

The Cross and Flame

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to inform members
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PGUMC.

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UMW Nut Sale



Pumpkin Patch



ABC Treasures
Finance Committee

UMW Fall Bazaar

Saturday October 17th
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Crafts



UMYF Ham Biscuits
8:00 AM



UMW Chicken Pies



UMM Chicken Stew
11:00 AM



Baked Goods

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

Each Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 3:00 p.m. Sundays with Pastor

Each Monday

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship service

Each Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

Each Thursday

10:00 a.m. Companions In Christ Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Companions In Christ Bible Study

October 2009						
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October 4 4:45 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
 October 6 6:30 p.m. UMYF Youth Devotion and games
 7:00 p.m. Weekday School Committee
 7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee
 October 13 6:30 p.m. UMYF Treat Bags for Open Arms
 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council
 October 17 7:00 a.m. UMYF Bazaar
 8:00 a.m. UMW Bazaar and Yard Sale
 Finance Committee Yard Sale
 UMM Chicken Stew
 October 18 12:30 p.m. CROP WALK at Tanglewood
 4:45 p.m. Communications Committee
 7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee
 October 20 6:15 p.m. UMYF to Open Arms
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee
 October 21 7:00 p.m. Communications Committee
 October 24 8:00 a.m. UMM Day of Service
 8:00 a.m. UMYF work with UMM
 October 27 6:30 a.m. UMYF meet with Pastor Steve
 October 30 5:50 p.m. UMYF help with Trunk or Treat

IT'S POPCORN TIME AGAIN—This year the Boy Scouts are offering a unique opportunity to support Scouting and our Military men and women. For a donation of \$25.00 or \$40.00 BSA will send popcorn to a soldier serving overseas. We challenge all Sunday School Classes and individuals to make a donation so our troops can get a little taste of home. You can order from any scout or Carrow or Jim Mabry.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Ashley Spach
 October 5 Penny Roberts
 Courtney Shutt Hawkins
 October 6 Betty Bell
 October 9 Kate Ashe
 October 10 Opalee Hall
 October 11 Jim Neace
 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 Connie Helms
 Lee Perkins
 October 24 Dee Fair
 John Bouley
 Pat Wood
 October 27 Melba Tesh
 October 29 Doug Buie
 Tara Pope
 John Fonda



October 4 Jack and Lou Bullington
 October 5 Richard and Shirley Shutt
 October 13 James and Carrow Mabry
 Howard and Denise Henry
 October 21 John and Marilyn Mercer

OUR VOLUNTEERS

PROVIDE BREAD FOR VISITORS

- October 4 Evelyn Groce
- October 11 Peggy Sizemore
- October 18 Peggy Brewer
- October 25 Sally Scott

USHER SCHEDULE

- October 4 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
Scott Pugh
Eddie Scott
John Fonda
Calvin Tanner
- October 11 Roy Spach, Head Usher
Chris Council
Butch Hogue
Dee Fair
Brent Shutt
- October 18 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
Scott Pugh
Eddie Scott
John Fonda
Calvin Tanner
- October 25 Roy Spach, Head Usher
Chris Council
Butch Hogue
Dee Fair
Brent Shutt

SANCTUARY ASSIGMENT

- October Bobby and Peggy Sizemore

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH

- October Discovery Class

CRISIS CONTROL ITEM

- October Toilet Paper

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

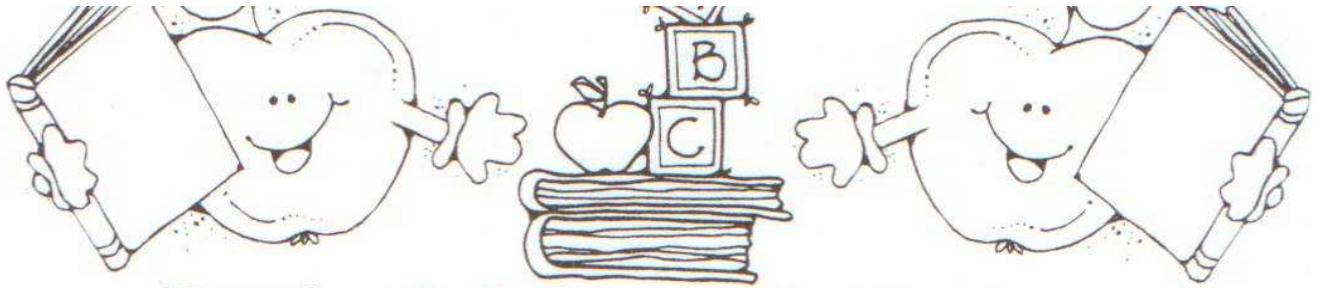
- October 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

NEWS FROM THE PRIME TIMERS

The next meeting of the Prime Timers will be on October 11 at Big Shutz in Clemmons immediately following the worship service. We have a reserved room under the name Pine Grove. An 18% gratuity will be added to each check due to the size of the group.

Our December gathering has been booked on Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. at the Victoria House in East Bend. We will try to arrange transportation for those that may need it for this outing. The cost of the meal will be \$12.00 per person and will include 2 meats, 3 vegetables, roll and beverages. Reservations will have to be made no later than December 14 to let the caterer know. Please call Rhonda at 830-2807 to make your reservations.





News from the Before and After School

Fall has officially arrived. God's work is awesome!! It is almost as if he takes a paintbrush to the landscape with all the beautiful fall colors on display. This is certainly my favorite time of year. With the arrival of fall this means the PUMPKINS are here. The pumpkin patch will be in full swing October 1st so bring your family and friends to search for the "PERFECT PUMPKIN".

We are also in full swing here at the before and after school. We want to welcome Alex Niblock back. He volunteers in the homework room on Monday afternoons. Mary Manning continues to come each afternoon. We are so very blessed to have their assistance each day.

Celebrating birthdays this month are Gavin Hunter on 10/21 and Alyssa Cook on 10/27. We wish each one a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! We will continue with our "Fun Fridays". This month our craft project will be painting pumpkins. We will also play "Halloween Bingo". We have many exciting things planned for the children to enjoy throughout the year.

That is all the news from the Before and After School. As always we want to thank you for all your support of our program.

Linda



EXTRA...EXTRA!!
Read all about it!

2010 Navajo Reservation at Ganado, Arizona
 United Methodist Mission Trip
 July 1-13, 2010

The mission trip is open to youth (age 14 and over unless a parent goes with them) and adults wishing to go.

Our purpose is to teach Bible School to some of God's children that need our help.
 and
 To experience an American culture older than our own.

We will leave Pine Grove UMC at 7:30 on July 1 and return on July 13 around 8:00 PM

Ganado, Arizona is in the northeast corner of Arizona.
 While there we will visit Canyon de Chelly, Window Rock, Hubbell Trading Post and Albuquerque New Mexico.

We will stay in an updated dormitory building near the church on the second floor.
 A rehab clinic is located on the bottom floor.

Our first meeting will be NOVEMBER 8 AT 2:00 AT THE CHURCH. At this meeting you will get all the necessary information for the trip. Or you can see Polly or pick up a copy of all the information on the information counter in the Narthex.

At the November meeting, a \$100.00 non refundable deposit is due. This will also count towards the trip.

The cost of the trip will be the following:

Four to a room : \$835.00

Three to a room : \$885.00

Two to a room : \$975.00

This price includes all travel, lodging, entrance fees, and food (except for six nights

DID YOU KNOW

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. We have received a \$1000.00 donation and a pledge of \$449.00, And we only need 1244.00 to complete the project.



Greetings from your Weekday School!!

That's right!! It's that time again! I can't believe that summer has come and gone!! Classes for the 2009/2010 school year began on September 8th. We're looking forward to another great year! The teachers returned to school on Monday, August 31st and were busy for the rest of the week preparing their classrooms and meeting with students and parents for orientation before classes began the day after Labor Day.

September was full of fun and excitement for everyone! Our first week of school was spent welcoming our friends who were returning this year and getting to know our new friends who have just become a part of the Pine Grove Weekday School family. Movement, Musicare, Spanish classes and Chapel all began the week of September 14th. The children really love these "specials" which will be held each week throughout the year. Our annual Open House was held on Thursday, September 17th. Our students and their families were entertained by one of our favorite magicians, "Fish the Magish", who kept us "in stitches" with his corny jokes while performing his amazing magic tricks. Prior to (and following) the show, our guests also enjoyed visits in the classrooms with the teachers. It was an excellent opportunity for us to get to know one another in a more relaxed setting. On the 18th, the boys and girls enjoyed their first Musicare class with our new music teacher, "Miss" Amy. As many of you know, our beloved "Miss" Claire had to leave us over the summer due to her husband's job change to a company located in Memphis, TN. We were all very sad to see her go but we are excited to have "Miss" Amy with us this year. She will be a wonderful addition to our PGWS staff! The "Creature Teacher" will join us for her first visit on Monday, September 28th 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 are already having lots of fun during our first few weeks of school!

October will be busy! busy!! busy!!! We are already hard at work preparing for our annual Fall Children's Clothing/Toy Sale which will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 2nd & 3rd. 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 are available M-F in the Weekday School foyer; 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. Our annual Cookie Dough/Butter Braid fundraiser will begin on October 12th. This is one of our most popular fundraisers. First Choice Cookie Dough offers many delicious selections to choose from and the Butter Braid Frozen Pastries are incredible! (Don't take my word for it...just ask Marilyn Mercer!☺) Brochures and order forms will be located on the table opposite the Weekday School office from the 12th through the 26th. You may order during that time; then, pay for your purchases upon receipt. Orders will be received just in time for your Thanksgiving holiday baking. What a "yummy" way to kick off the holiday season and help your school at the same time!

Our staff will participate in CPR/First Aid Re-certification on the 13th & 20th of the month. Classes will be led by Pat Stine, an instructor with the American Heart Association. The 4s & Rs will travel to the Children's Theatre on the 16th for a production of The Rainbow Fish. This delightful children's story is sure to be a big hit (and, of course, there is also getting to ride on the "school bus"! ☺). The boys and girls are very excited about their first field trip of the year! Everyone is excited about their visits to the PGUMC "Pumpkin Patch" (PMOS, 2s, 3s) and Myers Greenhouse (4s & Rs) on the 21st. The children will help pick out their classroom "jack-o-lantern" pumpkin and will purchase a mini-pumpkin of their very own. Following the visits they will have fun decorating the pumpkins with help from some of our parent volunteers. It will be a fun-filled day! On the 23rd, our friendly neighborhood firefighters will join us for our annual Firefighters' Puppet Show. The boys and girls will learn all about fire safety and will even get to see a real fire truck "up close & personal"! We're all looking forward to our annual "Pumpkin Carnival" that will be held on the 28th. The children will come to school in costumes that day to enjoy a morning filled with games, prizes, and lots of fun! After all these activities, I'm sure our staff will be ready for a couple of days off as we enjoy Fall Break on the 29th & 30th.

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; OR, you can link it yourself on the internet at www.harristeeter.com. 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 Kelly Hale, our favorite "go to" computer person and to Homer Craig, Jim Neace, and all their "helpers" who worked very hard getting our facility and grounds ready for the opening of school. I'm not sure who all of you workers are, but please know that all your efforts are much appreciated! Thanks, also, to each of you who continue to support us with your gifts, your time, and your prayers. You each help to make our school a wonderful place for the children to learn and grow.

Until next time...☺ *Chris*

"HOW CAN WE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY?" Our UMYF will be participating in the CROP WALK Again this year. They will be walking as a group and are looking for sponsors. This is a great way to help with the problem of hunger in the world. Every year 11 Million children die from hunger!! We can help!! There may be more than that this year with the weather related problems and the wars. We can help!! The UMYF and their leaders have ask us to prayfully consider making a contribution to help these children. There are many ways we can answer the question "How can we help feed the hungry?" and this is one way. Lets support our UMYF and fight hunger.

SOUND SYSTEM—There is a need for funds for the sound system. We could use some more microphones and other equipment. We also could use a new, more up to date projector which will cost around \$1200.00. Remember what the sound use to be? Think about how much better it is now. Thank you in advance for your support of the sound system.

THOUGHTS FROM THE REV...

In getting ready for our church to start a Facebook page Greg Hall asked me to write a paragraph describing our church. This would be one of those catchy paragraphs which cause persons to look deeper into our page and find out more about us. I looked through many web sites and Facebook pages and did not find anything that spoke to me about who we are. So I wrote the following:

Someone once said: “The church is a school of love...” We, at Pine Grove United Methodist Church, are all constantly learning to love as Jesus loved and to grow in the knowledge and experience of that love. We are family, learning to truly love and become actively sensitive to and involved in the needs of one another and the world around us. Sometimes we are teachers, at all times we are students.... We don't always get it right, but we are always working on love. We are always family. If you are looking for a place you can call home... our hearts, our doors, our minds, and our arms are open wide to you. Welcome Home!!!

I wrote that because I want people to know about the spiritual character which is at the heart of our church... the love that we have for one another as we come together in ministry. Keep working on love... that is who we are.

Part of that love is expressed in our seeking to be like Christ in all that we do. That likeness becomes participate in the change in the mindset that is taking place as we move through the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” and open ourselves up to the leading of God's Spirit.

Thank you for coming out each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:30 as we vision about how God is helping us to become more fruitful in our discipleship. Among the many suggestions given at the visioning session on Sept. 27th were realizing that to change the mindset to become fruitful each one of us must take responsibility ourselves for expressing and living a life of Radical Hospitality. We decided that every one of us must make the effort to invite and welcome people to church each Sunday/Monday. Plus we set some goals for our church which are BIG HAIRY AUDACIOUS GOALS – ones we cannot accomplish by ourselves. It can only be accomplished through our synergism with the Holy Spirit. We believe that within the next three years God will lead us to a membership of 600, a Sunday school attendance that matches that of worship, and finally to double our worship attendance from 175 to 300.

Impossible you say? Not with God!!!

Get on board!!! The excitement is just beginning. Hold on tight as we become more faithful and more fruitful.

Grace and Peace

Steve

Beware of the Pumpkins!!!

P.S. Every committee must ask the question: “How can this committee work to increase church membership, worship and Sunday School attendance. This is something we must report on at charge conference and implement in our ministry during the next year.

NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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.

October, 2009

CIRCLE MEETINGS

The **Sue Rollins Circle** will meet October 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Devotions will be led by Dee Ann Fortescue. The pledge service program will be led by Sally Scott. Hostess is Betsy Mitchell.

The **Gertrude Alspaugh Circle** will meet October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Devotions will be led by Terri Newell. The pledge service program will be led by Sally Scott. Hostess is Peggy Sizemore.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6 and 9. Making Chicken Pies. We need all the volunteers we can get to help with this project.

October 17. Fall Bazaar. We need ladies here before 8:00 a.m. to be ready when the doors open. There will be Ham biscuits, coffee and juice for breakfast. The Men are doing a Chicken Stew for lunch. The Finance Committee will be doing a yard sale to help retire the loans. If you have any ABC (Attic, Basement, Closet) items to donate please contact any member of the finance Committee.

November 13. Hospitality Dinner. Please contact Polly Caudle to host a table for the Hospitality Dinner. This is always a fun night and the tables are always gorgeous.

October Children's Church Volunteers

October 4th: Heather Rorke

October 11th: Lori Genevieve

October 18th: Terri Newell

October 25th: Elizabeth Sugg

Thank you for volunteering in this important ministry!



Kingdom Kids

Tuesday 6:30 - 8:00

October 6th: God Provides Water

Be Thankful for God's Patience

October 13th: God Gives the Ten Commandments: Part 1

Put God First

October 20th: God Gives the Ten Commandments: Part 2

Respect Others God's Way

October 27th: The Israelites Worship a Golden Calf

Worship God



Trunk or Treat

Save the Date: October 30, 2009

More info to come soon

Lake Junaluska
December 12, 2009

Travel with the Pine Grove United Methodist
Prime Timers
To hear the
Lake Junaluska Singers in their Christmas Concert
Also
Attend the Appalachian Christmas Craft Show
At Lake Junaluska.

Cost : \$48.00

Includes transportation and concert tickets.
Make check out to Polly Caudle

We will leave Pine Grove UMC at 7:30 AM
And return around 8:00 PM.
We will have lunch at Lake Junaluska and stop for
dinner in Asheville.
The cost does not include the meals.

Every one at Pine Grove is invited to attend
This exciting day with the Prime Timers.

Operation Christmas Child

The Power of a Simple Gift

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children

In desperate situations worldwide through

Gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

A shoe box filled with small toys and

Other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love.

Pine Grove United Methodist Church
Has the opportunity to help in this Mission project

By filling the Shoe Boxes that are in the Narthex.

Pick up a box and a brochure on How to Pack your box

And remember to bring it back to the church

By November 15, 2009

They will be delivered to the drop off church on November 16



PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST MEN

On October 17, the Pine Grove United Methodist Men will prepare and sell chicken stew with fixing's at the Fall Bazaar. The chicken stew will be sold from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost will be \$7.50 for an "All-you-can-eat" bowl. Get your appetites ready.

On Saturday, October 24, the Pine Grove UMM will hold a Day of service to assist Pine Grove church members as well as members of the Community. The men will assemble and perform projects to assist the elderly, physically challenged, and anyone in need. Projects can include painting, yard work such as bush trimming, leaf removal and mowing, deck repairs, etc. Please out the form below and send or bring to the church. You can also call the church office to give us your project.

PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST MEN

DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009

8:00 A.M. UNTIL . .

Please list your service project for us below:

PROJECT _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE _____

TRUNK OR TREAT.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

FREE HOT DOG SUPPER SERVED AT 6:30 PM

BRING YOUR CARVED PUMPKIN FOR
THE PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

FUN AND GAMES IN THE GYM AT 7:00 PM

PRIZES FOR TOP THREE TRUNKS AT 7:30 P.M.



PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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September 15, 2009

Dear Church Officers,

Soon we will begin the process of nominating officers for the new year and we need your input. It is my belief that all church members should serve in some capacity in the church to help fulfill the ministry of the church. Descriptions of each committee's responsibilities can be found in the narthex at the Communication's Center. Please pick up a copy, pray about how you can serve, and before October 1st. email, call or drop me a note about where you would like to serve in the ministry of our church – how you can enhance our ministry together.

Those of you wanting to come off of a committee and serve in another capacity please also email me or drop me a note letting me know that you want to be move from what committee or office to serve in what office or on what committee. We will do our best to honor your request. Please know that we on the Nomination's Committee will be praying about this as well, knowing that God will lead us to great faithfulness and fruitfulness in our ministry.

Start NOW praying for God to help you serve where God wants you to serve.

Grace and Peace

Steve

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Steve', written over the printed name 'Steve'.

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