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GIVING LOVE AWAY

One evening just before the great Broadway musical star, Mary Martin, was to go on stage in South Pacific, a note was handed to her. It was from Oscar Hammerstein, who at that moment was on his deathbed. The short note simply said:

“Dear Mary, A bell’s not a bell till you ring it. A song’s not a song till you sing it. Love in your heart is not put there to stay. Love isn’t love till you give it away.”

After her performance that night many people rushed backstage, crying, “Mary, what happened to you out there tonight? We never saw anything like that performance before.” Blinking back the tears, Mary then read them the note from Hammerstein. Then she said, “Tonight, I gave my love away.”

During this holy season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that God gave his love away:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

May we be challenged by that love and determined in our hearts to live and serve in such a way that others will know that we belong to God.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Sylvia

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MARCH CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

Each Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 4:30 p.m. Disciple I

Each Monday

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
 7:00 P.M. Bible Study on Romans

Each Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

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March 6 7:00 p.m. Weekday School Committee
 March 7 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee
 March 8 6:00 p.m. UMW Quiet Meal—Both Circles
 March 11 4:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids
 March 20 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council
 March 25 4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt—Picnic Shelter
 March 31 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
 March 31 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pancake Dinner

NOTE: THE TIME CHANGES ON MARCH 10 AT 2:00 A.M.

MISSION PROJECT—The Wesley-Patchwork Sunday school class will be collecting food for the El Aposento Alto food pantry as one of their missions this year. A collection box is located in the hall next to the parlor. We welcome anyone that would like to participate and help us with this mission. Some of the food items are bag of dry rice, bag of dry pinto beans, bag of dry black beans, cereal, pasta, cookies, sugar, salt, canned soup, ramen noodles, peanut butter and jelly. The people of El Aposento Alto reach out to those in need in their community. This mission will help those in desperate need of food. We appreciate your help with this important mission. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW that we have completed the purchase of the R. L. Spach property? Did you know that we have made a deposit on a new vehicle to replace one of the vans? Doesn't the sanctuary look wonderful? Did you know that we have two accounts to help pay for all of these wonderful things that have been happening?

We have an account called "Land Purchase" that is used just to pay off the balance due on the land.

We have an account called "Capital Improvements" that is used just to pay off the balance due on the renovations and purchase of the new vehicle.

Please mark your check with the appropriate information so we can deposit into the right account.

Did you know that now that we have evidence of where our money was spent we need to begin "pay-back". Please remember to mark your envelopes and/or checks to indicate where the money goes.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 Nannie Brewer
 Byron Falls
 Peggy Sizemore
 March 2 Terri Ann Bryson
 March 3 Lou Bullington
 Sean McGinnis
 William Scott
 March 5 Jon Kite
 Timothy Weavil
 March 6 Kerry Buchanan
 March 7 Alice Bergman
 March 8 Garnette Bodsford
 March 10 Julian Blackburn
 Jean Brannock
 March 11 James Orville Cox
 Dennis Houle
 March 13 Ben Fuller
 March 14 John Mercer
 March 16 Emily Hale
 Melanie Niblock
 Sally Scott
 March 17 Dan Genevie
 March 19 Richard Holbrook
 March 20 Mark Ellis
 Mike Zimmerman
 March 21 Brandon James
 March 22 Betty Jarvis
 Sandy Waldron
 March 24 Brady Shutt
 March 25 Sherry Brogdon
 March 26 Raymond White
 March 28 Mack Smith
 March 29 Tiffany Bodsford
 March 30 Jeff Brewer
 Ethan Sellers
 March 31 Norman Brogdon
 Betty Hardin



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 3 Julian & Eunice Blackburn
 March 5 Dennis & Linda Houle
 Jesse & Von Ward
 March 10 Todd & Susan Buchanan
 March 11 Ray & Joan Byrd

OUR VOLUNTEERS

PROVIDE BREAD FOR 1ST TIME VISITORS

March 4	Peggy Sizemore
March 11	Dee Anne Fortescue
March 18	Lisa Hale
March 25	Sally Scott

VISIT FIRST TIME VISITORS

March 4	Kathleen Sprinkle & Betty Jarvis
March 11	Joan Fulk & Evelyn Groce
March 18	Charles & Dorothy Parker
March 25	Mary Council & Jean Darden

USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

March 4	Tom Mahannah, Head Usher David Alexander Scott Pugh Eddie Scott
March 11	Roy Spach, Head Usher Chris Council Butch Hogue John Fonda Brent Shutt
March 18	Tom Mahannah, Head Usher David Alexander Eddie Scott Scott Pugh
March 25	Roy Spach, Head Usher Chris Council Scott Pugh Eddie Scott

SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT

March	Bill and Dee Anne Fortescue
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GREETERS FOR THE MONTH

March	Wesley Patchwork Class
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CRISIS CONTROL ITEM FOR THE MONTH

March	Laundry Detergent
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We need volunteers in all categories listed above. If you are willing to help in any or all of these areas please contact the church office, (765-2569) and we will add you to the schedule.

SENIOR NEWS FOR MARCH

Tentative plans are under way to have a meeting of everyone 55 and older to begin a program for the seniors of our church. Time and date will be announced later. Please give some thought to what kind of meetings you would like to have and what activities you look forward to. Pray for the success of this venture of ministry.

Please keep all our senior adults in your prayers. May we pray for those who have been sick. Please take the time to telephone, send a card or visit the homebound. If you can help us on the Visitation Committee please call Shirley Shutt, 765-2287 or the church office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Shari Sinnot has been providing the sanctuary flowers when no one has signed on the flower calendar. She can provide flowers for \$25.00 for one or two for \$45.00. We also can get flowers from Country Club Florist for \$40.00 for one or \$70.00 for two. Please indicate on the calendar who you wish to provide the flowers you order.

NEWS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kingdom Kids will meet March 4 for the regular meeting and will meet on March 25 for the Easter Egg Hunt. All children, ages toddler and up, are invited to come to our Easter Egg Hunt! We have a lot of fun activities planned. There will even be a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny!!!

You will get to make your own ice cream delight. Don't forget your blanket and a basket for your goodies. We are looking forward to seeing you there come rain or shine!

ATTENTION: We would appreciate donations of individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please note that due to allergies we cannot use candy with peanuts or peanut butter. Please bring the candy to church by March 18 so we can stuff eggs.

VBS: It is time to start planning again. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Sally Scott @ 778-1266. VBS is always an exciting and rewarding event. Please consider becoming involved.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Vacation Bible School will be on July 15—19.

NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

March, 2007



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

Both the **Sue Rollins Circle** and the **Gertrude Alspaugh Circle** will meet March 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program with Quiet Meal. The program will be led by Dee Ann Fortescue.

WESLEY FOUNDATION

We will be serving dinner to this Wake Forest University student group at their regular meeting on Thursday March 1.

DISTRICT MISSION STUDY

The District Mission Study, "Sing Across the Walls" will be held Saturday March 3 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. Ten of our members are planning to attend

CHICKEN PIES

We will be making Chicken Pies on March 13 and 14. Orders should be placed with any UMW member or at the Church Office.

CANNED GOODS

We still have some vegetable soup, green beans, cucumber pickles, jellies, apples, and chow-chow for sale. We also have cookbooks, cleaning cloths, and note paper. All are available in the Church Office.

March Newsletter* March Newsletter* March Newsletter

Dear Parents & Church:

Happy March! Have you all enjoyed the cold during the last month? Boy did it get chilly in the morning it reminded me of being back home. Although spring is around the corner. Hip hip Hooray! I can't wait till the weather is above freezing, and we can start to see the new buds on plants, and Easter is this month. Bunnies & Chocolate how can you go wrong this month.

The kids are doing such a great job learning their Bible verses, as you know in January we learned Bible stories and verses about men. Then in February we were learning about women of the Bible. So I think its only right that we learn about children of the Bible this month. They so surprise me with all the knowledge they have about the Bible. We played Bible Jeopardy and they really did very well. Talk to your children about the Bible stories they learned, you might learn something new.

SUMMER PROGRAM. I need every family to turn in their information on whether or not their child will attend the summer program. As of March 1st we will be opening up the summer program to the weekday school, and as of the 15th we will open to the public. We only have a limited space, and the children already in the program will have first priority until March 1st. Also if you know anyone that would be interested in volunteering for the program in the afternoon or morning, please let me know. Have a great month, and take time to enjoy the beginning of spring, before we know it we will be sweating through the dog days of summer

Kerry A Carroll
Director Of Before & After School Programs



HELP OUR BOY SCOUTS

Troop 712 has planned another Pancake Day for March 31. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Plan to come out, support the Boy Scouts and have a good time in fellowship with the church family and the visitors who will be here.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 5	7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday
April 6	7:30 p.m. Good Friday
April 8	TBA Easter Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mark your calendars now and plan to worship with us on these dates.

NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY

Our library is really growing. We have a number of new books on our shelves. There are a lot of self help books, good clean fiction books, history, commentaries, even books that are available for use by Sunday school classes.

If you are new to our church and want to know more about the Methodist church and it's history we have a very large selection of books available. Just to name a few:

- Symbols of the Church
- The Flowering of Methodism in Western North Carolina
- Memory's Lane
- John Wesley's Awakening
- Through the Back Door of the Church (Stories of United Methodist Men in Ministry)
- Young Reader's Book of Church History
- Four Modern Prophets

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Greetings from your Weekday School!!

As I am writing this letter, the sun is shining and its 65° outside. I'm hoping that Spring is finally on its way! I know...it's only the end of February, but if I can't have the one pretty snow that I wanted... then, I'm just ready for Winter to be over!☺ I imagine that a lot of you feel the same way!

February (for the most part) was a cold and dreary month, but things were bright and cheerful here at the Weekday School as we celebrated the "month of love"! The children loved the special story time with "Miss" Melinda from the Clemmons Library on the 2nd. She had lots of wonderful stories to share with the boys and girls. I was pleased with the number of parents who attended our Parent/Teacher Conferences on the 8th & 9th. It is so important that our parents and staff work together to give our children the best possible start in school. Having parents who are interested and involved is a big part of accomplishing that task. February is Dental Health Month so the children have been learning all about how to care for their teeth. "Tuffy, the Tooth" (a.k.a. Pine Grove's own, Diana Young) joined us on the 12th and was a big hit with the children as she taught them the importance of proper dental care. The boys and girls were especially thrilled with the new toothbrushes that "Tuffy" brought for them. A big "Thank You"! to Diana for bringing this fun and educational program to our children each year. Our 2007/2008 Registration/Open House on the 15th was a great opportunity for parents to visit their children's classrooms and secure their child's space in next year's classes. A couple of the classes were almost filled that evening, so we're off to a great start with enrollment for the '07/'08 school year. Registration will open to the public on March 1st. Continuing our celebration of Dental Health Month, the 4s & Rs had a great time on their field trip to the Meyer and Spangler Dental Office on the 23rd. Hopefully, the things they learned will help the children be a little less intimidated the next time they visit the dentist.

The 4s & Rs will be "on the road again" on Friday, March 2nd, as they travel to The Children's Theatre for the production of Cuentos del Arbol (The Tale of the Trees). This delightful bi-lingual musical drawn from Spanish and Latin American folklore promises to "send audiences home with dancing feet, clapping hands, and a happy heart". (Sounds like loads of fun! Can I go? ☺) All the children (staff & parents, too!) can enjoy "dancing feet, clapping hands, and a happy heart" at our annual "Welcome, Spring"! Party on March 16th! We'll have a great time as we celebrate the imminent arrival of Spring and St. Patrick's Day by dressing in green and joining our friends in the gym for a fun-filled dance party and special snack. (Be sure to be on the lookout for our dancing Leprechaun and his "pot of gold"!) Our Spring Children's Clothing/Toy Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 23rd & 24th. Registration packets and volunteer sign-up will be available beginning the week of March 5th. Plan to join us for some great bargains on clothing/toys for the children in your life. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Tuesday, March 27th. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to help hunt those elusive eggs. We'll have a day filled with fun and excitement! Lastly, the 3s will travel to the Stevens Center on Thursday, March 29th, for a concert by "Mr. Al", the famous children's entertainer. (I'm not sure who enjoys this field trip more, the children or the teachers and chaperones!☺) It will be a wonderful morning of music and laughter!

Our Spring fundraiser will begin on March 12th and run through April 13th. Once again, we will offer the *World's Finest Chocolate* candy bars for purchase at \$1.00 per bar. (Each candy bar wrapper has a \$2.00 off coupon from Pizza Hut. Pizza and chocolate...Who can resist?!☺) The candy bars will be available throughout the week on the table opposite the Weekday School office, or see one of our staff members.

Many thanks go out this month to Bobby Sizemore, Dewey Bodenhamer, and Bill Fortescue for all their help with "getting things back to normal" in our hallways and classrooms following the couple of weeks the painters were here. I'm sure there were many more of you that helped out behind the scenes that I don't know about. Please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated! (And, doesn't the Church look fresh and clean??!!)

Finally, on behalf of our staff, I would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Daphane Buie and Kyle Fulk. Both of these folks have been wonderful friends to our Weekday School family for many years. We feel so blessed to have shared in their lives. They will be missed.

Until next time... *Chris*

PGWS NEWS OF NOTE

WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE

Hungry? Need a "pick-me-up"?

The sweetest, "melt-in-your-mouth" chocolate that money can buy is available now through April 13th from our Weekday School students and staff. The "yummy" candy bars can be purchased for the low, low price of \$1.00. As an additional incentive, each candy bar wrapper has a \$2.00 off coupon from Pizza Hut. Pizza and Chocolate!! Who can resist?!!

PINE GROVE WEEKDAY SCHOOL
"A Mission with a Mission"



Dear Pine Grove Weekday School,
Thank you for supporting the AB MGT with your donation. It was a tremendous success and the donation raised enabled a group to go to Juarez, Mexico to build a home for a family. Andy's memory was honored and a great thing happened for a family too!

This year's tournament will be played on September 15, 2007 at Bermuda Run West. We will keep in touch with you as the year goes on. We hope to see you at the tournament. God Bless you!

Love,

Jonathan Giler

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