

# The Cross and Flame

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## Thoughts from the Rev...

I cannot believe it is already December. The time really does fly when you are around friends, family, and having a good time.... Right??? Of course it is right!!!

This is such a busy time of the year... and yet, if we keep our perspective, it can be a very meaningful and fulfilling time, as well. We have many opportunities to draw closer to God, to each other, and to the stranger outside our gate this Advent season. If you want, you can get all caught up in the shopping, buying, checking off those lists, and spinning around like a top. Or we can, in the midst of all that, remember that Jesus the Messiah is coming and expectantly wait for his appearance... his coming... his call... his touch... his gift of himself to you.

Take the time to expectantly worship this Advent. Meditate on the meaning of God coming in human form, the presence of God in this world, and the relationship this coming brings into your daily living and understanding.


I invite you to come Sunday (5) as we talk about "Waiting for the Gift... Christ is coming" and on the 12<sup>th</sup> as we share the Love Feast and the Children's Christmas Program, the 19<sup>th</sup> as we are embraced by the "Winter's Grace" of Joseph Martin – through the inspiration of our chancel choir. Finally, I invite you to stop, on Christmas Eve, sometime between 7:30-9:00pm to come and meditate, commune, and pray with me at the altar. Let us draw close and know the presence of the Lord.

I pray that no matter what your circumstance, God will bless you with the gift of God's love and grace this Christmas season.

Grace and Peace

Steve

# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Every Sunday</i>                      9:45 am Sunday School                      11:00 am Worship</p>	<p><i>Every Monday</i>                      7:00 pm Boy Scouts                      7:00 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>Every Wednesday</i>                      6:30 pm Handbells                      7:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>1                      10:00a.m Sue Rollins                      circle at meeting House                      6:00 p.m. B/A Commit-                      tee</p>	<p>2                      6:30 pm Gertrude Al-                      spaugh circle</p>	<p>3                      UMYF Lock-in                      7:00 p.m. ———</p>	<p>4                      Small Group 9 @ 6:00                      p.m. ———                      8:00a.m.</p>
<p>5                      4:00 pm Small Group 4</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8                      10:00a.m Sue Rollins                      circle at meeting House                      6:00 p.m. B/A Commit-                      tee</p>	<p>9                      6:30 pm Gertrude Al-                      spaugh circle</p>	<p>10                      6:00 pm Live Nativity</p>	<p>11                      3:00 pm Small Group 12                      6:00 pm Live Nativity</p>
<p>12                      11:00 am Love Feast                      and Children's Program                      6:00 pm Live Nativity</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17                      6:00 pm Live Nativity</p>	<p>18                      6:00 pm Live Nativity</p>
<p>19                      11:00 am Cantata                      6:00 pm Live Nativity</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24                      CHURCH OFFICE                      CLOSED                      7:30—9:00 pm Drop-in                      Family Communion</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p>27                      CHURCH OFFICE                      CLOSED</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31                      CHURCH OFFICE                      CLOSED</p>	

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



- December 1 Janice Fulk
- December 3 Joyce Long  
Julia Stoakley  
Susan Martin
- December 4 Mary Council
- December 5 Andy Buchanan
- December 6 Brandon Weavil
- December 7 Nancy Hughes  
Marilyn James
- December 10 Taylor Day  
Chris Nelson
- December 13 Max Kimel
- December 15 Shirley Martin  
Brenda Smith
- December 16 Susette Westmoreland
- December 18 Kathleen Greenwood  
Rachel Sellars
- December 20 Ann Culberson  
Wesley Moran
- December 24 Anne Sellars
- December 26 Bailey Weavil
- December 27 Ben Genevie  
S. R. Kimel  
E. L. Thomas
- December 29 Christi Council  
Joe Hughes, Jr.  
Todd Mercer
- December 30 Rebecca Meade
- December 31 Sandra Morgan



- December 18 Paul & Irene Berry  
Michael & Michele Roberts
- December 19 Jerry & Ruby West
- December 20 William & Jennie Jones
- December 27 Hoyt & Nancy Hughes
- December 28 Andy and Katie Buchanan

**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**PROVIDE BREAD FOR VISITORS**

- December 5 Mary Council
- 12 Melanie Niblock
- 19 Lisa Hale
- 26 Evelyn Groce

**USHER SCHEDULE**

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- December 5 Elizabeth Green
- December 12 Robin Pugh
- December 19 Terri Newell
- December 26 Lori Genevie

**SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT**

- December Richard and Shirley Shutt

**GREETERS**

- December Friendship Class

**SECURITY**

- December Friendship class

**CRISIS CONTROL ITEM**

December Cooking Oil

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

December 27

**ATTENTION  
HELPERS NEEDED**

We can use help with people bringing bread and also people to help with the sanctuary. If you have any questions please call the church office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY**

Sunday School classes meet every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. The classes are listed below:

**Asbury Class** is studying "Old Testament Stories from the back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

**Friendship and Willing Workers** are studying the Adult Bible Studies Series which is Exodus and selections from the Psalms

**Searchers** beginning a study called "The Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Starnes. Sandy Waldron is leading the study.

**Wesley Patchwork Class** has begun a study of Hebrews from the Bible

Please choose a class and come join the fellowship. We also have classes for the youth and Children.

**EMAILING NEWSLETTERS**

On the first test I received undeliverable messages on the following email addresses. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please unblock your email. You may need to add this address to your contacts: [pgumc\\_pastor@bellsouth.net](mailto:pgumc_pastor@bellsouth.net)

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**MEN'S GROUP**

There will not be a breakfast on December 12.



December 3rd - 4th LOCK-IN 7:30 P.M.—8:00 A.M.

December 7 Steve Martin—Christmas

December 14 Festival of Lights Hayride—Meet at church at 6:00 p.m.

December 21 NO UMYF

December 28 NO UMYF

January 4 NO UMYF

January 11 Parent Meeting for Spaghetti Dinner, Ski trip and other business

January 18 Put together Hope House care packages

January 25 Sports/Fellowship

February 5 Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Youth will meet at 3:30 p.m.

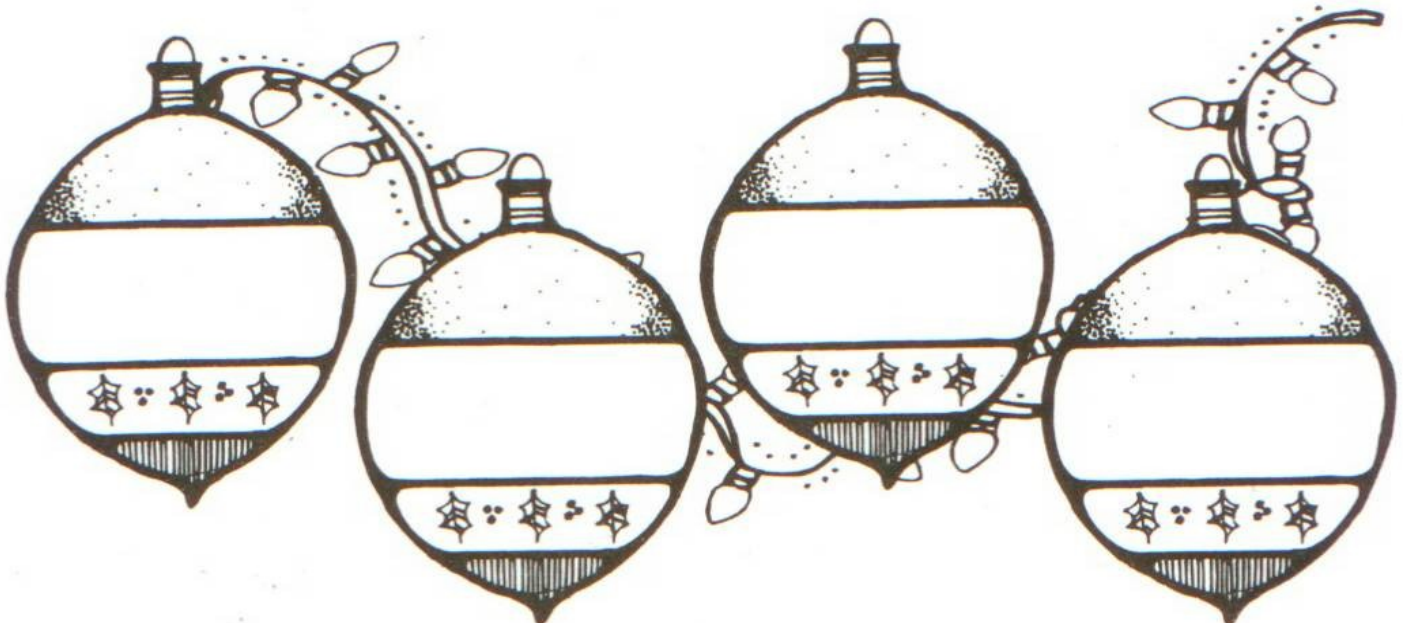


## December Newsletter

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving. There is no more relaxing with Christmas fast approaching!!!! The holiday season is such an exciting time for the children and a perfect time for all of us to reflect on all the blessings in our lives.

Things continue to run smoothly for us at Pine Grove B&A. We are in full **Christmas mode** and **spirit!!!!** The kids are excited to decorate our B&A Christmas tree with ornaments each child will make. December will be a busy month for sure!! The kids will make a Christmas gift for mom and dad they are sure to **love**. The month will close with our holiday Christmas Party on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> with a special visit from the "Jolliest Man I know"!!!! Maybe he will even bring along an elf for two???? Our Friday "Five with the Father" will focus on the ultimate gift "Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"!! It will be an exciting time for all!!!

That is all the news from the Before and After School. On behalf of everyone at the Before and After School we wish you and your family a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!





## DECEMBER

*Christmas Boxes Available for  
Bless family members, neighbors and your church  
(AFM CHRISTMAS BOX ORDER CUT-OFF  
until Wednesday,*

### B2 - Bit O' Blessing Box

*Quantities are Limited. Orders filled on a  
first come, first serve basis.*

- 2 lb. Oven-Ready Meal
- 28 oz. Pot Roast or Meatloaf
- 20 oz. Supreme Pizza
- 1 lb. Hot Dogs
- 7 oz. Fully Cooked Breakfast Link Sausage
- 1 lb. Carrots
- 1 lb. Corn
- 1 lb. Sweet Peas  
Dessert

**\$21.00** (plus sales tax where applicable)

### B4 - Fast & Flavorful Cuisine

*Convenience meals great for seniors  
and people on the go!*

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Salisbury Steaks
- Fish Sticks
- Country Herb White Chicken
- Turkey and Gravy over Bread Dressing
- White Chicken Cacciatore
- Boneless Pork Patty
- Fettuccini Alfredo
- Beef Stew
- White Chicken Tetrazzini

\*specific meal details can be found at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)

**\$28.00** (plus sales tax where applicable)

### S1 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #1 \$25.00\*

- Ribeye Steak Special (4 lb.)
- 4 lb. Ribeye Steaks (8 x 8 oz.)

### S2 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #2 \$35.00\*

- Online Seafood Special
- Limited Quantities. Available online only!*
- Please see our website for details*
- [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).

### S3 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #3 \$23.00\*

#### Premium Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box

- 3 lb. Sweet Potatoes
- 3 lb. Idaho Potatoes
- 2 lb. Yellow Onion
- 1 ea. Stalk, Sleeved Celery
- 1 ea. Butternut Squash
- 1 lb. Cello Carrots
- 1 ea. Golden Ripe Pineapple
- 3 lb. Oranges
- 2 lb. Rome Apples
- 4 ea. Navel Oranges
- 2 ea. Pink Grapefruit
- 6 ea. Lemons
- 8 oz. Bag of Shredded Coconut
- AFM Fruit and Veggie Recipe Sheet

### S4 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #4 \$36.00\*

- Christmas Box – for delivery in December
- 7.5 lb. (avg.) All Natural Perdue Roasting Hen
- 3 lb. Boneless Netted Ham Roast
- 12 oz. Corn Bread Stuffing Mix  
(2 packages x 6 oz. = 12 servings)
- 1 lb. Frozen Cranberries
- 12 ct. Mini Corn Cobbettes
- 2 lb. Green Beans
- 2 lb. Diced Sweet Potatoes
- 12 ct. Whole Wheat Dinner Rolls
- 1.7 oz. Brown Gravy Mix  
(2 packages x .87 oz. = 2 cups gravy)
- Dessert
- Recipes and Cooking Instructions

### B1 - Bread of Life Signature Box

*Balanced nutrition and variety with enough food  
to help feed a family of four for about a week.*

- 1.5 lb. Lean Hamburger Steaks (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.94 lb. Tray Pack Chicken Breast Fillets
- 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Bites
- 2 lb. Mac & Beef Entrée
- 1.5 lb. Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Wraps (8 ct.)
- 1 lb. Lean Ground Beef
- 1 lb. Smoked Beef Sausage
- 5 lbs. Waffle Fries
- 40 oz. Mac & Cheese (4 x 10 oz. Boil-in-Bag Pouches)
- 1 lb. California Lima Beans
- 1 lb. Sliced Carrots
- 1 lb. Frozen Mixed Vegetables
- 1 lb. Blackeyed Peas (Dry)
- 6.5 oz. Chicken-Flavored Rice
- 5.5 oz. Pancake Mix
- 32 oz. Shelf Stable Milk
- Dozen Eggs
- Dessert

**\$31.00**

(plus sales tax where applicable)

### B5 - Just 4 Me After School Box

*An assortment of child-friendly snacks.  
Great for after school or any time.*

- 2 lbs. Breaded Chicken Fingers
- 1.75 lb. Fully Cooked Breaded Party Wings
- 1.5 lbs. Corn Dogs
- 14 oz. Stuffed Pizza Breadsticks
- 4 ea. (2.8 oz.) Peanut Butter & Jelly Jamwich
- 2 ea. Charbroiled Cheeseburgers (Twin Packs)
- 2 ea. (2.2 oz.) PBJ on Graham Wafers

**\$24.00**

(plus sales tax where applicable)

### S5 - DECEMBER SPECIAL #5 \$18.00\*

#### Christmas Meat and Cheese Box

*Limited Quantities. Order while supplies last.*

- 3 9 oz. Sausage Variety  
(1 beef summer sausage, 1 beef salami,  
1 summer sausage)
- 3 7 oz. Wisconsin Cheese Bars  
(1 cheddar, 1 swiss and 1 smokey)
- Recipes and Cooking Instructions

Angel Food Ministries Reserves the Right to Substitute Any Items Due to Availability, Cost and Quality. We Accept Food Stamps (EBT). Angel Food Ministries is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC 20250-9410

**Orders Due/Distribution Day:**  
Contact Your Local Host Site

*\*Please contact your local host site for  
information or visit our website to locate a host  
site near you [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)*

PLEASE ENCLOSE THIS ORDER WITH YOUR ORDER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

B-1 Bread of Life Signature Box \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_

B-2 Bit O'Blessing Box \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$21.00 \_\_\_\_\_

B3 Bountiful Blessing Box \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$41.00 \_\_\_\_\_

B4 Fast and Flavorful Cuisine \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_

B5 Just 4 Me \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_

B6 Gluten Free (Allergen Free) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

S1 December Special # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

S2 December Special # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

S3 December Special # 3 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_

S4 December Special # 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christmas Box

S5 December Special # 5 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

S6 December Special # 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PINE GROVE UMC

BRING OR MAIL TO PINE GROVE UMC BY  
DECEMBER 8, 2010 PICK UP WILL BE ON DEC. 18 AT 9:30 am



**Greetings from your Weekday School!**

As I am writing this letter, Thanksgiving is just a couple of days away and I realize that Christmas is barely over a month away with 2011 right on it's heels! If the old saying, "Time flies when you're having fun" is true, then, I must be having lots of fun because it sure is flying by for me!! I hope all of you are a lot more prepared for the upcoming holidays than I am!☺

The month of November was filled with fun as we learned all about Pilgrims, Indians, maize and turkeys, and prepared for our annual Thanksgiving Feast. The Lead Teachers and Office Staff began the month with some learning of our own as we attended the UMC Week-day Conference in Charlotte, NC on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed two wonderful keynote speakers and returned to school with lots of new and useful ideas for our classrooms from the many workshops that were offered. Our 4s & Rs had a great time on their visit to the Popcorn Farm on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The boys and girls learned a lot about how popcorn is grown, processed and packaged for selling. They especially liked bringing home their own bag of popcorn!☺ The latter part of the month was spent preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Feast that took place on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 200 guests join us for the delicious meal that was prepared by members of our Parents' Association and PGWS Staff. The children helped out with the meal by preparing yummy Pumpkin Muffins for their guests to enjoy. Before the meal, the boys and girls entertained their families and friends with some darling Thanksgiving songs while dressed in the Pilgrim and Indian costumes they had created in class. It was a great day for us all!

December promises to be filled with fun, as well! The 4s & Rs will travel to the Old Salem Candle Tea on December 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> to learn about how Christmas was celebrated by our area's early Moravian settlers. The boys and girls especially enjoy the "Putz"; the tiny replica of Old Salem that is on display. Our Christmas Program will be held on the evening of December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the church Sanctuary. I hope you will plan to join us for an evening that is sure to put you into the true Christmas spirit. The 3s, 4s, & Rs will make up our Angel Chorus who will entertain you with some wonderful Christmas songs while our little ones (PMOs & 2s) present The Nativity. This is an event that you won't want to miss! Be sure to mark your calendars! Santa will visit our school on December 13<sup>th</sup> and the children are already "making their lists and checking them twice". This is always a fun day for our staff, too, just watching the little one's reactions to "the jolly old elf"! Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> will be a day of celebration as we enjoy our annual "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" Party. The children and staff will celebrate Jesus' birthday by bringing toys that will be donated to the Fox 8 Gifts for Kids toy drive and items for another special cause that has not been finalized at the time of this writing. (We're looking at doing something different this year!☺) After the gifts are placed under the tree, we'll enjoy a delicious "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" cake and punch. It's sure to be a fun-filled day! School will be closed December 16<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas/New Year Break. We'll return to school on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, rested and ready for an exciting and fun-filled 2011!

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Special thanks go out this month to Linda Houle who so graciously helped us out by “subbing” in a classroom for us when our lead teachers were away at the UMC Conference and (once again) to Jim Neace for all the different tasks he’s helped us with over the past few weeks. You “guys” are the best. ☺

Since December is such a busy month for all of us (and such a short month in regards to school days) this is our last PGWS newsletter for 2010. When we return to school in January, we’ll be looking forward to school pictures being made by Teddy Bear Portraits on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, our annual “P.J. Day” which will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and to just being back with our friends - “loving to learn and learning to love”. On behalf of the children and staff of Pine Grove Weekday School, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy blessed New Year!

Be sure to keep our important ministry in your prayers. Until next time...Happy Holidays!!

*Chris*

### LOVE OFFERING

One of the ways we can show appreciation during this Advent season is to give a love offering to our church staff, Steve Martin, Peggy Williams, Beverly Myers and Whitney Ladd. Please give your donation to a Staff Parish Relations Committee member, drop it in the offering plate (make sure it is clearly marked “Staff Offering”) or bring it by the church office. Thank you for sharing your love at this special time of year. Deadline for your love offering is December 19th.

### HANDEL’S “MESSIAH”

The 77th annual Winston-Salem presentation of Handel’s “Messiah” under the auspices of the Mozart Club will be on Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 p.m. in Reynolds Memorial Auditorium adjacent to the campus of Reynolds High School. James Allbritten will be guest conductor. There is no charge for admission. A free-will offering will be received at the performance

### PENNY CAMPAIGN

**SAMARITAN MINISTRIES**—Please remember to put your change (and dollars) for the Samaritan Soup Kitchen and Shelter in our jar located in the narthex. **We will be collecting money until Saturday, December 4, 2010.** Five pounds of pennies = \$8.35 and five meals. Ten pounds of pennies = \$16.70 and 10 meals. 20 pounds of pennies = \$33.40 and two nights and two meals in the shelter.

**DROP ALL YOUR EXTRA CHANGE IN THE JAR.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CHALLENGE

The Wesley Patchwork Sunday School Class has chosen as our Christmas project this year to use all of our class treasury that we collect in November and December to go to the General Fund for the church to help offset the Budget. We would like to challenge any other classes that would like to do the same.

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