



The First United Methodist Church of

Pine Mountain

The Wesleyan Communicator

Open Hearts, Open
Minds, Open Doors

August
2011

A Note from the Pastor:

As I write this, we are just finishing up three wonderful nights of Gift to Pine Mountain. We opened our hearts and our doors and invited the community to our church. And the community responded! I know you will want join me in thanking Bobbie Tarpley who organizes this unique outreach each year. And to all of you who so graciously gave of your time and talents, thank you so much!

Don't you think a week like this is a perfect example of who the church is called to be: a welcoming, hospitable, helpful place where the love of Christ can be experienced in many, many ways—even in getting help in learning to recover a chair or arrange flowers or offer life giving CPR to one in need.

As I have talked with you and dreamed with you about First UMC, I think I understand our vision:

*to be the most welcoming, most hospitable, most helpful,
most loving, most Christ centered church we can be.*

We want to be a church that has a reputation in this community! A reputation for living like real Christians in a real world!

Vacations are over and school is about to start and life around here will fall back into that rhythm that we all find so familiar. There is so much, maybe too much, to do. It can be overwhelming. I know it can!

But, will you do something? Will you put this on your list of to-dos? Will you mark it on your calendar? Will you stick it on your refrigerator door with a magnet? *Will you set aside a little space in your soul for the small, still voice of God? In that quiet center where you hear Jesus, you will find a welcoming voice, a hospitable voice, a helpful voice, a loving voice, a voice centered in amazing grace!*

Events like Gift to Pine Mountain are wonderful. But the real good stuff about the life of a church is spread throughout the community through you and me in our everyday living. At the post office. In the grocery store. At a baseball game. At the beauty parlor.

Try to find a time each day to visit that quiet center where Jesus is. You will find a peace and joy beyond compare! People will look at you and wonder what it is you know that they don't! And in the middle of it all, you will be the vision of the church all wrapped up in your very own skin! That's a great reputation to walk around in!

Peace,

Martha

Interested in being a part of a 7AM Sunday Morning Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary?

Contact Pam Davis at 706-663-0080



Extra! Extra!

Read all about it!

Matching Funds Offer Made to "Raise the Roof"



With the goal of being able to replace our sanctuary roof this fall, a most generous offer has been made to match our giving, dollar for dollar, up to the cost of the new sanctuary roof.

All funds received to "raise the roof" from Sunday, July 24, up to and including, the luncheon fundraiser on Sunday, August 7, will, in effect, be **doubled!**

Don't miss this opportunity to *DOUBLE YOUR GIFT!*

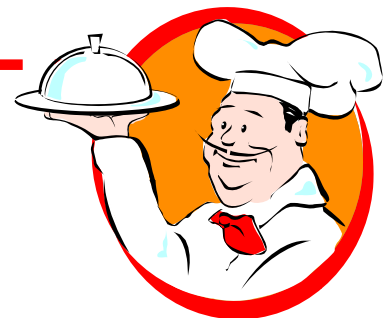
Luncheon to "Raise the Roof"

Sunday, August 7

We will have Lasagna. YUM!

Put this date on your calendar and plan to stay after the 11:00 service.

REMEMBER, all funds raised will be **DOUBLED** by a generous donor to help "RAISE THE ROOF".





Staying Connected

THE SEW BLESSED QUILTERS

The "Bazaar of Bountiful Blessings," sponsored by The Sew Blessed Quilters, is coming October 8. Don't miss out on all the handmade crafts and delicious treats made by our talented church family.



The "Country Store" is an all time favorite with homemade jellies, jams, pickles, relishes, cakes, candies, and pies....oh my!!! And what young mother wouldn't adore beautifully crocheted blankets for her baby from the "Baby Boutique."

The Sew Blessed Quilters will have the 2011 quilt and matching shams on display for ticket sales. The "Stars in Time" quilt is a rainbow of colors composed of stars and hourglass blocks.

For more information about the Bazaar, please contact Sandra Barge @ 706-628-7435. We appreciate the church family's support.

NOAH'S ARK



I hope you all have had a great summer! We are excited about Noah's Ark beginning soon as the summer comes to an end. **School begins Tuesday, August 30 with Open House on Saturday, August 27 (10:00 a.m. to**

11:30 a.m.) With our large number of classes we will need several volunteers. Please call Karen Williams at 663-9521 if you can help one morning. I guarantee you will be Blessed!

We are thrilled to have all our wonderful teachers back with us this year! We still have openings in our young one-year-old class that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you know of anyone that may be interested please have them contact Karen Williams.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS WILL

START BACK ON

AUGUST 10

New Pricing:

Due to increasing food costs, the price has been increased to the following:

- Adult Ticket - \$5.00
- Under 5 free
- Ages 5 - 10 - Half Price
- Ages 11 and through high school - Adult price
- Cap for families (children that live at home) - \$20.00



New Policy:

To make checking in for supper run smoothly the following policy has been adopted:

- Payment is cash up front.
- There will be no charges.
- Those who need financial assistance -See Martha in advance. Meals will be covered. This will insure that anyone who desires a meal will be able to come and enjoy a meal and fellowship without any stress.

The updating of this policy is a compilation of hours of problem solving and leadership discussions on how to "get Ministry done." Given a church of our size and the efforts involved by many people, we have needed to think through some processes so that we can all work together and not stumble over each other. These procedures are not hoops just to make people jump through, they are parameters that will help people be most effective and minimize unnecessary frustrations.

In 1 Corinthians 14:40, we are told that all ministry is to be "orderly" when the people of God gather together. That is our aim—to honor God and allow you the greatest freedoms to follow His lead.

If you have any questions regarding the content of these guidelines, please don't hesitate to ask. However we can serve you is our aim.

This new policy was created by the Kitchen Committee and approved by Finance and Church Council.



Children's Ministries

Welcome Back!

Wednesday Night programs will start back on Wednesday, August 10. We will be changing the order of the children programs beginning on the 10th. Children's Choir will be from 6:15-6:55 and Kingdom Seekers will be from 7:00-7:30. Children ages 3 years-5th grade are encouraged to attend choir with Mrs. Amy! Kingdom Seekers will be split with 3yrs-2nd grade with Mrs. Shannon and 3rd-5th grade with Mrs. Sonja. Parents/Adults are needed as helping hands during the Kingdom Seekers program. If you are able to volunteer for one Wednesday evening or for a month rotation please let Shannon know! We look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Fiddlin' Dan the Mountain Man Columbus Museum



Children Programs

Sunday Evenings

3H Club—4:30-5:30pm

Wednesday Evenings

Children's Choir—6:15-6:55pm

Kingdom Seekers—7:00-7:30pm

Upcoming Events:

August 7

3H Club Resumes each Sunday 4:30-5:30

August 10

Children's Choir 6:15-6:45
Back to School Broom Hockey 6:45-7:30
EVERYONE SHOULD BRING
AN OLD BROOM AND WEAR TENNIS
SHOES

August 21

Children's Leadership Meeting 12:15

September 4

No 3H due to Labor Day





Youth Ministry

June Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes Kentucky



One Day Rafting Trip
Chattooga River
Beginner Fun!
August 20

Everyone that is signed up for this trip needs to have their fees paid as soon as possible. Cancellations need to be made if you are not going to be able to participate in order to get 50% refund. If you have not signed up and would like to participate, please call the church office.

Youth Programs

Sunday Evenings

Youth Choir—4:30-5:30pm
UMYF—5:30-7:30pm

Wednesday Evenings

UMYF—6:00-7:00pm
Youth Choir—7:00-7:30pm



In Our Prayers

Our Church Family

Louise Burlton	Emma Mabry
Terry Chandler	Teresa McCullohs
Jane Claire Culverhouse	Martha Morgan
Peggy Davis	Lexie Paulk
Terry Holmes	Betty Roberts
Ann Kozee	Irene & John Sale
Skye Loftin	Fran White
Aston Mabry	John Y. Willis
Dathan Mabry	Our Church

Extended Church Family

- Jane Askew, Former Resident
- JoAnn Bowman, Friend of Jim & Sue Trott
- Lloyd & Loretta Darby, Parents of Pam Davis
- Andy Hagler, Son of Pat & John Hagler
- Katie Hess, Niece of Louis Hazouri
- Heather Kelley, Niece of Winky Parker
- Nelson Jones, Retired Attorney
- Brandon Mallory, Nephew of Terry Douthit
- Neal McCullohs, Former member
- James McVey, Father of Sonja Williamson
- Bob Reed, Friend of Tracy Willey
- Robert Smith, Father of April Loftin
- LaVerne Thompson, Mother of Dawn Swanson
- Ann Tutt, Long Time Resident of Pine Mountain
- Our Country & All Nations
- The Men & Women of our Military

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.

August Anniversaries

- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ertle
- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Williamson
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Neal McCullohs
- 16 Dr. & Mrs. Bob Chrzanowski
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Clancy
- 31 Mr. & Mrs. Doug Barge



August Birthdays

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| 2 David Chambers | 13 Emily Cofield |
| 3 Jack Story | 15 Pam Davis |
| 11 Melcena Johnson | 19 Page Flynn |
| 11 Sophia Kurrass | 20 Jacob Parker |
| 11 Lilly Kurrass | 23 Sally Clay Smith |
| 11 Rick Adams | 26 Dathan Mabry |
| 12 Jacob Douthit | 28 Terry Holmes |
| 12 Bobbie Tarpley | 29 Judy Westbrook |
| 12 Mary Ann Smoot | 29 Bobby Reddick |
| 13 Winky Parker | 30 Blanche Clements |

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!

Campmeeting for August Sundays at 7:00pm

Preachers will be:

- 7 Rev. Matt Rustin
- 14 Rev. Ken Godfrey
- 21 Mr. Rick Adams
- 28 Rev. Rick Lipp



Music from our choir, men's group, etc.
Fellowship after each service



Financial Information as of July 24

General Budget

Budgeted:	\$236,250.00
Received:	\$205,549.07

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 June through May each year]



Received Campaign 2011/2012:	\$3,030.00
Received to date:	\$127,255.25



August Calendar

1	Louise Miller Circle	12:00pm	FLC
6	UM Men	8:00am	
7	Raise the Roof Luncheon	12:00pm	FLC
7	Finance Committee	5:00pm	CEC
7	Church Council	6:00pm	CEC
8	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
10	Wednesday Night Supper Begins	5:30pm	FLC
11	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
11	Lay Leadership	7:00pm	A
18	Newsletter Deadline		
22	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
24	Newsletter		
25	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
27	Noah's Ark Open House	10:00am	CEC
30	Amazing Greys Luncheon	12:30pm	FLC

<u>Every Sunday</u>	
8:30am	Worship
9:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
9:45am	Sunday School
11:00am	Worship
4:30pm	Youth Choir
4:30pm	3H Club
5:30pm	UMYF
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	
5:30pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:00pm	Youth UMYF
6:15pm	Children's Choir
6:30pm	Chancel Choir
7:00pm	Kingdom Seekers
7:00pm	Youth Choir

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