

The Cross and Flame

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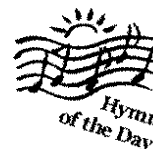


COMMUNITY DAY
JULY 25, 2009
BLOOD DRIVE
GAMES FOR CHILDREN
FREE HOT DOG LUNCH
ENTERTAINMENT



JULY 26, 2009

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
BISHOP LARRY GOODPASTER



SPECIAL ANTHEM COMMISSIONED BY CHOIR
JOSEPH MARTIN, COMPOSER

COVERED DISH LUNCH



CONCERT
2:00 P.M.



JULY CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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. Handbell practice
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

July 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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	30	31	

July 5	12:00 p.m.	Reception for new minister
July 8	10:00 a.m.	Sue Rollins Circle
July 9	7:00 p.m.	Gertrude Alspaugh Circle
July 9	7:00 p.m.	Alternative Committee Meeting
July 11	5:00 p.m.	UMYF "Stock Holders" Meeting
July 12	6:15 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
July 13	6:15 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
July 14	6:15 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
July 15	6:15 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
July 16	6:15 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
July 19	7:00 p.m.	UMYF meet in Fellowship Hall
July 25		Community Day to celebrate 150th Anniversary
July 26	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service and celebration of 150th anniversary

July 1	Lloyd Bergman
July 5	Rosemary Jones
	Ben Young
	John Edwards
July 8	Janice Medlin
July 10	Hilda Cox
July 11	Jordan Craig
July 12	Greg Hall
July 13	Elizabeth Bullard
	Jay Caudle
	Calvin Tanner
July 14	Nathan Newsome
July 15	Teresa Hix
July 16	Ann Seamon
	SaraBeth Scott
	Morgan Greenwood
July 21	Dianne Swaim
July 23	Michael Roberts
July 25	Bessie Newman
July 26	Cindy Spach
	Ron Bodsford
July 27	Andy Brogdon
July 28	Karen Asbury
July 29	Sandra Ward
July 30	Dot Dickerson
	Kathy Joyner

150TH ANNIVERSARY BLOOD DRIVE

As part of Community Day related to our 150th year celebration, we will sponsor a blood drive at Pine Grove. If you can be a donor, please mark your calendar for Saturday, July 25, Please call Jean Darden, 712-8224, to register.

Needed for Vacation Bible School

We need to borrow some sports equipment for Vacation Bible School. We need labeled athletic equipment in the narthex by Sunday, July 12. We can use shin guards, cones, basketballs, soccer balls, baseball equipment. Please have your name on each item so we can return it to the right people.

Thank you for your help with this request for Vacation Bible School.



July 3	Dewey & Pat Bodenhamer
July 4	Rickie & Beckie Shutt
July 7	Steve & Cynthia Parent
July 8	Eddie & Diana Young
July 9	James & Colene Sapp
July 11	Paul & Burlee Jones
	Charles & Dorothy Parker
July 17	Raymond & Jane White
July 18	Max and Billie Kimel
July 24	Mike & Cindy Zimmerman
July 30	Jim & Kathy Neace

OUR VOLUNTEERS

PROVIDE BREAD FOR VISITORS

- July 5 Mary Council
- July 12 Evelyn Groce
- July 17 Peggy Sizemore
- July 26 Dee Anne Fortescue

USHER SCHEDULE

- July 5 Roy Spach, Head Usher
Chris Council
Butch Hogue
Dee Fair
Brent Shutt
- July 12 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
Scott Pugh
Eddie Scott
John Fonda
Calvin Tanner
- July 19 Roy Spach, Head Usher
Chris Council
Butch Hogue
Dee Fair
Brent Shutt
- July 26 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
Scott Pugh
Eddie Scott
John Fonda
Calvin Tanner

SANCTUARY ASSIGMENT

- July Evelyn Groce

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH

- July Asbury Sunday School Class

CRISIS CONTROL ITEM

- July Saltine Crackers
- August Grits or Oatmeal
- September Potato Flakes
- October Toilet Paper

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- July 27 10:00 a.m..

SHALOM PROJECT

ICE CREAM **MUSICPRIZES**

GRACE COURT PARK—ON FOURTH ST.

JULY 19, 2009

3:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.

**THE BIG CHILL
LOCAL CELEBS WILL BE "ON ICE"
TO RAISE MONEY FOR
THE SHALOM PROJECT
AT GREEN ST. UMC**

**COST: \$5.00 ADULTS
\$3.00 PER CHILD
\$10 PER FAMILY**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CALL 722-8379**



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"They're putting choruses in hymnbooks and projecting hymns onto the screen. It's getting so I can't remember what I'm not supposed to like!"

NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

July, 2009



OUR PURPOSE: The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through JESUS CHRIST; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

The **Sue Rollins Circle** will meet July 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Devotions will be led by Kathleen Sprinkle. The program will be "Food Security".

The **Gertrude Alspaugh Circle** will meet July 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Devotions will be led by Evelyn Groce. The program, "Food Security" will be led by Peggy Sizemore. Hostess is Burlee Jones.

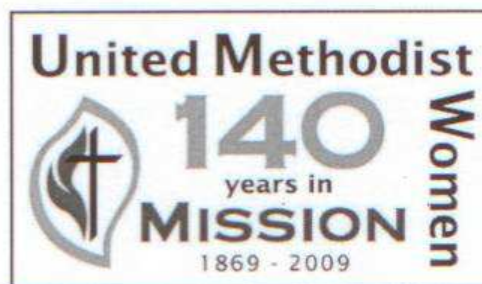
UPCOMING EVENTS

On Thursday, August 13, we will have a joint Circle Meeting and pot luck supper celebrating the culture and gifts of Native Americans. Please bring a pot of food that comes from your culture and heritage and bring the recipe card to share with others. Also bring your own (non-paper, non-foam) plate, silverware and glass to use as a way of valuing God's Creation. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The next UMW Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the History Room.

JOIN US

All women of the church and community are invited to join the United Methodist Women. Both circles meet regularly each month.



NEWS FROM OUR PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers invite the entire church to join us on two of our adventures. Please make reservations with Polly Caudle for either, or both, of these outings.

August 21 Barn Dinner Theatre in Greensboro

The Buddy Holly Story

Cost of transportation, dinner and show will be \$56.00. The money for your reservation must be received by August 1. Make check out to Paulette Caudle and get to her as soon as possible. We will leave the church parking lot on a bus at 5:00 p.m.

December 12 Trip to Lake Junaluska to attend the Appalachian Christmas Craft Show in the Harrell Center And to hear the Junaluska Singers with Appalachian Christmas Concert. We will leave Pine Grove at 7:30 a.m. and return around 8:00 p.m. Cost for transportation and concert will be \$48.00. Send money to Polly Caudle with check made out to Polly Caudle. This does not include lunch and dinner. We will have lunch at Lake Junaluska and stop on the way home for dinner. This will also be open to the whole church, but it is important to get tickets as soon as possible for both trips.

DID YOU KNOW

NEW ADDRESS— The new mailing address for Lee and Wendy Perkins is:

7423 Fern Valley Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

Telephone: 910-790-3936

Lee will be in a rehabilitation facility for some time. Let's remember to show our Pine Grove love and concern as we send cards and letters to them.

COMMERATIVE ORNAMENT – These ornaments are available to order for \$11.00 each. They are brass and the church and 150th Anniversary are on the ornaments. There are examples in the narthex on the communication center.

SHADES FOR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WINDOWS— We have had requests for placing shades over the windows in the fellowship hall so we can show slides, pictures, etc. to large groups of people. The shades will have to be custom made and for all six windows the total cost will be \$2,693.00 or approximately \$449.00 per window. The Friendship Class has committed to purchasing a shade for one window and challenges the remaining Adult classes to do the same. Because the shades have to be custom made we have to have all monies in hand before ordering.

Thoughts from the Rev...

I can't even begin to tell you how good I felt leading worship with you Sunday. There was such a sense of peace and joy and a connection with God that I needed in my own spirit. I thank you for that experience. I know that the connection with God did not begin Sunday. It began all the way back in May when we met with (ate with) your Staff Parish Relations Committee. We felt such a welcome, openness and honesty that made us know this was indeed the place where God was calling us to serve. That feeling was ratified Sunday as we gathered for worship. I thank you for the warm welcome you extended to our family.

I believe with all my heart that God has called us together. This is our time in God's place to do God's will and make a difference. I hope you are sensing this as well. If you are then the question is how will this take place and what part will I play in accomplishing this? As I mentioned Sunday in the sermon we will join hearts and minds and walk together toward the goal of joining God in whatever God is calling Pine Grove UMC to be in this community. I know that doing this will bring some of us out of our comfort zone. However, we must think beyond ourselves to re-think church and re-think where God is leading us.

As we do this we must covenant together to be faithful in our commitment to strengthen and enhance the ministry of our church. To protect the integrity of our relationships and ministry together, I invite us all to:

Pray for one another, our committees, our pastoral and lay staff, and our congregation.

Hold fast to the essentials of our Christian faith and seek the mind of Christ in all decisions and situations by asking, "What would honor Jesus?"

Respect one another and the sacredness of our work and worship together.

Mutually support and hold accountable our pastoral and lay staff to best ensure their faithfulness and effectiveness in ministry.

Seek unity among us in our work together by:

Being open and honest in our communications by keeping all members of committees informed and avoiding any "parking lot" discussions.

Speaking and listening for the truth in love as we seek to understand each other's point of view.

Speaking honorably of one another, our committee, our staff and our ministries.

Reconciling our differences and offenses and restoring one another when we "fail" according to Matthew 18:15-20 and Galatians 6:1.

Remaining united in our "victories" and our "defeats" as we strive to be faithful and obedient to Christ in all things.

Communicate to the congregation clearly and honorably all essential information, including our process for decision-making, while maintaining confidentiality when it is necessary.

As we move forward this covenant will help us to get the work done in a way that is pleasing to God and encouraging and uplifting to our congregation.

Bishop Goodpaster spoke of our goals this way: "For those of you who were not at Annual Conference, and for those of you who have forgotten already, let me rehearse the "3" goals that I held up as our challenge: 300,000 members in the Western North Carolina Conference; 30,000 more people in worship; 3,000 mission teams sent in the name of Christ into the world; 300 resurrected churches (those that are stagnant or at plateau levels, refocused, re-energized, re-missioned for ministry in the world); 30 new faith communities – all in the next three years! Those are strategic, measurable goals that can be achieved if all of us together unite in common effort to *follow Jesus, make disciples, and transform the world*. What will be

What will be Needed? Creativity, commitment, and intentional efforts to practice the faith we proclaim. For now, I hope that you will lift these goals in prayer, that you will explore what can happen in the community where you serve, and that you will renew personal commitments to live as faithful, fruitful disciples daily.”

Hang in there! God is leading us forward.

Grace and Peace
Steve

FOND MEMORIES OF PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

When Bill and I came to Winston-Salem the first thing we began to do was visit a church. As we visited around we found Pine Grove and after the first Sunday, we found we had come to the right one. There was closeness here—Evelyn Groce and Ruth Spach right off invited me to attend the United Methodist Women and that was my niche. Having been a district officer in the Lexington District for about 16 years I knew this was the place. I had been a United Methodist Woman all my life. After we got home that first Sunday, Jean Darden was ringing our doorbell—welcome to Pine Grove, and do come back. I knew there was a thoughtfulness and a welcome waiting.

When we returned several weeks later I was at the church one morning to help Peggy proof the church bulletins. I was looking at the pictures of prior ministers. One man looked familiar, none other than my dad—He had preached here years ago (1898). Learning that he had preached here made me want to come even more.

I’m very sorry Bill couldn’t attend more regularly, but he had a back problem and couldn’t get around too well. He died unexpectedly. I moved back to my home town and returned to my old home church.

When I left, the children and I gave a lasting memorial to Pine Grove. A Funeral Pall, to be used by family members when they pass away. This is used in Christian Burial of the United Methodist Church.

To the United Methodist Women you filled a void when I came to the church. I wish you God’s Blessings as you go about your mission work.

I’ll always remember the church members and your wonderful ministers, Mike Tolbert at that time and Sylvia Wilhelm, who conducted Bill’s service of burial.

Thanks for the memories,

Olivia Raper Roberts
Vicky, Richard and Kaye
Grandchildren and Great Grand child

WHAT DOES PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEAN TO ME

Soon after our family moved to the Jonestown Road community (1950), we were invited to attend Pine Grove United Methodist Church by our immediate neighbors: the William Farmer family, the Bruce Dickerson family and the Walter Hogue family. My sister and I soon made friends with many children our age in our "new" church. We especially enjoyed Sunday School and looked forward to Bible School during the summer. Edith Farmer and Gladys Hogue, our Sunday School teachers, awarded a silver dollar to each child who recited the books of the Bible without assistance. It was an achievement we were all proud to have earned.

Sunshine Boxes were made by members of the church for my sister during her long hospitalization. The Sunshine Box contained individually wrapped gifts (dolls, stuffed toys, coloring books and crayons, puzzles, and some sweet treats). Sara Thomas and Ruth Spach did all the assembly work on the boxes. Our family was touched by the kindness extended to our family by the church during this time.

When I was growing up, Pine Grove was the heartbeat of the community. Christmas time was always so special at church. The church was decorated so beautifully with a huge tree placed at the front of the sanctuary. For many years, a Children's Christmas program was held on the last Sunday evening prior to Christmas. All children, dressed in their very best, recited memory verses and sang Christmas carols. At the end of the service, gifts and Christmas treat bags were handed out. Today, we still have a beautiful Christmas tree and a beautifully decorated sanctuary. The tree is adorned with hand-made religious ornaments made by the women/youth of our church and the altar is beautiful with all the poinsettias. Today's youth will look back with fond memories of what their home church looked like at Christmas.

I was baptized and joined Pine Grove at age 12, (Art Chamblee, serving pastor); married Jim Neace July 30, 1966 in the old church (Roy Grant, serving pastor); and our daughter, Mary Beth, was born August 7, 1973, baptized, September 1973 (Dwight Pyatt, serving pastor).

In the following years, our family enjoyed and participated in many church activities: softball team, choir, UMW, served as teachers in the Children's Sunday School program and served on various committees.

We worshipped at other churches for 19 years and returned to Pine Grove in January 2007. Sylvia Wilhelm was serving as pastor at that time. Jim and I were overwhelmed by the warm reception we received when we returned to Pine Grove. I have never felt so loved.

Our family is grateful for the spiritual support and kindness we have received from the church during my mother's extended illness. We have welcomed the visits and the cards. My mother especially enjoyed participating in the Senior Citizens Program, trips she made with her church friends and loved being a part of the chicken pie-making events!

I am especially grateful for the opportunity to have grown up at Pine Grove and to have had some wonderful role models for christian living.

Special memories: Mr. Falls (Byron's father) handing out juicy fruit gum to the children after church; summer Revivals, hearing the "Bodsford Sisters" sing (Barbara, Carolyn, Janice, Linda, Joan); hearing my sister Sharon sing at church when she was in high school; keeping cool in church during the summer with the fan-on-a -stick; Homecomings, Choir Fund Raisers, end-of-season softball socials, and listening to the Hand Bell choirs (adult and youth). Pine Grove has always been blessed with wonderful choir directors and we are especially fortunate to have Beverly Myers who provides beautiful and inspirational music for our congregation.

Pine Grove is the heartbeat of our family.

Kathy Wells Neace, daughter of Sam and Martha Wells (May 2009)

RUTH SPACH'S MEMORIES OF PINE GROVE

I have been asked to tell some of my early memories of Pine Grove. The land came as a gift from Cynthia "Granny" Kimel. I remember her because she ate a lot of meals at our house.

The first sanctuary, I remember, was one large building facing east with two doors, one on each side of the front. There were no class rooms and one class met in the belfry with the rest meeting at different places in the sanctuary. Oil lamps hung on the wall and there was a large stove in the center of the sanctuary for heat. We used funeral home fans to keep cool. There was a pump organ for music. The pulpit was hand made by the late Nettie Hampton's father and is still being used today. The parking lot that we use now was a field and corn was raised in the summer.

The first preacher I remember was Rev. John Cline (1922-1925). They had a daughter named Kitty Ida and she was like the rest of us, sitting still was not her favorite thing. One Sunday he corrected her from the pulpit. Guess how the rest of us felt?

The parsonage was at Ogburn Memorial. I remember being there one time for a picnic. When the Clines' left they had a new baby, John, Jr. Their last Sunday at Pine Grove was the last time I saw them. About 25 or 30 years later I received a letter from a friend who lived in Raleigh, (who grew up in Pine Grove) and she said John Cline, Jr. was her preacher.

Then came the Burgess and Goforths and their children and when they left all of us children would cry because we knew that would probably be the last time we would see them.

Just look around, we have come a long way and have so much to be thankful for.

MEMORIES FROM WANDA WOOSLEY MOSER

Fannie Tise Nifong, Tobacconville, my Step-Grandmother, born in 1881, married my Grandfather, J. A. N. Nifong, Jonestown Road, and moved to his family home/farm.

During her marriage of twenty-six years and life in the Pine Grove Community, she gave of her time, talent and money in support of Pine Grove Methodist Church. Although she never moved her membership from Bethania Moravian Church, the North Carolina Christian Advocate shared space in her home with the Moravian Daily Text.

After my Grandfather died in 1943, she moved back to Tobacconville. She died in 1951 during a surgical procedure — a life well lived spiritually and with love for her family, friends and churches.

Wanda Woolsey Moser



**Lighthouse
Kids**
Shining God's Light

Dear Parent

We will be shining for the Lord at Vacation Bible School with **Lighthouse Kids: Shining God's Light.**

At Lighthouse Kids, the children will be dazzled with the power of God's light as they explore the world of lighthouses and all that light can do.

Children will come to see light in a whole new way as they

- discover how God's light shined to others
- come to know that Jesus is God's light shining in the world
- believe God's light shines in them
- shine God's light to others.

We want all children to join us for Lighthouse Kids stories, songs, games, crafts, and fun.

Lighthouse Kids will be at Pine Grove umc

on July 12 through July 16

between the hours of 6:15 and 8:30.

For information call the church office at 765-2569.

Pre school VBS ages 3yrs - 6yrs.



UNDEFEATED

Dear Parents,



We'd love for your child to join us at MEGA Sports Camp! All the kids who attend will choose one of these sports to focus on:



But that's not all. Kids will also enjoy upbeat rallies filled with energetic music, fun sports stories, ultracool object lessons, and Bible stories that will help them discover character traits that can help them excel in sports and in life. All this sports fun takes place at:

*

We'll start off every day at 6:15 p.m. with Registration. After a fun-filled day, you'll be able to pick up your child at 8:30 p.m. Ready to sign up? Just complete the registration form or call 765 - 2569 for more information.

Sincerely,
MEGA Sports Camp Director

Ages 7yrs - 11yrs

Registration deadline June 28th



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