



The First United Methodist Church of

Pine Mountain

## The Wesleyan Communicator

Open Hearts, Open  
Minds, Open Doors

October  
2011

# Extravagant Generosity

On October 23, we will initiate that time of the year when we again consider what it means to partner with God through our giving. Giving is nothing new to us Christians. We first learned about it sitting at the feet of a dear Sunday School teacher or VBS leader who encouraged us to memorize that most beautiful of scriptures, John 3:16:

*For God so loved the world that he*

# GAVE

*his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him  
may have eternal life.*

We all affirmed the importance of giving when we joined the church and said

***I will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church  
by my prayers, my presence, my gifts and my service.***

This year, we will be paying attention not only to how our giving changes us, (there's no doubt about that!) but also how it also changes the church! We'll be celebrating! Our generosity makes a difference! What we put in the offering plate each Sunday provides ministries that change lives through knowing Christ—the lives of our children, our youth, our adults and the community and world around us.

But we will also be doing some prayerful thinking about how much more we could be doing. For example, full time staff working in the areas of children, youth and music could be within our reach if we each considered giving a little more.

Christians need to give. It is in our giving that we achieve God's purpose in ourselves. Giving is a journey with God.

I'd like to ask you to prepare for this year's ***Extravagant Generosity Celebration*** by looking at your yearly income and your checkbook. Figure out how much you are presently giving. If you are giving 2%, consider trying to give 3% in 2012. If you are giving 7%, consider sacrificing to make it 8%.

If we all intentionally work in this direction, I know God will bless us in ways we cannot even begin to imagine! May we move from the concept of giving to the joy of Generosity!!

Peace and Grace,

Martha



# Staying Connected



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

## 2011 BAZAAR

The Church Bazaar is coming soon. Save the date for Saturday, October 8. Shop till you drop from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p. m. for unique gifts for your family and friends.

The Sew Blessed Quilters and members of Pine Mountain First UMC are busy creating beautiful handcrafts. There will be pottery, baskets, aprons, blankets, handbags, potholders, mop covers, placemats, jewelry, plants, baked goods, and much, much more. The ever popular Grandma's Attic promises to have incredible bargains, and popcorn and hotdogs will satisfy your appetite.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to own the 2011 quilt, "Stars in Time." Ticket sales are going well with 3 for \$10. All donations go toward ministry programs.

The drawing will be **November 6**

**PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS FOR SALE  
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE THE WEEK  
OF OCTOBER 3**

## 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.

## Louise Miller Circle

We invite all UMW ladies to our Circle meeting on Oct. 3 at 12:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Our speaker will be Betsy Frye, a local author and poet. Her thoughts are entitled, "Things Are Not Always What They Seem". Sounds intriguing!! We always have fun, great desserts, and lots of good fellowship. The Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available to pick up and fill with goodies to send around the world. Hope we see you there. The hostesses are Ibbey Edgar and Jo Holaday.

Thought from our planning day  
with Dr. Phil Schroeder

**Anyone can show  
mercy but it takes  
a  
sacrifice to show  
Grace!**



# 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 brochures will be located in the office and in the Narthex to be picked up. The brochure will give you ideas of what is appropriate to be put into the boxes. Samaritan's Purse would also like to have a donation of \$7.00 to help with shipping the boxes. The donation can be placed inside the brochure and placed inside the box on top. The large tennis shoe boxes are too large to be used as a container for the gifts. The boxes can also be gift wrapped; the bottom and top should be wrapped separately. The boxes can be packed and left in the church library any time before November 13th.

The church plans to send 8 persons to Atlanta to pack shoe boxes for shipping on December 8th. 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. The children will be blessed by our efforts. We do this for Christ's glory.

## MISSION TRIPS COMING SOON



We are planning a trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY for 30 Oct through 5 Nov. We will be staying in the Evans House. It sleeps 14. It has 6 bedrooms, 3 full baths, washer & dryer and a large kitchen.

We will cook our own meals. The cost is \$190.00 per person plus the cost of our food.

Work and Cost of October Trip will be:

- 1-Sand and paint sheetrock to a room addition
- 2-Apply flooring and trim to a room addition
- 3-Build a 6x6 porch

All of these will be at the same house. The cost is \$950.00. This will be divided among all those going.

Also we are planning another 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. I'll know the cost per person later.

Pray about these trips and if God leads you please go. It is an awesome experience. If you are planning on going and/or have any questions please see Jim Dye or call me at 404-790-1480.

## MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING



There will be a Mission Committee Meeting on Sunday, October 2 at 12:15pm in the Family Life Center. We will be discussing our projects for the remainder of 2011 and restocking the non-perishable foods in gift packages to be given from out by the office to people as needed. Anyone who has a yearning towards mission please come and join us.

**Ministry is internal ~ Mission is external**



# Children's Ministry

## Upcoming Events:

October 9

Children's Choir to sing at both services

November 5

Fall Family Picnic Time and Location TBA

December 11

Church-wide Christmas Caroling Time TBA

## Sunday Activity Boxes

We now have 10 activity boxes available during our worship services. We ask that each family use one box at a time. The boxes include bible storybooks, stickers, puppets, drawing pads, bible activity pads, puzzles, etc. We hope that these activities will help the children transition into attending worship services. Please be sure to return the boxes to the back pew at the end of each service! If you would like to make a donation of items or money to this project please let Shannon know!

## New Mission Collection:

The children are now collecting Labels for Education and pop tabs. The Labels for Education can be found on many grocery products. We will send the labels to local elementary schools and the county library. Many needed items can be purchased with the labels. Let's make a difference with our trash!

The pop tabs can be found on all soda cans. Simply pop off the tab and drop them in the collection container in the Christian Education Center. The pop tabs will be sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus. The

Ronald McDonald House will recycle the tabs and collect the money earned. Last year they were able to raise \$22,000 towards utility bills! Let's make a difference with our trash!

## Service Projects Needed:

Do you have a talent that you would like to share with the children of our church? The children are looking for service projects and ways to expand their talents. If you know of a group/individual that needs some help please let Shannon know. This could include simple yard work, gardening, crafts, etc. Please come and share your gifts with us!



*3H Club drawing sidewalk pictures for Noah's Ark students*

## 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

## WHO AM I?

Meet Rick through Video, Performance and Discussion



**Sunday, October 2**

**5:00 - 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center**

Come and meet our new Youth Director. Rick may be a familiar face to many, but this is a new role for him at FUMC Pine Mountain. As a theatre teacher and actor for almost four decades, Rick will share some of his performance background, as well as, his testimony.

### **CHURCH FAMILY INVITED**

#### **After Introduction**

The Youth will have recreation with Ben

The Parents will meet with Rick

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Our Church Family is BLESSED to have Rick Adams watching over our Youth. You are going to see GREAT things happening with our young people!



# Noah's Ark



*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

*Matthew 19:14*

Time flies when you are having fun! The first month of school has flown by since we have been back with our sweet Noah's Ark children. They are so precious and amaze us each and every day! Overall the children have done very well adjusting to their new school and have settled into the regular routine. I am grateful to all who have volunteered and provided the loving arms and helping hands we needed to help us get the year started.

In the month of October we will be learning about leaves, apples, pumpkins, scarecrows and what fall brings. Then on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to our Costume Party. The children love to dress up and so do the teachers! If you can, stop by to see how cute they all are in their costumes.

Thank you again for the privilege of sharing the lives of your beautiful children. It has been fun getting to know each and every one of them!! Many days we learn as much from them as they do from us. It is no wonder that Jesus wants us to be as innocent and loving as they are.



"Say Cheese" Emily



Addi Drew, Hudson, & Madison love Circle Time



"Funny Girl" Bailee



Sweet 2 year olds, Izabella & Ava



"Smiling" Cooper loves school



**In Our Prayers**

Our Church Family

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

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

Extended Church Family

Jane Askew, Former Resident  
 Brock Boulware, Son of Vanita Boulware  
 JoAnn Bowman, Friend of Jim & Sue Trott  
 Danny Bridges, Friend of Sandy Wilson  
 Jane Coefield, Missionary  
 Eva Creech, Mother of Amy Mabry  
 Lloyd & Loretta Darby, Parents of Pam Davis  
 Andy Hagler, Son of Pat & John Hagler  
 Katie Hess, Niece of Louis Hazouri  
 Nelson Jones, Retired Attorney  
 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  
 Robert Smith, Father of April Loftin  
 Donald Stephens, Friend of Sandy Wilson  
 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.*

# Celebrating This Month October Anniversaries

- 9 Mr. & Mrs. David Emfinger
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. John Christian
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Swanson
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Newell Johnson
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Davis



# October Birthdays

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Sally Swanson   | 9 Caleb Shelnett     |
| 2 Holmes Clements | 13 Walter Cleaveland |
| 2 Travis Willard  | 16 Fletcher Chapman  |
| 3 Brenda Webb     | 17 Penny Reddick     |
| 4 Libby Parker    | 17 John Willis       |
| 4 Matthew Cofield | 20 Linda Samples     |
| 5 Sue Moyer       | 21 Dylan Mowery      |
| 6 Dwaine Simmons  | 22 Becky Chrzanowski |



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 August 28**

	<b>General Budget</b>
Budgeted:	\$307,125.00
Received:	\$275,662.56

**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: \$6,718.00  
 Received to date: \$130,963.25



# October Calendar

1	UM Men	8:00am	
3	Louise Miller Circle	12:00pm	FLC
8	Bazaar	8:00am	
9	Finance Committee	6:00pm	CEC
9	Church Council	7:00pm	CEC
10	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
11	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A
13	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
15	Emmaus Reunion Group	6:30pm	FLC
20	Newsletter Deadline		
24	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
25	Amazing Greys Luncheon	12:30pm	FLC
25	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A
27	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
27	Church Conference	7:30pm	FLC
27	Newsletter		

## Every Sunday

- 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

## Every Wednesday

- 5:30pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:00pm Youth UMYF
- 6:15pm Children's Choir
- 6:30pm Bible Study
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00pm Kingdom Seekers
- 7:00pm Youth Choir

## Every Tuesday

- 10:30am Pastor's Bible Study

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