



The First United Methodist Church of

Pine Mountain

The Wesleyan Communicator

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

February 2012

A Note From the Pastor.....

Things are jumping around here! I came into the Family Life Center one recent Sunday morning, and four people stopped me and said something like this, “Martha, we were talking in our Ministry Team meeting, and we want to do this! How does that sound?”

Well, I’ll tell you how it sounds. It sounds wonderful! It sounds like our congregation is coming to life with new ways of serving one another and the community—new ways of doing ministry that are steeped in radical hospitality and passionate worship and intentional faith development and risk taking mission & service and extravagant generosity!

Many of you have heard about the new word coming from the larger UMC that is challenging us to find ways to be more vital congregations. Here at Pine Mountain, we are off to a great start. Come to the LOOKING AHEAD SESSION on Sunday, February 19 to find out all about this new call to action. But I’ll give you a hint in this description of what lay leadership should look like in a church that is alive and growing:

-Vital churches focus on increasing the effectiveness of lay leaders (understanding their role and carrying these roles out effectively.)

- Vital churches have lay leaders who demonstrate a vital personal faith (regular worship, intentional spiritual growth, personal devotional life, and giving of financial resources.)

- Vital churches place an emphasis on rotating lay leadership in order to involve more people over time.

- Vital churches call, equip, use and support more lay leaders than non-vital churches. (Twenty percent or more of their worship attendees describe themselves as current or past leaders in their church.)

That’s the goal for laity. Come to the LOOKING AHEAD SESSION to find out what’s expected of your pastor and our worship together! As the church moves further into the 21st century, we are compelled to find ways to keep the light shining brightly from this little corner where we are. Keep up the good work! I look forward to seeing you ALL after church on February 19 for a light lunch and some good old fashioned celebrating what we are doing in the name of Jesus Christ!

Grace and Peace,

Martha

Mark your Calendar and watch for more info:

Lenten Study: **“Last Words of Jesus”** by Adam Hamilton (Small groups start 2/26)

MARRIAGE RETREAT: “How’s Your Marriage Going: The 100,000 Mile Check-Up”
with Tim and Pam Turco March 9-11



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Pray for our Seniors



As they begin their final semester of high school let's prepare them for the future by making them high on your daily prayer list. Some of these young men and women have learned to walk at this Church. Prepare the path of their next venture.

Our seniors are:
 Nikki Clepper
 Kate Crye
 Jacob Douthit
 Chelsey Edgar
 Stewart Payne
 Wesley Willis

Rice Bowls

If you see a youth with one of our rice bowls, please put some coins in it. We will collect through February 15. Thanks



YOUTH ROOM



Stop by and see the transformation. The Youth want to thank all that made it possible.

Blood Drive: February 9 at First Baptist from 2:30-6:30pm. Call to sign up. Church 706-663-2310



Pine Mountain Methodist Men



1. If you pledged any money toward helping Billy McNair finish his house please get the money to Chuck so we can get his house finished and get his family in it.

2. UMM Meeting- 11 Feb at 8AM. Please attend. Tim & Pam Turko will be cooking breakfast and we will be setting up for the "Sweet Heart Dinner" for that night. If you will be attending please let me (Jim Dye) know so Tim & Pam will know how many to cook for.

3. Our March meeting is scheduled for 3 March. We will be making plans for our "World Famous Chili Cook-off".

Church Mugs

Picture and name of our church on one side. Mugs will be given out to our Sunday Morning guests.

Radical Hospitality

If you would like to have one or more, they are available for \$5.00 each. Would make a nice gift!



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The mission of The United Methodist Church is to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." (Matthew 28:18-20 & Matthew 22:36-40) This mission is achieved through vital congregations that equip and empower people to be Disciples of Jesus Christ in their homes and communities around the world.

A Vital Congregation Has:

- Inviting & Inspiring Worship
- Engaged Disciples in mission & outreach
- Gifted, Empowered & Equipped Lay Leadership
- Effective, Equipped & Inspired Clergy Leadership
- Small Group Ministries
- Strong Children's & Youth Ministry

To learn more about **Vital Congregations** you are invited to attend a luncheon followed by a **LOOKING AHEAD SESSION** on:

**February 19
12:00pm
Family Life Center
Please mark your calendar!**

February 2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			
Vital Congregation Workshop						

Sweetheart's Valentine Dinner



Saturday
February 11
6:00pm

Sponsored by the
United Methodist
Men

\$30.00 Couple
\$15.00 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

Reservation Form:

Menu:

Please choose (√):

Salmon

Rib Eye

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Phone number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



Children's Ministry

Children Programs

Sunday Evenings

3H Club—4:30-5:30pm

Wednesday Evenings

Children's Choir—6:15-6:45pm

Kingdom Seekers (2nd-5th)—6:15-6:45pm

Intermediate Choir—6:45-7:30pm

Kingdom Seekers (3-1st)—6:45-7:30pm

Service Projects-

The children recently made Valentine's cards for children's homes across Georgia. If you have a project that you are interested in us participating in please see Ms. Shannon



Don't forget to bring your soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and all Labels for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, and Box Top Labels. Collection containers can be found on the lower level of the CEC.

What's New?

Beginning February 26, children ages 3 years-5th grade are invited to join Ms. Shannon in the Family Life Center during the 11:00 worship service. The children will be participating in a program called **Kids Own Worship**. The children will enjoy learning praise songs, Bible study, games and fellowship. **Kids Own Worship** will be offered for ages 3 years-5th grade every 4th Sunday of the month! We hope that you encourage your child to join us as we become disciples of Christ!

Help Needed:

Ms. Shannon needs volunteers to help lead **Kids Own Worship** during the 11:00 service every 4th Sunday. If you are interested in assisting with music, Bible Study, games, etc. please let her know. The programs are very easy to follow. Come and worship with our children!

VBS Volunteers Needed- June 4-8 (Monday-Friday) If you are interested in assisting with serving food, registration, teaching, decorating, collecting supplies, etc. please see Ms. Shannon! All hands will be needed. We have a job for everyone! Come join the fun!

Kingdom Seekers-

The 2nd-5th graders have learned the Lord's Prayer and are currently learning the Ten Commandments. If you see them in the hallway congratulate them. They will be learning the Apostle's Creed next! Way to go!

Upcoming Dates:

February 19 - No 3H due to school holiday

February 26 - 11:00 Kids Own Worship

March 25 - Field Trip to

Imagine It Children's Museum- Atlanta

April 1 - Egg Hunt 4:00-6:00

April 22 - 11:00 Kids Own Worship

May 20 - Promotion Sunday during Sunday School

May 27 - 11:00 Kids Own Worship

June 4 – June 8 - VBS



Fun times during
Kingdom
Seekers



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL both Middle and High

School classes meet at 9:45am in Family Life Center

Team 316

We're all in this together.

Join the team that will make
a DIFFERENCE.

Look for details in the near
future.

Spiritual Retreat at

Camp Glisson

We need to make reservations
NOW!

First we need to decide which
weekend:

March 2 – 4 OR March 9 – 11

Decision will be made by Sun-
day, February 5

Be sure to make your choice known to
Mr. Rick at Wednesday Night Bible Study,
Sunday School or at ricktadams@bellsouth.net
The cost is \$130.00.

If this amount would prevent you from attending,
it won't. See Mr. Rick to solve the situation.

For information about the spiritual retreats go to:
<http://www.ngumc.org/pages/detail/1286>



Final Friday Fun Night was ... well FUN!!!

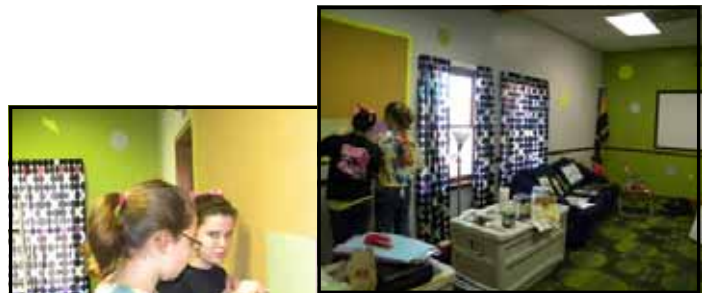


13 youth joined in
the games and
gathering for our first
FFF.

We will be back February 24. See you then.

The Youth Room Completion Day

Grant, Lace and Elle worked last Saturday putting
the final touches to the room.



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



Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24

Time flies when you are having fun! It's hard to believe January is over already!

We have enjoyed being back and are amazed at how much the children have grown up over the holidays! The children were all so happy to be back in school and truly missed all their buddies!

If you see a big group of toddlers walking around Pine Mountain, it is just all of us from Noah's Ark! It is that time again where we learn about our local Community Helpers. We look forward to our special visitors and trips through town. To kick off this fun month we are having a special "Dress Up Day"! We also look forward to taking a field trip to San Marco's Restaurant and to Fox's Pizza!

In March we will begin registering for next year. Please let me know if you are interested or know anyone that might want to enroll their child in this awesome ministry!

Then on Saturday, April 7th we will have our annual yard sale to raise money for the program.

Please stop by and visit us at Noah's Ark any time you would like.



Twins James & John sitting so sweet



Karlee & her baby doll are dressed & Ready for Pajama Day



Caiden thinks Swinging is the Best!



Jake is always busy playing



Addie loves to play outside



Dancing Girls Katy & Harley



In Our Prayers

Our Church Family

Louise Burlton
 Van Boulware
 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
 Elliott Moon
 Martha Morgan
 Lexie Paulk
 Betty Roberts
 Irene & John Sale
 Fran White
 John Willis, Sr.
 John Y. Willis
 Sandy Wilson
 Our Church

Extended Church Family

Bob & Scottie Andrews, Family of Peggy Davis
 Earl Bowden, Friend of Winky Parker
 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
 Evelyn Davis, Mother of Steve Davis
 Ella Goudie, Friend of Aria Mabry
 Andy Hagler, Son of Pat & John Hagler
 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
 Louise Smith, Mother of Mark Smith
 Robert Smith, Father of April Loftin
 Donald Stephens, Friend of Sandy Wilson
 LaVerne Thompson, Mother of Dawn Swanson
 Cassy Williamson, Daughter-in-law of
 Janet & Bobby Williamson
 Jim Woods, Member of our community
 Our Country & All Nations
 The Men & Women of our Military

Celebrating This Month



February Anniversaries

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Dean Roberts
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Nelson
- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Dwaine Simmons

February Birthdays

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

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

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.

Financial Information as of January 29



General Budget

Budgeted:	\$40,410.00
Received:	\$37,428.46

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:	\$11,801.00
Received to date:	\$136,046.25

February Calendar

6	Louise Miller Circle	12:00pm	FLC
7	SAT Preparation	7:00pm	FLC
9	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
11	UM Men	8:00am	FLC
11	Sweetheart Dinner	6:00pm	FLC
12	Finance Committee	6:00pm	CEC
12	Church Council	7:00pm	CEC
13	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
14	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A
19	Vital Congregation Workshop	12:00pm	FLC
21	SAT Math Preparation	7:00pm	FLC
23	Sew Blessed Quilters	9:30am	FLC
24	Final Friday Fun	6:30pm	FLC
27	Open Door Ministry	7:00am	
28	Staff Meeting	6:30pm	A

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
 6:15pm Youth UMYF
 6:15pm Children's Choir
 6:15pm Kingdom Seekers I
 6:30pm Bible Study
 6:30pm Chancel Choir
 6:45pm Intermediate Choir
 6:45pm Kingdom Seekers II
 7:00pm Youth Choir

Every Tuesday

10:30am Pastor's Bible Study



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