



The First United Methodist Church of

Pine Mountain

# The Wesleyan Communicator

Open Hearts, Open  
Minds, Open Doors

April  
2011

## A Note from the Pastor:

One Ending – One Beginning

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I am so grateful to all of you who led and participated and followed along with our small group studies of “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” over the last few weeks. Thanks to all who opened your homes to us, who prepared food for us, and who led us in conversation about the future of this church that we all love so dearly.

Even though we have reached the end of this study, I hope your small group will consider continuing to meet. We grow in our faith when we talk about God together. For me, small group studies like the one we are finishing are a win/win situation. Didn't you learn some things? And didn't you get to know some folks you didn't know before?

So..... where do we go from here? How do we put the ideas and passions we shared in the living room to work in the church? Here's what I think: we do it with confidence. We do it one step at a time. And we do it together. And, most importantly, we ask God to lead the way. And we never, never quit moving ahead!

As I'm writing this, I have not received your list of notes from your discussions of Radical Hospitality and Passionate Worship and Intentional Faith Development and Risk-taking Mission and Service and Extravagant Generosity. I have been told that I'd better watch out. There are a TON of ideas! I love that! Let's turn our ideas into God's reality!

But for now, I'd like to start us out with a challenge. Well, two in fact. The first is that every one of us will find time during each day to pick up our Bibles and read something. And then pay attention to what God is telling us for that day.

Secondly, I challenge us to continue with our Radical Hospitality by repainting our parking places in front of the church, putting out a few *Reserved for Visitors* signs, moving the old, traditional church sign a little down the lawn and adding a new, easily readable sign that will make all who pass by take notice of who we are.

And, who are we? We are the Church! We are people who are called to behave differently from the world! We are people who know and love God. And we are hospitable people who want others to join the celebration!

I thank God for you every day! And I thank God for what God has in store for us!

Grace and Peace,

**Martha**



# Staying Connected

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17. There is something extraordinarily special and powerful about men coming together for fellowship, to study God's Word, worship, or work on special projects. Join us for breakfast:



**8:00am, Saturday, April 2  
in the Family Life Center**

Not only will you enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship, but you will also find out what the men in our church are planning for the future. See you Saturday!

**"Just for Fun"** At a recent meeting/discussion with some of our men, the subject came up: Why don't the men and their sons get together and do something "just for fun," like deep sea fishing, or white water rafting, or...? Everyone in the group said "yeah, that would be great, let's do it! Are you interested? We'll take it up at our next meeting. Be thinking about it.

## A Bulletin Board Announcing Men's Events.

We now have a bulletin board that states our purpose and highlights upcoming men's events. It's located in the Family Life Center. Lamar Hamric and Harold Tarpley donated the photographs. Check it out!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

BAZAAR 2011

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



The Sew Blessed Quilters of the Pine Mountain Methodist Church will hold a Bazaar on October 8, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We hope to have many in our congregation donate new craft items to be sold at the Bazaar. The Quilters are currently working on a new quilt to be offered through donations this year. Also for our Grandma's Attic we will be

taking nice gently used items for sale as well. Baked goods and food items will be available. Be sure to circle this event on your calendar NOW. We will need many volunteers to help set up the Family Life Center for the event, attractively arrange the merchandise, and be available to work on October 8th as well. We want this to be a church-wide event. Call Sandra Barge or any of the Sew Blessed Quilters with how you plan to help.

**Spring Fling Family Festival-** May 14 3:00-5:30

Time is drawing near for our exciting church festival! Be sure to bring friends and family members for an afternoon filled with fun, laughter and snacks. We are in need of the following for the festival: volunteers to run games and wrapped candy for prizes. All support is greatly appreciated! See Shannon if you can help!



## Church T-shirt Sale-



Church t-shirts are on sale NOW! The sale will continue until April 3. The cost is \$6 Youth small-Adult XL, \$7 XXL, \$9 XXXL. The shirts are red with black lettering. Front-church logo on top left Back-

3 Simple Rules 1. Do no harm 2. Do good 3. Stay in love with God Pre-orders are being taken with payment due by April 3. See Shannon if you are interested!

**Radical Hospitality!** Please come downstairs between Sunday School and Church each Sunday for a cup of coffee or glass of juice. The warm sweet smiles and the fellowship are worth the trip!





**Easter Schedule**

Sunday, April 17, Palm Sunday  
Confirmation Sunday  
with Reception at 12:00pm

Holy Week, April 18-22  
Community Holy Week Lunches  
in the Family Life Center  
12:00-12:55pm

April 21, Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service at 7:00pm

April 22  
Good Friday Cantata  
at 7:00pm  
Chancel Choir:  
*Stations of the Cross*

Sunday, April 24, Easter  
Worship 8:30 & 11:00am

**FLOWERS NEEDED!** Easter will be here before we know it so start watching for the April flowers to bloom! We will need them for our living crosses on Easter morning. Bring them to the altar as you arrive so the altar guild can get them placed on the cross. There will be a cross for the 8:30 and 11:00am services.

**EASTER LILIES**



We would like to have our Sanctuary beautifully adorned with Easter Lilies on this Easter morning. You can participate by purchasing one (or more) of the flowers in honor/memory of a special person/occasion. The Easter Lilies may be taken home after the 11:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, April 24.

To order, fill in this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check (**\$11.00** each flower). Please make check payable to First United Methodist Church and note that it is for "Easter Lilies." If you prefer, your form and check may be mailed to the church office. Either way, we **MUST** have your order by Sunday, **April 17.**

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Flowers: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Please print clearly***





# Children's Ministries

## Read to Feed Project-



The children kicked off the Read to Feed Project for Heifer International on Wednesday, March 16. Each child is setting a goal for the number of books that he/she will read by May 18. The children will be looking for sponsors as they read these books. You can sponsor a child by the number of books that he/she reads or a flat amount. Be sure to help our children become heroes for hunger! We appreciate all of your support.

## Easter Egg Hunt-

April 17, 3:00 Church Parsonage

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 17 at the Parsonage. Children ages 1 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Rev. Dye and Mrs. Shannon will lead the children in a short devotion and egg hunt. Each family is asked to bring a finger food snack to share after the hunt. All church members are welcome to come and take part in this exciting event!



## Easter Egg Hunt

## Summer Activities:

We will not have Sunday afternoon activities during the summer. We WILL have WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS on the following dates: June 1, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20 and July 27 Time: TBA. These programs will include short devotions with activities such as scavenger hunt, broom field hockey, water day, movie trip, pool, service projects. We would like to have two swim days and are looking for families to host us. If you are interested in allowing us to use your pool please contact Shannon ASAP.



## Children Programs

### Sunday Evenings

3H Club-4:30-5:30

### Wednesday Evenings

Kingdom Seekers-6:15-6:45

Children's Choir-6:45-7:30

## Want to Help?

We are always looking for energetic individuals to work with our little angels. Look over the list below and see where you could fit in!

-Spring Fling Family Festival Volunteer

-VBS Volunteer

-Sunday School Rotating Teacher

-Children's Church Assistant

-3H Club Assistant (Sun. 4:30-5:30)

-Kingdom Seekers Assistant (Wed. 6:15-6:45)

-Children's Choir (Wed. 6:45-7:30)

-Nursery Assistant (Sun. A.M. or Wed. P.M)



## Upcoming Dates:

April 3- 3:00 Children and Youth Choir to visit Poplar Place Assisted Living- LaGrange

April 6- NO CHILDREN ACTIVITIES- Spring Break

April 10- Regular Programs Resume, Children's Leadership Meeting 12:15-1:00

April 17- Egg Hunt-3:00 Parsonage- Bring finger food to share-No 3H

April 24-No 3H

May 1- VBS Volunteer Meeting- 3:30-4:30

May 14- Spring Fling Family Festival 3:00-5:30

May 18- End of the Year Party 7:00-7:30

May 22- Children Sunday 11:00 service

June 1- Scavenger Hunt- Time: TBA



# Youth Ministry

## Weekly Youth Activities

### Sunday:

4:30-5:30pm Choir

5:30-7:30pm UMYF

### Wednesday:

6:00-6:30pm Choir

6:30-7:30pm UMYF



## Smiling faces from Noah's Ark



Elisabeth enjoys a wagon ride with Lucy



Police Officer Gaitz to the rescue!



## Items to Borrow for Decorations for VBS - Theme: Shake It Up Cafe

All items may be brought to the church beginning June 1.

Please label each item with your name.

- Colored plastic plates
- clay chimenea
- Long white ropes
- clay dishes
- Potato mashers
- mortar and pestle
- Graters
- walking sticks
- Colanders
- rolling pins
- Stand mixers
- salad tongs (5 sets)
- Toasters



- pool noodles-yellow
- Waffle makers
- measuring spoons
- Table grills
- measuring cups
- Oven mitts
- mixing bowls- all sizes
- Place mats
- pots
- Kitchen canisters or mason jars
- pan
- Baskets (large or small)
- Woks



- Bistro set
- tea kettles
- Playground balls (all sizes)
- wooden spoons
- Clothesline and clothespins
- ladles
- Checkered tablecloths
- spatulas
- Gourds
- aprons
- Plastic food
- chef hats
- Bar stools





## Noah's Ark Child Enrichment Center



**For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil 1:21**

Time flies when you are having fun! You can see from the pictures we have been very busy with fun activities for the children! The highlight of the month of March was having three ponies and a donkey visit us at Noah's Ark! It was Western Week and Leigh Ellen and Dan Ertle brought their "animal family" so all the children could enjoy a pony ride and learn about horses. A **"Big Thank You"** goes to the Ertles for taking time out to make it such a special and exciting day! Thank you also goes to Amanda Angel for helping and all the parents and grandparents that joined in the excitement!

Noah's Ark continues to be blessed in so many ways. Our enrollment for next year is going extremely well! Most of our classes are full already! Praise God! If you know of anyone that may be interested, please pick up a registration form outside my office or in the church office or have them call me at 663-9521. Thank you for supporting our Fox's Pizza Fund raiser. Through your gifts and donations to this ministry we can provide some help to families that otherwise would not be able to participate in the program.

**REMEMBER..our annual Yard Sale is this Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are taking donations now for the sale.** Items can be dropped off this week in the hallway of the CEC. Again thank you for your love and support.

*In Him, Karen*



Smiling Sophie



"Autumn enjoys the pony ride at Western Day



Birthday Queen Ana Grace



### In Our Prayers

#### Our Church Family

Angie Barker	Emma Mabry
Louise Burlton	Lexie Paulk
Terry Chandler	Betty Roberts
Jane Claire Culverhouse	Irene & John Sale
Bill Darley	Roy Westbrook
Peggy Davis	Fran White
Terry Holmes	John Y. Willis
Ann Kozee	Our Church
Dathan Mabry	

#### Extended Church Family

Jane Askew, Former Resident  
 JoAnn Bowman, Friend of Jim & Sue Trott  
 Lloyd & Loretta Darby, Parents of Pam Davis  
 Dennis Egle, Relative of Jack Story  
 Katie Hess, Niece of Louis Hazouri  
 Heather Kelley, Niece of Winky Parker  
 Nelson Jones, Retired Attorney  
 Neal McCullohs, Former member  
 Robert Smith, Father of April Loftin  
 LaVerne Thompson, Mother of Dawn Swanson  
 Ann Tutt, Long Time Resident of Pine Mountain  
 Our Country & All Nations

*If you have a request for someone to be on our prayer list, please complete the purple card on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.*

## April Birthdays

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Jaxon Haralson   | 17 Jane Riley         |
| 1 Zac Hunt         | 17 Katelyn Riley      |
| 1 April Loftin     | 17 Sue Lambert        |
| 2 Bob Phillips     | 18 Judy Diamond       |
| 2 Betty Parrish    | 20 Jim Logan          |
| 2 Chances Waite    | 20 Linda Sands        |
| 3 John Willis      | 21 Caleb Williamson   |
| 3 Clint Williamson | 21 Luci Willis        |
| 3 Sherry Phillips  | 23 Lace Cobb          |
| 4 David Emfinger   | 23 Zach Reddick       |
| 5 Katrina Edgar    | 23 Karlia Willis      |
| 7 Ronnie Mearns    | 24 Zachary Williamson |
| 7 Shannon Emfinger | 25 Ibby Edgar         |
| 8 Noah Williams    | 26 Padgett Nelson     |
| 9 Kathy Hall       | 28 Michael Snider     |
| 11 Janet Kirby     | 28 Mary King Kurrass  |
| 13 Doug Barge      | 29 Marina Lovern      |
| 14 Lucy Kurrass    |                       |

## April Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. George Elmore
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Craig
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Cox
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Phillips
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Mapes

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or not listed, please contact the church office so we can correct our records. Your dates are important to us!

### Financial Information as of March 27

#### General Budget

Budgeted:	\$102,375.00
Received:	\$ 91,937.69

### Exercising the Faith

In order to reach our Vision 2020 Goal to be debt free by 2020 we need to average \$48,000 per year **above and beyond** our General Budget [Campaign year from May through April each year]



Received 2011:	\$7,600.00
Received to date:	\$115,754.25





# April Calendar

2	UM Men	8:00am	FLC
4	Louise Miller Circle	12:00pm	FLC
10	Children's Leadership	12:15pm	FLC
10	Finance Committee	6:00pm	CEC
10	Church Council	7:00pm	CEC
11	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
12	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A
14	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
16	Emmaus Reunion	6:30pm	FLC
16	Church Work Day		
17	Confirmation Sunday		
17	Palm Sunday		
17	Easter Egg Hunt	3:00pm	P
18-22	Holy Week Lunch/Service	12:00	FLC
19	Worship Committee	5:30pm	A
21	Newsletter Deadline		
21	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00pm	S
22	Choir Cantata	7:00pm	S
25	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
26	Amazing Greys Lunch	12:30pm	FLC
26	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A
28	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC

## Every Sunday

8:30am Worship  
 9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship  
 4:30pm Children's 3H  
 4:30pm Youth Choir  
 5:30pm UMYF

## Every Wednesday

5:45pm Wednesday Night Supper  
 6:00pm Youth Choir  
 6:15pm Kingdom Seekers  
 6:30pm Chancel Choir  
 6:30pm Youth UMYF  
 6:45pm Children's Choir

## Every Monday

6:30pm Christian Believer

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