



The First United Methodist Church of

Pine Mountain

# The Wesleyan Communicator

Open Hearts, Open  
Minds, Open Doors

November  
2011

I've been thumbing through all my old Southern Living magazines this week. Thanksgiving is coming and I want to cook something really special. Pumpkin, sweet potato, pecan pies will of course be on the menu. And, if I say so myself, my cornbread dressing is too perfect to mess with! But I want something new. There was a great looking caramel cake. Maybe.

Thanksgiving is really the only time of the year the whole family is together. We tell the same old stories, relive the same old adventures and relish just sitting together with a football game on TV and saying nothing. With the grandchildren in full swing, the house is usually a mess. Nobody cares. It's just good to be one again.

You know, every Sunday morning, I feel sort of the same way. I look out into your faces and think about how good it is that we can just be together. That day of the week for us to just sit there and be "one" is something to be thankful for!

The truth is, the house is sometimes a mess – goodness knows none of us comes to worship with a life all neat and tidy. Truth is, that's why we come! We come to take a time out to worship a God who loves us just as we are. The trick is for us to learn how to love one another "just as we are" as well!

During this Thanksgiving season, I want to encourage you to really stop and celebrate family! The braggy brother-in-law, the bossy sister, the belligerent nephew, the grumpy man in the pew next to you, the demanding woman across the sanctuary. We are called to love one another.

God has given us this great gift called family. In the midst of the pies and cakes and turkey and dressing and the familiarity of Sunday worship, may we remember to stop and be thankful for one another! That's what the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, asks of us. May we ask the same of ourselves as well!



## Martha



### November 27

Hanging of the Greens  
8:45am Coffee Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am One Service only

### December 11

Children's Christmas Program  
6:00pm  
Refreshments to follow

### December 17

Christmas Caroling  
6:00pm

### December 18

Christmas Cantata  
7:00pm

### December 24

Christmas Eve Family Service  
5:00pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
8:00pm





# Staying Connected



**2011 Quilt—Stars in Time  
Presented by  
The Sew Blessed Quilters**

## LUNCHEON

Plan to celebrate the drawing for the 2011 “Stars in Time” quilt on Sunday, November 6, at a Soup and Salad lunch sponsored by the Sew Blessed Quilters. Come and enjoy your choice of three soups: creamy potato, chicken and wild rice, or vegetable beef. A crispy salad and crunchy bread will accompany the soup. Of course, an assortment of delectable desserts will complete the meal. Donations will be accepted toward the debt reduction.



**LAST CHANCE TO OWN!** Don't miss out on your opportunity to own the 2011 quilt, “Stars in Time.” Tickets are 3 for \$10. All donations go toward ministry programs. Tickets available at the church office. The drawing will be at the Luncheon on **November 6**

*Extravagant*  
**GENEROSITY**  
The Heart of Giving



For where your  
treasure is,  
there your heart will  
be also.

Matthew 6:21





# Staying Connected



Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are due to the church by Sunday, November 13th. We can

put them on the altar that morning to have them blessed. Then after church we will take the shoe boxes to the Baptist Church down the street for the boxes to be transported to LaGrange later in the week. The shoe boxes will be given to children in need all over the world. The boxes can be packed and left in the church library any time before November 13.

The church plans to send 8 persons to Atlanta to pack shoe boxes for shipping on December 8. Our church is scheduled to pack boxes from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on that date. If you are interested in going to work with this important ministry, contact Carol Hamric at 706-663-9299.

## MISSION TRIPS COMING SOON

We are planning a trip to Henderson Settlement for 4-11 December. They have a large Christmas party for children in the area every year. Last year there were 450 children there. We went last year and took a lot of gifts and helped wrap gifts while we were there. The party is on the 10th of Dec from 4-6 PM. It would be great if we could stay for the party and return home on Sunday the 11th. More about this later. We will be collecting new toys soon. We will be staying in a house there that sleeps 15 and we will be cooking our own meals. If you are planning on going and/or have any questions please see Jim Dye or call me at 404-790-1480.



## USHER/GREETER TRAINING SESSION

There will be an usher-greeter training session after the luncheon on Sunday, November 6. We'll meet in the sanctuary at one o'clock, and the meeting will last no more than an hour. Many of us plan to attend a Sons of LaFayette concert at 3:30pm so we will be finished in plenty of time. This is a VERY important meeting for new and experienced Ushers and Greeters. Please plan to come to lunch to support the Sew Blessed Quilters and stay to learn more about your position as a Sunday Servant. Remember you are the "first" contact in many occasions of our members and our visitors on Sunday morning. With this comes a great opportunity to show them "**Radical Hospitality**".

## ATTENTION, MEN OF THE CHURCH - AND SONS TOO!!!

If you haven't attended a recent meeting of the United Methodist Men, we invite you to join us and see what is in store for the upcoming months,

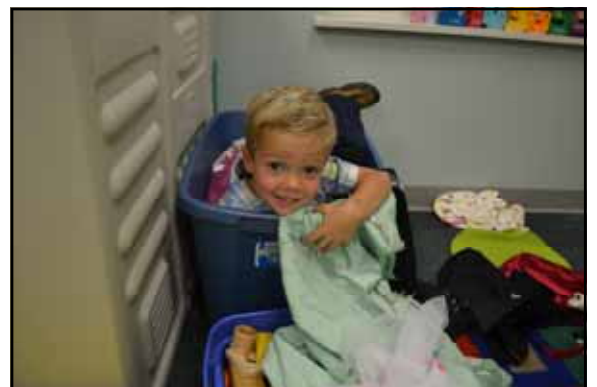
### 8:00am Saturday, November 5 in the Family Life Center

This month, TIM TURCO will share a powerful message that is vital to well-being of all men. LARRY PARRISH will be preparing a not to be missed breakfast. Please join us for a special time of food and fellowship. Be sure to invite a friend. We look forward to seeing you Saturday.



Smiling Austin loves coming to school

More  
Pictures of our  
precious  
Noah's Ark  
Children



Silly Brody loves to make us laugh



# Children's Ministry

## Fall Family Picnic- Nov. 5- 3:30-6:00

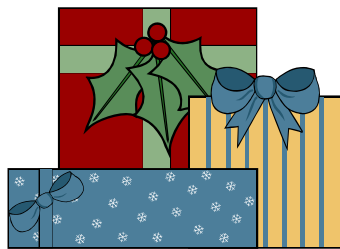
Join us on Nov. 5 for our Fall Picnic at the home of Ronny and Mary Ellen Roberts. We will be playing games, eating dinner and roasting yummy smores. Hotdogs, drinks and smores will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a side dish to share. Pony rides for the children will be provided by Enoch Ministries. See Shannon if you need directions.



## Operation Christmas Child

### Shoebboxes

All items for the Sunday School shoeboxes are due on Nov. 6. The children will wrap and prepare the boxes on that day. See Shannon if you have questions.



Pre-K Class- 4 year old girl

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Class- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boy

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Class- 4<sup>th</sup> grade girl

## Children's Choir

Be sure to join us each Wednesday as we prepare for our Christmas performance! We need all of our joyful voices! Choir 6:15-7:00



## Upcoming Dates

November 20- No 3H due to holidays

November 23- No Wednesday evening activities due to holidays

December 11- Children/Youth Christmas program in the evening

December 17- Church-wide Christmas Caroling



## 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



# Youth Ministry

## WEEKLY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

4:30—5:30 Choir  
5:30—7:30 UMYF

### Wednesday

6:15—7:00 Bible Study  
7:00—7:30 Choir



## YOUTH LOCK-IN November 11—12

Arrive at 6:00 pm. on Friday, November 11 and leave at 7:00 am on Saturday, November 12.

Lots of activities and Bible study are planned. Laser Tag and Krispy Kreme in Columbus, Hayride and Bonfire, Zombie Games and more.

The Seven Checkpoints approach will be introduced. Tim Turco and Rev Martha will present some of the Checkpoints.

**COST: \$10.00**



## MISSION PROJECT

November 26

Meet at Church at 8:00am. We will aid in clean up in Manchester. We will lunch at McDonald's. Return to Church at 1:00pm

Bring money for lunch



JOIN US

MARCH of DIMES WALK

November 20

We will meet at Church for dinner at 5:30pm. We will walk Callaway's Fantasy in Lights at 7:00pm. Cost is \$16.00. Application is due by November 6. Applications can be picked up at Youth Activities or at the office. Checks made out to FUMCPC



**THANK YOU**



To all the parents providing meals for UMYF Sundays.

To Ben for activities and Wednesday Night support

Sunday School Teachers:

Dean, Michael, Terry and Frankie

To all that have been supportive of my new position

To the Youth that come out to the activities



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jars of Clay Concert in Columbus

December 4

Camp Glisson March 23—25, 2012

## INVITING ALL YOUTH

Any youth grades 6 thru 12 are welcome to join us. If you have any questions contact Rick Adams at 706-663-4420 or at ricktadams@bellsouth.net.

*These are crucial years. Without God in them, it is a roll of the dice*



# Noah's Ark



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Psalm 100:1

This is my favorite time of the year! It is hard to believe November is here and with it brings the holiday season. We have been very busy at Noah's Ark and now look forward to all the excitement the holidays bring. This Thursday, the children dressed up for our Costume Party and they were so adorable!! Thanks to Ms. DeAnna's husband, Mark McDonald, the children enjoyed a hay ride through town. You may have even seen us wave to you! We appreciate our wonderful parents and grandparents too, who helped make it special by joining in the fun.

In November we will learn about Indians, Pilgrims, Turkeys and being thankful. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with a party on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Then on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00p.m., Noah's Ark will be in the Pine Mountain Christmas Parade. Be sure to come to get into the Christmas spirit and see all our smiling faces.

I hope you and your family have a Wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving!

May God Bless You, Karen

## DID YOU KNOW.....?

In the past eight years Noah's Ark has grown from eleven children and two classes to thirty nine children and five classes.



Caleb is excited about his pumpkin



Bella had a ball painting her pumpkin



Chayne and Lauren always ready to smile for the camera



### In Our Prayers

#### Our Church Family

Louise Burlton  
 Terry Chandler  
 Jane Claire Culverhouse  
 Peggy Davis  
 Gary Dawson  
 Terry Holmes  
 Jackie Jarrett  
 Ann Kozee  
 Skye Loftin  
 Aston Mabry  
 Dathan Mabry  
 Emma Mabry

Ed Manseau  
 Irene Mapes  
 Teresa McCullohs  
 Martha Morgan  
 Lexie Paulk  
 Betty Roberts  
 Irene & John Sale  
 Fran White  
 John Y. Willis  
 Sandy Wilson  
 Our Church

#### Extended Church Family

Jane Askew, Former Resident  
 Mary Bennett, Mother of Pam Turco  
 JoAnn Bowman, Friend of Jim & Sue Trott  
 Danny Bridges, Friend of Sandy Wilson  
 Jane Coefield, Missionary  
 Eva Creech, Mother of Amy Mabry  
 Glenn Crowder, Neighbor to church  
 Lloyd & Loretta Darby, Parents of Pam Davis  
 Ella Goudie, Friend of Aria Mabry  
 Andy Hagler, Son of Pat & John Hagler  
 Katie Hess, Niece of Louis Hazouri  
 Gary Levi, Member of our community  
 Brandon Mallory, Nephew of Terry Douthit  
 Neal McCullohs, Former member  
 Jonathan Parker, Friend of April Turner  
 Bob Reed, Friend of Tracy Willey  
 Steve Shealy, Nephew of Lamar & Carol Hamric  
 Robert Smith, Father of April Loftin  
 Donald Stephens, Friend of Sandy Wilson  
 LaVerne Thompson, Mother of Dawn Swanson  
 Our Country & All Nations

## Celebrating This Month November Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Hank Crye
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kozee
- 17 Drs. Mack & Martha Clements
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Gus Lind



## November Birthdays

- |                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Mandy Douthit           | 18 Gayle Edgar     |
| 1 Eric Flexer             | 21 Patty Hobbs     |
| 1 Jim Edgar               | 21 Amy Mabry       |
| 2 Peggy Smtih             | 21 Anne Lanham     |
| 3 Chanda Chrzanowski      | 22 Hugu Maze       |
| 5 Jane Claire Culverhouse | 23 Brandt Bentley  |
| 5 Shirley Douthit         | 24 Mack Clements   |
| 6 Griffin Reddick         | 24 Gary Dawson     |
| 10 Betty Galle            | 25 Avalon Waite    |
| 12 Mike Bishop            | 25 Bob Chrzanowski |
| 14 Peggy Elder            | 28 David Emfinger  |
| 14 Skye Loftin            | 29 Lynn Eddy       |
| 14 Brent Loftin           | 29 Eleanor Roberts |
| 15 John Hagler            | 30 Jon Bentley     |
| 16 Peggy Christian        | 30 Kathy Crye      |
| 17 Zachary Cofield        | 30 Hank Crye       |

*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.*



If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or not listed, please contact the church office so we can correct our records.



### Financial Information as of October 23

#### General Budget

Budgeted: \$338,625.00  
 Received: \$303,506.89

### 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: \$8,126.00  
 Received to date: \$132,371.25



# November Calendar

1	Worship Committee	6:30pm	A
1	Youth Leadership	7:00pm	FLC
5	UM Men	8:00am	
5	Family Fall Outing	3:30pm	
6	Luncheon	12:00pm	FLC
6	Usher/Greeter Training	1:00pm	S
7	Louise Miller Circle	12:00pm	FLC
8	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A
10	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
11	Youth Lock In		
13	Finance Committee	6:00pm	CEC
13	Church Council	7:00pm	CEC
14	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
20	Fantasy In Lights Walk		
22	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A
23	Newsletter Deadline		
24-25	Thanksgiving (Office Closed)		
27	Hanging of the Greens	10:30am	S
28	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
30	Newsletter		

<b><u>Every Sunday</u></b>	
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
<b><u>Every Wednesday</u></b>	
5:30pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:15pm	Youth UMYF
6:15pm	Children's Choir
6:30pm	Bible Study
6:30pm	Chancel Choir
7:00pm	Kingdom Seekers
7:00pm	Youth Choir
<b><u>Every Tuesday</u></b>	
10:30am	Pastor's Bible Study

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