

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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SHARE THE JOURNEY

Several years ago the United Methodist Church came up with an ad campaign for TV using the logo OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS. THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. They run several times a year at different seasons with different themes and emphases.

The most recent ones ran for a few weeks in the back to school time frame. I hope you saw it. It showed various people following a path until they came to a hilltop where other people were gathered, and the message was "find your path, share the journey."

I have always found the analogy of a journey as an excellent description of the Christian faith. We do not come to Christ as a final step but rather as a beginning step that starts a process or journey that leads us to spiritual maturity. Our founding father, John Wesley, called that moving on to perfection or sanctification.

The path which begins the journey may be different for each one of us. The path may be quiet and unassuming taken over time or it may be a dynamic instantaneous event. The path may be found early or late in life or somewhere in between.

The focus of the ad campaign, and of our Christian faith, is once we find the path we share the journey with fellow travelers. We are not alone. We become part of the great family of God, and certainly the church is a great place for the family to gather. See you there!

Grace & peace,

Pastor Sylvia

(The next ad campaign will be during Advent.)

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SEPTEMBER 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
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Each Wednesday

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

October 2007						
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October 2 6:30 p.m. UMYF
7:30 p.m. Administrative Council
October 3 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee
October 7 4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids K-5th Grade
October 9 6:30 p.m. UMYF
October 10 10:00 a.m. Sue Rollins Circle
October 11 7:00 p.m. Gertrude Alspaugh Circle
October 14 2:00 p.m. Prime Timers
4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids K—5th Grade
October 16 6:30 p.m. UMYF Cook Out
October 21 2:00 p.m. CROP WALK
October 22 7:00 p.m. **CHARGE CONFERENCE**
October 23 **NO UMYF MEETING**
7:00 P.M. Weekday School Committee
October 25 UMW make chicken pies
October 26 UMW make chicken pies
October 27 6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat

LOOKING AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Administrative Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Charge Conference will be on Monday, October, 22, 2007

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The pastor will be out of the office on the following dates:

October 9—14 for Vacation

October 16—20 for Gallbladder surgery
Surgery will be on October 16.



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Ashley Spach
October 5 Penny Roberts
Courtney S. Hawkins
October 6 Betty Bell
October 9 Kate Ashe
October 10 Opalee Hall
Sylvia Wilhelm
October 12 Carolyn Black
Kathleen Jay
October 14 Linda Kite
October 15 Jane Bullard
October 16 Libby Fulk
Lori Genevie
October 17 Audrey Blackburn
Noelle Shutt
Sean Houle
October 20 John Read
October 22 Jane Groce
Helen Moser
October 23 Lee Perkins
October 24 Dee Fair
John Bouley
October 27 Melba Tesh
October 29 Doug Buie
Tara Pope
John Fonda


Anniversaries
this
Month

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 4 Jack & Lou Bullington
October 5 Richard & Shirley Shutt
October 13 Jim & Carrow Mabry

**OUR VOLUNTEERS
PROVIDE BREAD FOR 1ST TIME VISITORS**

October 7 Melanie Niblock
October 14 Joyce Long
October 21 Betty Bell
October 28 Mary Council

VISIT FIRST TIME VISITORS

October 7 Bill and Dee Anne Fortescue
October 14 Richard and Shirley Shutt
October 21
October 28 Evelyn Groce and Peggy Williams

USHER SCHEDULE

October 7 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
 David Alexander
 Eddie Scott
 Scott Pugh
 John Fonda

October 14 Roy Spach, Head Usher
 Chris Council
 Butch Hogue
 Dee Fair
 Brent Shutt

October 21 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
 David Alexander
 Scott Pugh
 Eddie Scott
 John Fonda

October 28 Roy Spach, Head Usher
 Chris Council
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SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT

October

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH

October Discovery Class

CRISIS CONTROL ITEM FOR THE MONTH

October Canned Tuna or Salmon

NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

October, 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

The **Sue Rollins Circle** will meet October 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Devotions will be led by Peggy Sizemore. The program, “Pledge Service—Our Time for Mission” will be led by Sally Scott. Hostess is Peggy Sizemore.

The **Gertrude Alspaugh Circle** will meet October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Devotions will be led by Peggy Williams. The program, “Pledge Service—Our Time for Mission” will be led by Sally Scott. Hostess is Marian Kepley.

CHICKEN PIES

We will be making Chicken Pies on October 25 and 26.

BAZAAR!!!!

The Bazaar will be November 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be selling chicken pies, canned goods, baked goods, and crafts.

WESLEY FOUNDATION

We will be serving dinner to the Wesley Foundation at Wake Forest on October 4.

HOSPITALITY DINNER

Our Hospitality Dinner will be on November 9 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available soon.

READING PROGRAM

UMW members are encouraged to participate in the Reading program. Many books are available in the Church Parlor, and we can order others as requested.

“FREE”

TURNIP GREENS
AND
MIXED GREENS

“U” PICK

100 Sara Lane
Dead End

2007 CROP WALK

Pine Grove’s UMYF will be fighting hunger again this year by participating in Crisis Control Ministry’s CROP WALK. The event will be held on **Sunday October 21, 2007 at Tanglewood**. The raising of funds to fight hunger is completely dependent on sponsors of the walk. We are therefore asking for your donations to sponsor Pine Grove’s UMYF as a whole. As in years past, we will have a donation table set up outside the narthex each Sunday immediately following the worship service, beginning September 23 through October 21. Please stop by to help Pine Grove’s Youth feed the hungry. Thanks in advance for your support!!

PGUMYF FUNDRAISER CALENDARS FOR SALE!!

The 2008 wall calendars have arrived and will be for sale as long as they last. PGUMYF will be selling the calendars for \$8.00 beginning Sunday September 23. Calendars can be purchased each Sunday immediately following worship service at a table set up outside the entrance to the narthex. They may also be purchased through the church office. As in years past, the proceeds go to support PGUMYF activities and missions.

Thanks in advance for your support!!

Greetings from your Weekday School!

“It’s Fall, y’all!”...and I’m hoping we’ll soon be seeing some cooler temperatures! (Unloading and loading 70+ children at drop-off and pick-up time is not much fun when it’s 90° outside!!☺) The leaves are beginning to change colors and will soon be falling from the trees. Isn’t it wonderful how beautifully God “paints” our world for us during this time of year?! Speaking of painting...That’s just one of the many fun things our children have enjoyed during the first few weeks of school. The “little ones” are all settled nicely into their classes now and are “falling in love with learning”. Everyone seems to be happy that school is in session once again. September has been a very busy (but fun!) month. Along with all the fun in their regular classrooms, the children have really enjoyed their time each week with “Miss” Carol in Movement Class and “Miss” Claire in Musicare Class. They love Movement because it gives them an opportunity to get rid of some of their excess energy (while developing their gross motor skills) and Musicare is always a “blast” with “Miss” Claire’s fun songs and child-sized musical instruments. Our Open House on the 13th was a big hit with everyone! “Fish the Magish” entertained us with some truly astonishing magic tricks (and lots of corny jokes!) as we enjoyed delicious cookies and punch. The evening also gave the parents and children an opportunity to get to know the staff members in a less structured environment as they visited in the classrooms. It was lots of fun! Our 4s & Rs traveled to the Elliott Farm on September 21st. They had a great time as they visited with all the different farm animals and enjoyed the yummy brownies that “Miss” Margaret had prepared for them. The weather was gorgeous, too, so it was just a perfect day! The “Creature Teacher” visited for the first time this year on the 24th, accompanied by her friend, “Amelia, the Skunk”. (Boy, were we ever glad that Amelia’s “stinker” has been turned off!☺) We can hardly wait to see what new friend the “Creature Teacher” will bring along next month! The boys and girls had an opportunity to “travel back to yesteryear” on the 26th & 27th as they had Ole’ Timey Portraits taken by General Photographic Resources, Inc. They had a great time (and looked so cute) dressed up in period clothing and posing as children from long ago.

October will be another busy month beginning with a visit from some of our W/S Firefighters who will present their wonderful Fire Safety Program. This is always a hit with the children as they learn about fire safety, visit with a firefighter in full fire-fighting gear, and get to see a real fire truck up close. Our staff and members of our Parents’ Association will be busy preparing for our annual Fall Children’s Clothing/Toy Sale which will be held on Friday & Saturday, October 12th & 13th. This is a great opportunity for those of you with children to recoup some of the money you have spent on their outgrown clothing and toys. Just clean out those closets and drawers and bring in your “gently-used” items to sell! Participants receive 60% of their total sales with 40% going to the Weekday School. (Of course, we furnish all supplies and advertising for the event.) It’s an easy way to make a few “bucks” for yourself and help your school, too! Registration packets will be available in the Weekday School foyer during school hours or you may see any staff member for information. They will be glad to help! Our staff will also be busy this month certifying (or re-certifying) for CPR and First Aid on the 16th and 23rd. Pat Stine, an instructor for the American Heart Association, will be with us to provide this important training. Our PMOs, 2s & 3s classes will visit the Pine Grove B/A School’s “Pumpkin Patch” and the 4s & Rs will travel to Myers Greenhouse on the 19th. The children will be purchasing a small pumpkin for their very own and helping to select a large “Jack-o-Lantern” pumpkin for their classrooms. Rumor has it that “The Great Pumpkin” will even make an appearance! This is a fun day for everyone and a wonderful photo opportunity for the parents! Our annual “Pumpkin Carnival” will be held on the 31st. The Parents’ Association members are already hard at work with plans for the Carnival so I know it will be loads of fun! The children and staff will dress in costumes that day so, stop by to see some of the cutest little “characters” under the sun! Sounds like a fun-filled month, doesn’t it?!

Beginning October 15th, PGWS will offer the Kids’ Choice Cookie Dough and Butter Braid Pastry fundraiser. This fundraiser is back by special request! The cookies and pastries are so delicious and so easy to prepare that they are becoming more and more popular for holiday baking. All orders must be turned in by October 26th, so don’t delay in placing yours! There will be catalogs and order forms available throughout the order period on the table outside the Weekday School office. (Orders may be paid for upon receipt.) All orders will be received in time for your Thanksgiving and Christmas baking.

Special thanks go out this month to Randy Nelson of RCJ Contracting, LLC for donating the new mulch for our playground and to the volunteers who helped in spreading the mulch. (At this writing, I’m not sure who that will be but, I wanted to thank you, anyway!) And, to Bobby Sizemore and Dewey Bodenhamer who we always manage to keep busy with the many little maintenance issues that seem to arise each month. You fellows are true blessings and are sure to have a star in your crown!☺ Until next time... *Chris*



NEWS FROM THE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Welcome to fall!! It is amazing to me how we can go from 100 degrees one week to an awesome autumn week the next. Fall is such a pretty time of the year. It is time for apple pies baking in the oven, sweaters needed in the morning and the beauty God has created right here in North Carolina. I hope you and your family will enjoy this time of year.

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING: The pumpkins will be arriving on October 2 at 4:30 p.m. If any of you would like to roll up your sleeves and unload the truck, the Before and After School committee would love the help. Remember all the proceeds made from the Pumpkin Patch go to the Before and After School Program. So roll up your sleeves, put on your work gloves, load up your wheelbarrow and come on down and help. The Before and After School Committee will provide refreshments to all that help.

OPEN HOUSE: I would like to personally thank all that came to the Open House, Linda and I enjoyed talking to all of you. We are off to a great school year, now that we all know what we are doing when it comes to homework, and the rules of the Before and After School program.

B-I-N-G-O: It is almost Bingo time. I hope you all can join us for a great night of fellowship and fun. There is a sign up sheet in the hall, so we know how many people will be coming for dinner. We will start eating at 6:00 p.m., but watch out for those *Bingo Police!* After dinner we will provide care for younger children in the nursery.

Thank you again for all your continued support of Pine Grove United Methodist Church's Before and After School Program.

Kerry A. Carroll
Director, Before and After School Program

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that time of year again that Pine Grove can make a difference in a young person's life. These shoe boxes filled all of us at Pine Grove can bring love, joy and hope to little ones living in some of the most desperate circumstances imaginable.

Did you know that children in some parts of the world have never received a gift or heard about Jesus?

We suggest, if you are able, to purchase a plastic shoe box from one of the craft stores. Look for a sale! These plastic boxes do not have to be wrapped and are easier to ship. They also provide that "special box" for a child to keep their treasures. There are a few red and green boxes in the narthex or you can wrap a regular size shoe box.

Envelopes and information on what to pack is located on the welcome center in the narthex.

You may bring them to church as you fill them or bring them no later than November 11. They will be delivered on November 12. Thank you in advance for helping to make a child's Christmas really special.

Missions and Outreach Committee Chairperson

Polly Caudle

MISSION TRIP TO GANADO, ARIZONA NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION

- Who?** Anyone that is interested in being of service to some of God's children that need our help. No talents needed. All ages can apply.
- When?** July 3—July 15, 2008. Leaving from Pine Grove United Methodist Church.
- Where?** Ganado, Arizona. Also visits will be made to Canyon de Chelly, Window Rock, Hubbell Trading Post, Fluted Rock, Monument Valley, Durango and a train ride to Silverton, Colorado.
- How?** Travel by Holiday Tour coach with overnight stops in Tennessee, Oklahoma, and New Mexico and six nights on the reservation at the Sage Memorial Hospital Complex.
- Why?** To teach a Vacation Bible School to the Navajo children and work projects with the Hospital, Presbyterian, and the Methodist churches.
- Costs?** From \$889.00 (4 to a room) to \$1,019.00 (2 to a room). Includes lodging, food, and entrance fees. It does not include six dinner meals at stops at the motels while traveling.

For additional information, come to a meeting on November 4 in the fellowship hall to find out more about the Mission trip. Contact Polly Caudle at 766-6836 or pcaude@bellsouth.net for additional information. A deposit of \$100.00 will be due at that time, if you are interested in going.

Money making projects will be held to help finance the trip for youth and members wishing to go.



**Pumpkins in all shapes and sizes . . . For all your needs!!!!
Pricing according to the size of the pumpkin that you choose.**

**While supplies we will have mini pumpkins that are great
For teachers and classroom activities . . . Hurry!!!**

Bring your family, friends, neighbors

Pumpkin patch hours

**Monday—Friday
9:30 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday
9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday
1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**



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