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GOOD OLD SCHOOL DAYS

As I write this, I have been reminiscing about my elementary school days. Maybe it's because we gave our children and young people and teachers pencils, pens, and a prayer for the new school year this past Sunday (August 19).

My eight years of elementary education took place at Shepherd Elementary School. I can still see the building and its layout vividly in my mind, as well as the playground and ball fields. A new school building has been built in recent years, so it no longer looks the same.

I can also remember each one of my teachers:

- 1st grade---Mrs. Gudger, and sitting around the big reading book which was on an easel reading about Dick, Jane, Sally, and Spot.
- 2nd grade---Mrs. Shinn, a white-haired, soft-spoken woman who taught us to write in cursive.
- 3rd grade---Mrs. Brown, who called me down for talking.
- 4th grade---Mrs. Hethcox, a strict disciplinarian, but wonderful teacher, who evoked fear and tremendous respect.
- 5th grade---Mrs. Moore, who taught us all the required things but also taught us music and French.
- 6th grade---Mr. Harrington, who often dozed off in the afternoons much to our mischievous pleasure.
- 7th grade---Mrs. McLean, a truly wonderful teacher who made learning fun and also introduced drama to us in our great production of "I Remember Mama."
- 8th grade---Mr. Johnson, who was also the school principal, who instilled within me confidence as he gave me responsibilities in the school office and in watching over classrooms when teachers had to be out of their rooms.

I received a foundation during those eight years that proved invaluable in my life. Let us be thankful for all those teachers (and others) who have influenced us in profound ways and let us be challenged to live our lives in such a way that others can say the same about us.

Grace & peace,

Pastor Sylvia

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 (Sept. 10)

Each Wednesday

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

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September 3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
September 4 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish
September 5 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee
September 8 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall
September 9 3:00 p.m. Prime Timers meet in Fellowship Hall
September 12 10:00 a.m. Sue Rollins Circle meet at the parsonage
September 13 7:00 p.m. Gertrude Alspaugh Circle meet at the parsonage
September 18 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

LOOKING AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Charge Conference will be on Monday, October 22, 2007

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to Pine Grove UMC members who deliver Meals on Wheels for the twelve client Pine Grove route. These faithful folks are Don and Kate Ashe, Leah McCoy, Jean Crutchfield, Peggy Griffith, Jack and Lou Bullington, Peggy and Bob Sizemore, Betsy and Henry Mitchell, and Dee Anne and Bill Fortescue. Others we have adopted to help are June and Jim Moore, Ann and Bill Magness and Phillis Stillie and the coordinator, Jean Darden.

Albert Schweitzer said "No ray of sunlight is ever lost, but the green which it awakes into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted to the sower to see the harvest. Work that is worth anything is always done in faith.

Truly, these people who deliver meals on wheels are the sunlight to those people they visit. They may never know how much joy they bring when they take that meal and spend a minute or so with each person.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 3 Anthony Bost
September 4 David Fuller
Jacquelyn Howard
September 5 Catie Brogdon
Damon Pope
September 6 Dena Terry
September 7 Ameer Smith
September 9 Jennifer Dalton
September 10 Jim Mabry
September 11 Nancy DePietropaolo
Clyde Long
Blair Weavil
September 12 R. J. Shutt
September 15 Larry Aldridge
Jean Darden
September 16 David Alexander
Robert Niblock
September 17 Billie Sue Kimel
September 18 Jan Holbrook
Minnie Stump
September 19 Cynthia Parent
Richard Stallings
September 20 Ashley Campbell
Shirley Crews
September 21 Jenni Council
John Holder
Chad Jones
September 22 Stokes Alridge
Burt Flowers
Earle Jones
September 23 Jonathan Alexander
Bill Fortescue
MacKenzie Newsome
September 24 Cindy Zimmerman
September 25 Bobby Sizemore
September 26 Kim Alexander
September 27 Barbara Mahannah
September 29 Katherine Buchanan

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 3 Charles and Betty Bell
September 6 Richard and Betty Stallings
September 7 Bobby and Carolyn Joyner
September 8 Don and Kate Ashe
September 11 John and Mildred Holder
September 12 John and Bessie Newman
September 14 Eddie and Sally Scott
September 16 Tom and Marilyn James
September 17 Larry and Renee Aldridge
September 18 James and Gene McGinnis
September 19 Robert and Melanie Niblock

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

September 2 Peggy Sizemore
 September 9 Dee Anne Fortescue
 September 16 Lisa Hale
 September 23 Sally Scott
 September 30 Peggy Brewer

VISIT FIRST TIME VISITORS

September 2 Richard and Shirley Shutt
 September 9 Joan Fulk and Evelyn Groce
 September 16 Charles and Dorothy Parker
 September 23 Mary Council and Jean Darden
 September 30 Bobby and Peggy Sizemore

USHER SCHEDULE

September 2 Roy Spach, Head Usher
 Chris Council
 Butch Hogue
 Dee Fair
 Brent Shutt

September 9 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
 David Alexander
 Eddie Scott
 Scott Pugh
 John Fonda

September 16 Roy Spach, Head Usher
 Chris Council
 Butch Hogue
 Dee Fair
 Brent Shutt

September 23 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
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SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT

September Bobby and Peggy Sizemore

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH

September Wesley Patchwork

CRISIS CONTROL ITEM FOR THE MONTH

September Shampoo

THE PRIME TIMERS.

The first regular meeting of the **PRIME TIMERS** will be held on Sunday, September 9, at 3:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Linda Kearsley, the new director of Meals on Wheels, will be our guest speaker at the meeting. Ms. Kearsley will be telling us about the services available from her organization and, what volunteer opportunities are available. Bring your friends along to hear this program.

Please read over the bylaws and list of additional entertainment opportunities that were sent out in the August Gazette. We will be voting on the proposed bylaws, updating the membership roster and discussing the alternative entertainment activities at the meeting.

We have been emailing or snail mailing literature to folks who may not want to be a part of the club. In order to formulate an official roster, we have developed a membership form. If you have not filled one out, please do so at the meeting, or contact Sue Morgan so she can add your information to the role. At this time, we have 44 members.

Local events that are coming up: "Jesus Christ Superstar" is being performed under the stars at Lewisville Square on September 7, 8 and 9. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. but you need to plant your chair early to get a good spot. September 14th is movie night at Lewisville Square. The film "Nacho Libre" will be shown as soon as the sun goes down. Again, take your chair and plant it early.

A bus has been reserved for Saturday, December 1 to go to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. The day's journey will include a holiday meal prior to seeing "The Real Christmas Story", a live Narro Way production. This trip is open to anyone who wishes to go. Cost is \$59.00 per person.



NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

September, 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 September 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the parsonage. Devotions will be led by Kim Alexander. The program, "Lord Be Glorified" will be led by Sylvia Wilhelm. Hostess is Sylvia Wilhelm.

The **Gertrude Alspaugh Circle** will meet September 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage. Devotions will be led by Leah McCoy. The program, "Lord Be Glorified" will be led by Sylvia Wilhelm. Hostess is Sylvia Wilhelm.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2008

The following officers were approved at the August meeting.

President – Michele Roberts
 Vice President – Betty Bell
 Secretary – Becky Meade
 Treasurer – Sally Scott
 Spiritual Growth – Linda Kite
 Social Action – Peggy Griffith
 Nurture for Community – Jean Crutchfield
 Gertrude Alspaugh Circle Leader – Diana Young
 Sue Rollins Circle Leader – Kim Alexander

COMING EVENTS

- The UMW Conference Annual Meeting will be September 7 – 9 at Lake Junaluska. Three of our members will be attending.
- We will be serving dinner to the Wesley Foundation at Wake Forest on October 4.
- We will be making Chicken Pies in October.
- The Bazaar will be in November.

NUTS

UMW members are currently selling nuts, for baking for the holidays and for eating. See any member to order or come by the church office.

READING PROGRAM—We have some very interesting books available in the parlor.

FROM RAGE TO REASON—Here in her own words are Janet's personal stories of overcoming the odds. In this candid and inspiring autobiography, the wildly popular "First Lady" of the Pentagon writes with soul and rage, love and pride, hope and honesty, about her remarkable life, the hard lessons she's learned, and the America that has come of age with her.

NEWS FROM THE BEFORE AND AFTER SHCOOL

Hello and Welcome;

I can't believe that summer is coming to an end. School is officially under way. Since we have the first week of school under our belt it's time to settle in for what will be a fantastic year ahead. We are stocked with school supplies, and are ready to get down to some serious homework.

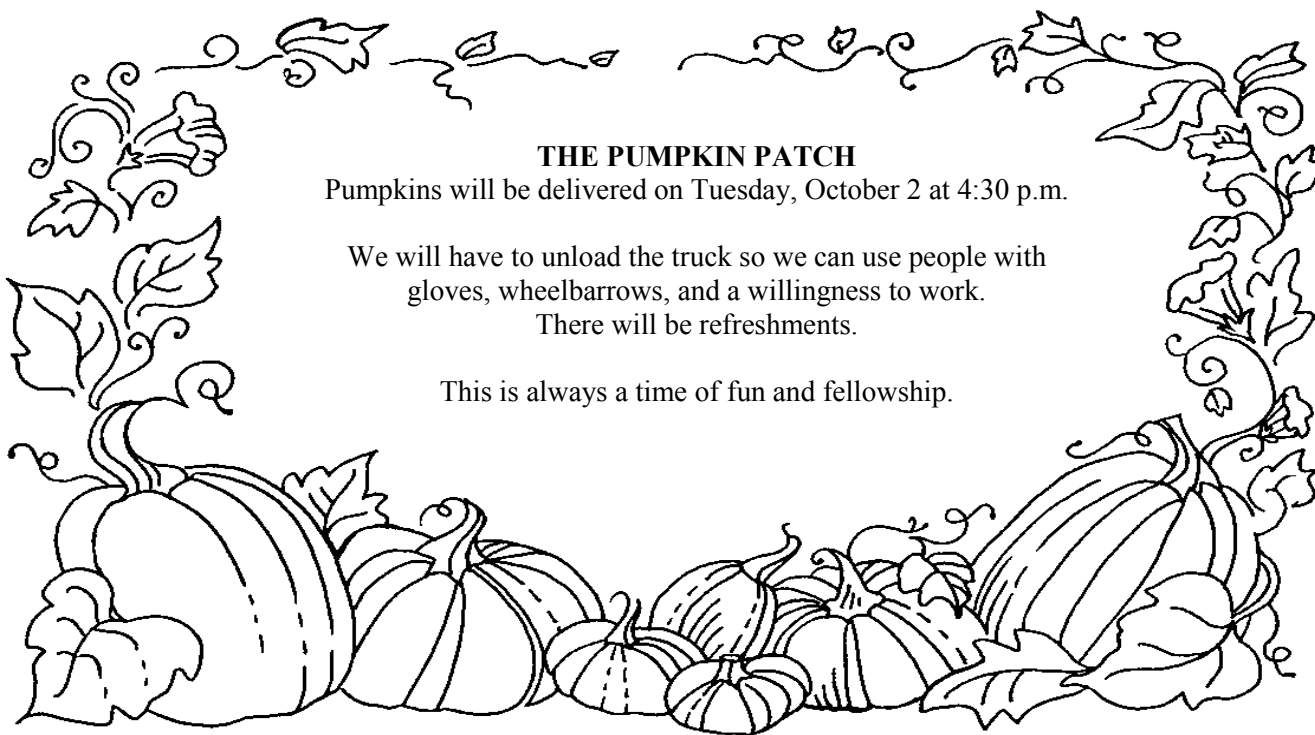
Linda and I are committed to assisting each child to excel and have a very successful school year. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family. It is our hope that your children enjoy their time here also. If you ever have any questions, concerns or comments please do not hesitate to talk with us.

We are planning a Fall Family Fun Night of bingo. We have reserved the fellowship hall for October 19, 2007 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. We will have a hot dog supper starting at 6:00 p.m. and then Bingo for prizes at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

The Christmas play and party is set for December 14, 2007. The play will start at 7:00 p.m. and like last year we will have refreshments.

The bus drivers have informed us that the busses will be off schedule for the next 2 weeks. Please be patient with us as we will do our very best to make sure your child's homework is complete when you arrive.

Thank you,
Kerry A. Carroll



THE PUMPKIN PATCH

Pumpkins will be delivered on Tuesday, October 2 at 4:30 p.m.

We will have to unload the truck so we can use people with gloves, wheelbarrows, and a willingness to work.

There will be refreshments.

This is always a time of fun and fellowship.



Greetings from your Weekday School!!

That's right!! It's that time again! I can't believe that the summer break has come and gone!! Classes for the 2007/2008 school year will begin on September 4th. We're looking forward to another great year!

The teachers returned to school on Monday, August 27th and have been busily preparing their classrooms, and meeting with students and parents for orientation before classes begin next week. Our first week of school will be spent welcoming our friends who are returning this year and getting to know our new friends who have just become a part of the Pine Grove family.

September will be full of fun and excitement for everyone! Our first Chapel time will be held on Friday, September 7th and Movement and Music classes will begin on the following Monday and Wednesday. The children really love these "specials" which will be held each week throughout the year. Our annual Open House will be held on Thursday, September 13th. Our students and their families will be entertained by the magical "hi-jinks" of "Fish, the Magish" followed by visits in the classrooms with the teachers. It is an excellent opportunity for us to get to know one another in a more relaxed setting. The 4s will travel to the Elliott's Farm on the 21st to learn all about life on a farm. "Miss" Margaret always has a great day planned for them. Everyone is anxious to see what kind of animals she has on the farm this year! The "Creature Teacher" will join us on Monday, September 24th accompanied by one of the many animal friends that she will share with us throughout the year. Will it be an Opossum?...a Wallaby?...a Sugar Glider?...or maybe even a snake or tarantula??? We can hardly wait to find out! As you can see, we're going to have lots of fun during our first few weeks of school!

Members of our Parents' Association will soon be hard at work preparing for our annual Fall Children's Clothing/Toy Sale which will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 12th & 13th. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and provides an opportunity for the participants to earn some BIG "BUCKS"! If you'd like to participate in the Sale, Registration kits will be available by the week of October 1st, so go ahead and start cleaning out those closets and drawers now! Then, be sure to join us at the Sale to take advantage of the great bargains on "gently used" clothing and toys for the children in your life.

It's time again to link (or re-link) your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school's code number – 4259. It's so easy to do...just mention it to the cashier when you check out and he/she will be glad to do it for you. Adding our code to your card costs you nothing but allows our school to earn 2% (or more) on all the Harris Teeter brand products that you purchase. Also, don't forget to keep saving the General Mills "Box Tops for Education" labels for us. Each label is worth 10¢ to our school and can be found on many products from General Mills, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Kleenex, Ziploc, and many other brands. With your help, it doesn't take long for those 10¢ to turn into dollars. What great (and easy!) ways to support your school!

A BIG "Thank You!" goes out this month to Dennis Houle and Kelly Hale who were so helpful with audio/visual and computer equipment during "Summer Fun" (and in the Weekday School office) over the summer months. We appreciate your help so much, "fellas"! Thanks, also, to each of you who continue to support us with your gifts, your time, and your prayers. You help to make our school a wonderful place for the children to learn and grow.

Until next time...☺ *Chris*

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