



The First United Methodist Church of

Pine Mountain

The Wesleyan Communicator

Open Hearts, Open
Minds, Open Doors

February
2011

A Note from the Pastor:

This month I have a song floating around in my head. It's one of my favorites, actually. Goes like this:

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my life.*



January is a month of vision for us here at Pine Mountain. It is a month of looking ahead to the ways we will live ministry out around here. There are some exciting things coming! Small groups and mission trips and confirmation classes and Bible studies and community outreach. And much, much more!

We'll be hearing about Five Characteristics that, if we pay close attention to them, can make us an even more vital and lively congregation. We'll meet together in our homes and here at church and mull over ideas like Radical Hospitality and Passionate Worship and Intentional Faith Development and Risk-Taking Mission and Service and Extravagant Generosity.

I believe with all my heart that in 2011, we will shine!!!! We will grow and laugh and love and learn and reach out to others and reach into our hearts in new ways. That's the way God saw it when the Church came into being through Jesus Christ. And through the Holy Spirit that grabs ahold of us and won't let us go!

My prayer for us is that we live into the vision God has for us this year and in all the years to come.

And that, as the song says, the Lord of our hearts will be in the center of that vision, will be our best thought. Every day. Every night.

Hold on tight! The Church is moving ahead and we are going with it!

Martha



Staying Connected

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Dear Men and Women of the Church,
Two important dates to mark on your calendar:

Sweetheart's Valentine Dinner



Saturday, February 12
6:00pm
Sponsored by the
United Methodist Men
\$25.00 Couple
\$12.50 Single

Please fill form out and make checks out to
UM Men (not the church).
Give form and check to one of the UM Men

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Louise Miller Circle will be participating in visitation to our homebound church members on February 7th. We bring gifts of love and prayers for healing and comfort to those we visit. Louise Miller members will meet at the church at 9:45 AM to divide into visiting teams. We will meet for lunch together at the Taste of Lemon restaurant in La-Grange. Our next meeting will be March 7th for our Prayer and Self-Denial service, joined by ladies from St. Paul and Smith Chapel UMC.



Remember
Our
Homebound
Members

SOUPEr BOWL SUNDAY



You are invited to lunch
for our annual
**United Methodist Women
Souper Bowl Sunday**
Sunday, January 30th
immediately following the
11:00 service.

Menu:

- Chicken and Wild Rice Soup
- Beef Vegetable Soup
- Toasted Cheese Sandwiches and Crackers
- Tossed Salad
- Homemade Desserts Galore
- Tea and Coffee

Donations will go toward support of
missions locally, nationally and globally.

Reservation Form
Menu:
Please choose (✓):
Chicken
Beef

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____ Phone number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, March 5
6:00pm in the Family Life
Center



Start experimenting with your favorite recipe now.
Great prizes will be given to the winners!
Keep your eye on the church bulletin and the
Church News section of the Harris County Journal
for contest rules and entry requirements.
This "fun and tasty" event is open to all of the members
of our community.



Hungry for PIZZA???? Noah's Ark is selling Fox's Pizza coupons. For only \$14.00 you can buy a Big Daddy one topping pizza and help us raise money for the program. We need your help to make this a successful fund raiser. We have challenged our Noah's Ark families to sell

at least 8 coupons each and they would love to sell you a coupon or two. Pizza sure does hit the spot after all these big holiday meals we have been eating and Fox's Pizza is sooo- Good! *See Mary Ellen or one of our families for your coupons.*

PINE MOUNTAIN PLANNING RETREAT

On January 28-29 we will have a planning retreat for all church leaders and other visionaries.

Schedule:

Friday	6:00 PM	DINNER
	7:00-9:00pm	First Planning Session
Saturday	9:00-11:00am	Second Planning Session
	11:00am	Closing Worship

NEW ADDRESS

Betty Roberts, c/o Sandy Wallace
3033 SE Wake Road
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Birthday coming up on February 12

BLOOD DRIVE at the First Baptist Church in Pine Mountain on February 8.

THANK YOU I would like to thank everyone for their love, hugs of courage, prayers to our Father, calls, emails, cards, visits, gifts, food and support. I am so blessed to be a part of this family of faith and feel the arms of God as I go thru my journey of healing and recovery. Terry Holmes

THANK YOU I want to thank my church family for all your thoughts and prayers including the Methodist Men. Also we would like to thank Larry & Betty Parrish for the good food. Thanks so much.

John & Irene Sale



THE FAITH WE SING

Passionate Worship begins with our love for God, our desire to open ourselves to God's grace, and our eagerness for a relationship to God. One way to achieve this is through music and congregational singing in worship.

During the month of February you have an opportunity to purchase "The Faith We Sing" songbook, a companion book to the United Methodist Hymnal. Martha has been including many of these songs in the worship services, and the beautiful words and melodies have been spiritually uplifting.

Prayerfully consider purchasing "The Faith We Sing" songbook for \$12.00 each. They would make a lasting gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Our goal is 150.

I would like to purchase _____ of "The Faith We Sing."

In honor of

In memory of

Purchased by _____

Yes___ No___ (check here if you would like your name to appear on the label)



Children's Ministries

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



Children's Choir

The children did a wonderful job with their Christmas program. Be sure to tell them how great they did! They all worked very hard. Thanks for all that you do for the children's choir Ms. Amy!

Church-wide Game Night / Covered Dish Dinner- Feb. 5



All are invited to join us from 5:30-7:30 for dinner and games. Be sure to bring your favorite dish and game to share! It will be a night full of fun and fellowship!

Upcoming Events

February 27: Children's Leadership Meeting

April 17: Easter Egg Hunt 3:00 at the church parsonage

May 14: Spring Fling Festival 3:30-6:00

May 20-21: Family Camping Trip - End of School Celebration

June 5-9: Vacation Bible School - Ages 3 years-5th grade



Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping in any of the following programs please see Shannon. We are in constant need of loving, Christian adults to help guide our children!

*Sunday School Teacher / Substitute

*Nursery Helper

*Children's Church Helper

*Kingdom Seekers

*Children's Choir

*3H Club

*Vacation Bible School

*Spring Fling Festival



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



The youth of Pine Mountain have been keeping busy since the holiday season. We ended the year with an annual white elephant gift exchange, which was a wonderful time. We jump-started 2011 with a Progressive Dinner and Lock-in night with fellowship, fun & games, and of course lots of food!



2011

Progressive Dinner

Upcoming Events!!!

Currently, our youth are registering for a "Live Love Weekend" to take place February 11-13 in LaGrange. They will be staying at LaGrange First Methodist Church. The youth will engage in worship with other Methodist churches in the area, and work on a service project called "Stop Hunger Now," which packages meals to be sent to families in need in third world countries. It will be a fun filled and exciting weekend! The last day to register for the early bird price of \$35 is February 6.

Stop Hunger Now



The youth will also be collecting quarters for "Stop Hunger Now." Each quarter raised provides one meal for a family. They will be packaging these meals during the "Live Love Weekend" retreat.



Special thanks goes out to all the parents who have put in a lot of time and effort with the youth in not only service projects, but allowing the youth to come into their homes for the night for the progressive dinner, or helping chaperone the youth during weekly meetings or activities.



Upcoming events to look forward to would be Spiritual Life Retreat in March. Look for more details to come!



Noah's Ark Child Enrichment Center



*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
Psalm 18:2*

It is great to be back at Noah's Ark! In January we learned about winter animals, snow, and enjoyed some of our favorite stories. We had our fifth annual Pajama Party on Jan. 27 which is always such a fun event! I don't know who enjoys it more... the parents since they don't have to dress their child for school, the teachers or the children themselves! We also watched a movie, ate popcorn and relaxed in our PJ's!

A Big Thank You goes to the Methodist Men for working hard on putting in landscape ties and pea gravel for the playground. The children love playing outside and we are happy the area is safe for them.

In February we always enjoy learning about our local Community Helpers and other careers! We look forward to our special visitors and trips through town. If you have anything to share with the children we would love for you to join us one day this month.



Emily is always ready to paint!



Best Buddies, Aidan and Railey being silly



Lilly with her favorite toy

Left: Hunter learns the letter "M"



In Our Prayers

Our Church Family

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

Extended Church Family

Jane Askew, Former Resident
 Lloyd Darby, Father of Pam Davis
 Dennis Ergle, Relative of Jack Story
 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
 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.

CELEBRATING



February Birthdays

2 Sara Davis	18 Sam Hall
9 Lexie Paulk	20 Trey Felsted
11 Pat Hagler	21 Tim Edgar
11 Kate Crye	21 Callie Ziegler
12 John Manseau	23 Patrick Taylor
12 Betty Roberts	25 Rebecca Manseau
13 George Zachry	26 Ryan Williamson
14 Carol Hamric	27 Tony Mapes
15 Rodney Anthony	29 Victoria Edgar

February Anniversaries

5 Mr. & Mrs. Dean Roberts
11 Mr. & Mrs. Dwaine Simmons

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 January 23

General Budget

Budgeted:	\$31,500.00
Received:	\$27,290.01

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:	\$3,680.00
Received to date:	\$111,774.25





February Calendar

5	UM Men	8:00am	FLC
5	Acolyte Training	4:00pm	S
5	Church Wide Game Night And Covered Dish	5:30pm	FLC
7	Louise Miller Circle	9:45am	
8	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A
10	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
11-13	Youth Live Weekend		
12	Sweetheart Dinner	6:30pm	FLC
13	Finance Committee	6:00pm	CEC
13	Church Council	7:00pm	CEC
14	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
19	Spaghetti Supper		FLC
22	Amazing Greys Lunch	12:30pm	FLC
24	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
25	Emmaus Reunion	6:30pm	FLC
28	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	

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

4:00pm Good Grief (CEC)
 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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