

# The Cross and Flame

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Is published monthly  
to inform members  
and friends of events  
and ministry at  
PGUMC.

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## MINISTRY

Ministry is . . .  
Caring for a sick friend  
Helping out at the neighborhood food  
bank even when I'm too tired to  
prepare my own next meal.

Ministry is . . .  
Loving my friends and, at the least,  
forgiving my enemies.  
Listening twice as often as I speak.

Ministry is . . .  
Giving the other person the larger  
half of the last piece of pie at  
the potluck.  
Calling out clearly the injustices  
we see around us.

Ministry is . . .  
Seeing and listening through a  
child's eyes and ears.  
Laughing at my own inconsistencies,  
but never laughing at another's.

Ministry is . . .  
Pouring new role models into tired,  
old vessels.  
Catching the vision of a new day and  
passing it along to the ones who  
linger, run, stumble and fly  
through our paths.

We all have our own special gifts of  
ministry to share.  
We are ministers all.

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**JANUARY CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES**

**Each Sunday**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**Each Monday**

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Each Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

**Each Thursday**

10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ Bible Study

January 10 8:-00 a.m. UMM Breakfast  
January 10 2:00 p.m. Navajo Mission Trip  
January 11 7:30 p.m. Youth Council  
January 18 10:00 a.m. UMW Knitting with Linda Kite  
7:00 p.m. UMW Knitting with Linda Kite  
January 30 TBA UMYF Spaghetti Fund Raiser

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- January 1 Kelly Jones
- January 2 Steven Parker
- January 3 Jamie Bullard
- January 6 Kristopher Abshire  
Martha Thomas  
Lisa Read
- January 7 Dustin Hunter  
Michele Roberts
- January 9 Shannon Bradsher
- January 10 Charles Crews
- January 11 Marie Kimel
- January 12 Thurmond Griffith  
Olivia Shutt
- January 14 Daphine Murrell
- January 16 James Larry Sapp  
Randy Nelson
- January 19 Anna Hale  
Mary Manning  
Nancy Green
- January 21 Jerry West  
Carrow Mabry  
Ed Helms
- January 22 Shannon Kisner  
Mandy Stallings
- January 23 Tristan Bradsher  
Stan Morgan
- January 25 Karan Montgomery
- January 26 Jennifer Johnson  
Kaye Greenwood
- January 30 T. L. Griffith

**THANK YOU**—from the staff to all of you for the generous Love Offering you gave us this Christmas season. We appreciate the love and support of the Pine Grove Church Family. Thank you again for remembering us at this time of the year.  
The Staff of Pine Grove

**NEW ADDRESSES**

Mr. Murvin Moser  
Autumn Care  
1007 Howard St.  
Mocksville, NC 27028

Murvin will be here for approximately 2 weeks for Rehabilitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Perkins  
624 Drumheller Road  
Clemmons, NC 27012

Lee and Wendy moved back home on December 28. They will be needing help with transportation until Lee can drive again.



- January 5 Tom & Barbara Mahannah

**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**PROVIDE BREAD FOR VISITORS**

- January 6 Peggy Brewer
- January 10 Sally Scott
- January 17 Melanie Niblock
- January 24 Evelyn Groce
- January 31 Mary Council

**USHER SCHEDULE**

- January 3 Roy Spach, Head Usher  
Chris Council  
Butch Hogue  
Dee Fair  
Brent Shutt
- January 10 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher  
Scott Pugh  
Eddie Scott  
John Fonda  
Calvin Tanner
- January 17 Roy Spach, Head Usher  
Chris Council  
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**SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT**

- January Dee Anne Fortescue

**GREETERS FOR THE MONTH**

- January Asbury Class

**SECURITY CHECK**

- January Friendship Class

**CRISIS CONTROL ITEM**

- January Jelly

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

- February January 25

**BITS AND PIECES**

**BREAKFAST MEETING**—The UMM will have a full breakfast of Bacon, Eggs, and Biscuits on Sunday, January 10 at 8:00 a.m. All men are encouraged to attend. Guests Are welcome. Donations will be accepted to cover the food costs.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY**—The Wesley Patchwork Class will begin a study of the book of Hebrews on Sunday, January 16. Any one interested in this study is welcome to attend.

**NAVAJO MISSION TRIP**—A meeting of anyone wishing to go on the Navajo Indian Mission Trip should come to the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on January 10. This meeting is very important to make plans for the Bible School for the Indian Children and get additional information. Call Polly at 766-6836 for information.

**INVITATION**—to all women 50 and over, you are invited to attend an Open House in the Parlor to find out more about the Red Hat Society. The Sophisticated Red Hat Club at Pine Grove began in 2004 for church members and friends. It is a fun society for trips, out to eat, and is for those who just want to have fun. The Open House will be on January 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the church parlor. See the Queen Polly Caudle or the Vice Queen Peggy Griffith for more information.



"I need to confess sin, Pastor  
...are you wireless?"

# “CONNECT”

Connect with God!  
 Connect with Us!  
 Connect with a Place to Serve God!

Over the next months you will hear this word “CONNECT” a great deal. Every time you hear it I want you to think of the three ways this word “connect” weaves its way through our thinking and touches our lives. When you hear that word also imagine Michael Angelo’s “Creation of Adam” painting. Notice that God is reaching down to Adam and Adam is reaching up to God. They are making the connection. And the connection creates life.



Every program, every small group, everything we do should be done with this undergirding thought: Will what we are about to do satisfy these three goals? Connect people with God... Connect people with Us... and Connect people with a Place to Serve God. If not, we should RETHINK our motivation. If so, we are on the right track. Furthermore, we should take a look at what we are already doing to make sure the “Connection” is infused into our purpose.

So the Key Word is CONNECT

And

The Key Question is

Are WE Making the Connection?

I also want to ask us all to make another connection... that is to connect with the persons sitting on our pew in worship each Sunday. The reason for this is that it speaks of our care for them. Know who is there and when they are not there. Let them know they were missed. And by all means contact them when they are missing for a couple of weeks. Let them know we care. Another person you need to connect with on your pew is the visitor... someone you don't know. Introduce yourself, welcome them and get to know them. Hand them the guest register and have them fill it out. Talk with them after the service. Introduce them to me in the narthex. Introduce them to persons around you. Be RADICAL. CARE!!!

Another kind of connection we need to make is to invite our friends - who are not going to church or are unhappy where they go - to come and share in the joy we are finding here at Pine Grove. Do you know that over 90% of people join a church because they were invited by a friend. Our goal this year is to receive 50 new members. We have our work cut out for us. We all have a part to play. We all are part of the Body of Christ. What do ya say... let's join Jesus and bring others into the journey to the miracle.

Grace and Peace

Steve



Greetings from your Weekday School!

Our December days flew by full of fun and celebration. Christmas has come and gone, and we're well on our way into a happy and fun-filled 2010! We returned to school from our Christmas/New Year Break on January 4th, rested and ready for the New Year.

January brings with it lots more opportunities for fun and learning. Teddy Bear Portraits will be with us on the 7th & 8th to capture all those beautiful smiles for our "official" school portraits. The children always look so cute dressed up in their finest! Our annual "PJ Day" will take place on Wednesday, January 13th. This is one of my favorite events of the year. The children and staff will come to school in their "pjs" accompanied by their favorite "Bedtime Buddy". We'll enjoy bedtime stories in the classrooms followed by a "PJ Parade" in the gym (complete with awards for our "buddies") and a special snack of Cinnamon Toast Sticks and milk. (Let's see now...sitting around in our "pjs" all day, enjoying some good books and yummy comfort food, and lots of fun and laughter...sounds like a perfect day to me!!) Join us, if you can, but don't forget your "pjs"! School will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of the MLK, Jr. holiday. If the weather is as cold that day as it has been for the past few, it's going to be a real treat to "sleep in" at home!

Our annual Little Caesars Pizza Kits fundraiser kicks off on Monday, January 11th and will run through the 25th. These kits are really good and so nice to keep on hand in your freezer for a quick and easy meal or snack. Order forms will be located on the table opposite the Weekday School office. You may place your order and pay for it upon receipt. Orders will be delivered on February 5th. What a yummy way to help your school!

Another way to help is by continuing to collect the General Mills Box Tops for Education labels for us. The labels are worth 10¢ each and can quickly add up to dollars. Look for the labels on all your General Mills, Pillsbury, Nestles, Ziplocs, Hefty, Kleenex (and many other) products.

Now, a matter of great concern to me...one of our students had to drop out recently because her mom could no longer afford tuition. Typically, we would provide a scholarship to a child in this situation but with enrollment down somewhat this year due to the economy (and, already providing scholarships to two other students) we just can't afford another at this time. According to the information provided to me, the mom is receiving no support from the dad (who is absent from the household) and her work hours have been cut due to the economy. I wondered if there might be an individual, family, Sunday School class/classes, or organization within the church that would be willing to provide a scholarship for this child so that she could finish the school year. The entire amount of tuition would be \$1,105.00. (In past years Randy and I have provided tuitions from our own funds but (again, due to the economy) at this time we just can't.) If any of you are in a position to (and, are willing to) help out, please contact me immediately. I would like to get the child back in school as soon as possible. Thank you!

As always, please keep our important ministry in your prayers. Happy New Year!

Chris



## **“Let’s Get Together”**

This year our program will focus on creating communities with women, children and youth. Our theme “Let’s Get Together!” calls us to come together regardless of our age groups, cultural backgrounds, economic situation, education levels and family backgrounds to form a rich community of women to use our combined efforts to expand our mission work and our community within and outside of the church.

Today people in our local community and around the world are experiencing economic hardships. Please plan to join the community of United Methodist Women as we explore how to expand our community women and our mission work in the local and global community helping to meet the needs of a hurting world.

The **Sue Rollins** circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am in the church parlor.

The **Gertrude Alspaugh** circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the church parlor.

Our first program will be “For the Love of God: John’s Letters”. The program focuses on John’s message of Love in his letters and allows each of us to reflect on how love is the foundation of community, relationships and our work together as women of mission.

*Michele Roberts*  
UMW President

### **Knitting/Crocheting Group**

One of the ways we are expanding our mission this year is a Knitting/Crocheting group. One of our projects will be knitting/crocheting caps and blankets for the NUCU unit at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. We are also looking into knitting/crocheting hats for cancer patients and sweaters for World Vision.

We will have an organizational meeting on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. You can attend either meeting based on your schedule. If you do not knit or crochet, but have always wanted to learn, now would be a great time to learn. Come join others who can share their experience and talent. Come join a community working together in fellowship for mission.

### **Spiritual Growth Retreat**

Anyone interested in going to the Spiritual Growth Retreat June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> please contact Linda Kite by January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful experience at Lake Junaluska.

**GATHER**  
TO  
**WORSHIP**  
TO  
**LEARN**  
TO  
**LEAD**



**WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 (SNOW DATE, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>)**  
**2:30-5:30 P.M.**

**NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**5125 SHATTALON DRIVE**

- PPR – Dr. Medlin
- Faith, Prayer and Healing – Margaret Johnson, WXII
- For Parents & Grandparents: Children and Loss – Katie Cyre, Music Therapist
- Hispanic Community – Our Methodist Heritage – David Ortigoza
- UMW: Let's Get Together – Sandy Letchworth – District President
- UMM: What We're About – Robert Bryan, Eddie Foster
- Ministries with Youth and Young Adults – Caroline Wood, WNCC
- Mission Bus Tour of WS/Plan of Action – Rev. Maria Edmonds, Centenary UMC
- Emergent Worship (Clergy & Laity) – Dr. Jill Crainshaw, WFU Divinity School
- Faith and Money – Rev. David Snipes, UM Foundation
- Basic Lay Speaking Session One – Dr. Terry Matthews, Maple Springs UMC

The brochure is attached to this newsletter and has been mailed via USPS to all clergy, lay leaders and church administrative assistants. It is also on the district web-site, [www.winstonsalemdistrictumc.org](http://www.winstonsalemdistrictumc.org).

Pre-registration is required for childcare, Basic Lay Speaking and the mission bus tour.

Questions: [dcooke@wnccumc.org](mailto:dcooke@wnccumc.org), (336) 727-1222.





# January Newsletter

News from the Before and After School

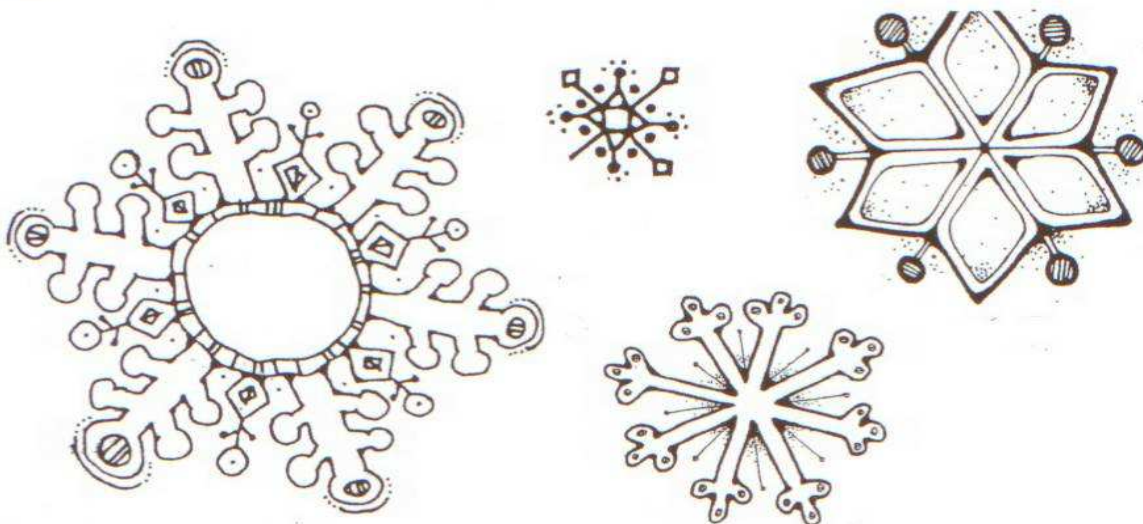
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. I can't believe the hustle and bustle is finished. I will surely miss it. The good news is after all the gift giving is over, we are left with the one gift that keeps on giving "Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"!

We returned from winter break on January 4<sup>th</sup>. I always look forward to hearing all the stories about Christmas from each of the children. We have quickly settled back into our routine. We have been experiencing chilly weather that has kept us indoors. The children have really made full use of the fellowship hall to burn off excess energy. Winter has definitely arrived. Due to the arrival of snow on December 18<sup>th</sup> our Christmas party had to be rescheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>. Santa took time out of his very busy schedule to drop by the Before and After School a day early. He came with one "VERY SWEET ELF". She handed out gifts from Santa to each child. The children had a wonderful time!!! Thank you to Homer and Kim Craig for making sure Santa and his elf made it to Pine Grove Before and After School. We can't thank you enough for bringing smiles to all the kids faces.

We will continue with our "Fun Fridays" this month's craft the kids will make a snowman to take home. Our movie day the children will enjoy popcorn and "Snow Buddies". They truly look forward to "Fun Fridays" and the departure of homework.

That is all the news for now. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful ministry. On behalf of everyone at the Before and After School Program, we would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2010!!!!!!

Linda



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## PINE GROVE VISITATION LIST

January is usually a quiet month after all the festivities are over and the Christmas “stuff” has been put away. Lets take time to remember those in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and those living at home who are unable to get out and about with out help. Following is a list of people that would love to receive a card, call or visit from someone in the church family.

Mrs. Peggy Bullard  
Salemtowne/Vogler Bldg. Rm. 3217  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Mrs. Jean Crutchfield  
Homestead Hills Ret. Community  
2101 Homestead Hills Drive, room 222  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Mrs. Edith Farmer  
Vienna Village Retirement Community  
Room B-27  
6601 Yadkinville Road  
Pfafftown, NC 27040

Mrs. Joan Fulk  
The Elms at Tanglewood, Rm. 307  
3750 Harper Road  
Clemmons, NC 27012

Mrs. Earle Jones  
Homestead Hills Asst. Living  
Homestead Hills Dr. Room 304  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Mrs. Pearl Kimel  
Creekside Terrace Apts. , Room 115  
3895 Old Vineyard Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Mr. Alden Myers  
The Elms at Tanglewood, Rm. 111  
3750 Harper Road  
Clemmons, NC 27012

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Perkins  
624 Drumheller Road  
Clemmons, NC 27012

Mrs. Kizzy Priddy  
The Elms at Tanglewood  
3750 Harper Road  
Clemmons, NC 27012

R. J. Shutt  
Vienna Village Retirement Community  
Room B-31  
6601 Yadkinville Road  
Pfafftown, NC 27040

Mrs. Hilda Smith  
5980 Cottonwood Lane  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Donald O’Neal Swaim  
Brighton Gardens of WS Room 252  
2601 Reynolda Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Mr. Hiram Tucker  
5304 Boshier Lake Drive  
McLeansville, NC 27301

Mr. and Mrs. Von Ward  
4967 Stonington Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Mrs. Maude White  
1344 Jonestown Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Mr. Raymond White  
4718 Randall Avenue  
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

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The Boy Scouts will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 13 from 7:00—10:00 a.m.  
 The menu will include all you can eat Pancakes and Sausage and assorted beverages.  
 Adults are \$5.00 each and donations will be accepted for children.  
 Advanced tickets may be purchased from scouts.

