and Peace

Steve

PS. I will let you know more about arrangements for the Seder within the next week or so.

Greetings from your Weekday School!

As I am writing this letter, the “Love” month is coming to an end and I am anxiously waiting to see if (as usual) March “roars in like a lion”! Given some of the weather we’ve experienced in February, I think there’s a pretty good chance that it will. Sixty degrees one day; then, snow and sleet the next...I am so ready for Spring! How about you?!

No matter what the weather was outside, we were cuddly-warm and full of love all through the month here at PGWS. Our classrooms were filled with hearts & lace and valentines as we learned all about the different kinds of LOVE. The children had a great time making special gifts for their “Valentines” and exchanging valentine cards with their friends. Our month was filled with lots of “family time” opportunities as our 3s, 4s, & Rs’ parents joined us for Parent/Teacher Conferences and many others visited in the classrooms at our 2010/2011 Registration/Open House. Everyone seemed to enjoy the time spent with their children’s current and prospective teachers. In addition to all the “love lessons” and family time, we spent a lot of time learning about good dental hygiene in observance of National Dental Health Month. The Clemmons Branch Children’s Librarian joined us on the 10th to share some really cute stories on the importance of taking care of our teeth. Then, our 4s & Rs enjoyed a trip to the dental office of Drs. Spangler and Rohlfing on the 12th. They learned all about how dentists and hygienists help us care for our teeth. (This visit is a great way to calm the fears the little ones have about going to the dentist.) As I am writing this letter, we are looking forward to a visit from “Mike Molar” on the 26th.

Registration for the 2010/2011 school year will open to the public on March 1st so be sure to let everyone know that Pine Grove Weekday School is the place to be! We’re already getting lots of calls and visits from families who plan for their children to join us next school year. Everyone is excited about all the wonderful activities that will take place in March as we prepare to celebrate the arrival of Spring. In keeping with National Nutrition Month, PGWS will participate in the “Wee Care” Cereal Drive for Crisis Control’s Food Pantry. The food pantries in Winston-Salem and Kernersville serve over 300 families per month so the need is very great. If you would like to help with this worthy cause, just leave your boxes of cereal on the table opposite the Weekday School office by noon on Friday, March 19th and we will deliver them to Crisis Control for you. Thanks, in advance, for your help! (PGWS will also participate next month in raising funds for the Stop Hunger Now event that will take place here at the church on May 8th. Our students and staff will sponsor a Bake Sale in conjunction with our Spring Children’s Clothing/Toy Sale that will take place on April 16th & 17th. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will be donated to PGUMC to be used to purchase supplies for the event. Plan now to come out and take advantage of our great clothing/toy bargains and purchase a yummy treat to take home, as well!) These events are wonderful ways to support your Weekday School, your church, Crisis Control and Stop Hunger Now! I hope you’ll join us! We have lots of other fun-filled events taking place during the month, beginning with a visit from our friend, “Fish the Magish” on March 8th. “Fish” is always a big hit with the boys and girls as he presents his “Magic Friendship” Show. Our annual “Welcome, Spring!” Party will take place on March 17th. Our children and staff will celebrate the arrival of the season as we dance the morning away dressed in the beautiful flower hats, necklaces, corsages & bouquets we will create in class. We will also enjoy a delicious snack of Spring Tea Cakes and green punch in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. Word has it that a fun-loving Leprechaun will be here to help us celebrate Spring’s arrival. I hope he remembers to bring his “pot of gold”!☺ Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 26th. The Easter Bunny will join us to help search for those elusive eggs and we’ll enjoy Easter celebrations in our classrooms. Visitors are always welcome at our school’s special events so join us, if you can, for mornings filled with fun! After all the month’s activities, I know our staff will be looking forward to a week of “R & R” during the Spring Break that will take place March 29th – April 2nd! We’ll return to school “rested & relaxed” on April 5th to begin our remaining two months of school.

Special thanks go out this month to Jim Neace who “jumped right in” on correcting the heating problem some of our classrooms were experiencing (We’ve been toasty warm ever since!☺) and for all the other little odd jobs he’s helped with. “Thanks, Jim!”

As always, be sure to keep our important ministry in your prayers. Until next time...

Chris

UMCOR HEALTH KITS FOR HAITI

Pine Grove will continue collecting Health Kits. If you did not have an opportunity to prepare health kits you still have time. Listed below are the items needed for the health kits and how to package them. They can be brought to the church office.

All items included in kits must be NEW items.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries it is important that kits contain only the requested items—nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment. (Do include \$1.00 for a tube of toothpaste.)

Please place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

1 hand towel (15" X 25" up to 17" X 27", No kitchen towels).

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized).

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers).

1 bath-size bar of soap (3 ounces and up).

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes).

1 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

(NOTE: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure the product does not expire before they are sent.)

A CONVERSATION WITH THE BISHOP BISHOP'S VIDEO CONVERSATIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I know each one of you is working diligently right now in preparation for the Advent and Christmas season to reconnect with as many of the people of your church as possible. This is a vital and constant work of the church—reconnecting with Christ, with one another and with our mission in the world. I want to extend and strengthen that connection to the conference and to mission work of our United Methodist Church around the world through a video conversation with our members.

This is the latest video message I am sending to every member of our conference churches. Through this medium, I hope to encourage every member to become engaged in our mission of Following Jesus, Making Disciples and Transforming the World. I hope you will watch the newest chapter of this video conversation yourself and then send a copy of this message to other members of your church.

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If you'd like to hear more from the Bishop you can sign up on the same page to receive an e-mail alert when additional videos are posted.

View all of the Rethink—Reconnect Videos

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