

The Ambassador

July 2018

Our Mission Statement

To be disciples
Of Jesus Christ
So all may know,
To educate,
To grow and
Empower to serve.



Worship Opportunities

9:45-Coffee & Conversation
10:00 – Sunday School
11:00- Worship
5:00-Youth

From the Pastor's Desk

All of us have heard the proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child.” It suggests that it takes an entire community of individuals, each gifted and graced in his or her own ways, working together, loving and investing in others for the greater good to make something good happen.

Well, I would like to suggest that it takes a church to move a pastor! The last couple of weeks I have witnessed the people of Pleasant Grove coming together as a community of faith to prepare for and welcome me as your new pastor. I have been so impressed and grateful for the myriad ways you have paved the way for me: All the hard work and long hours that so many of you gave in the parsonage with the updates, repairs and cleaning. Large baskets filled paper goods and household items. And the food – wonderful food -- delivered to me and my family. Your acts of kindness and generosity have helped me already feel right at home.

The Bible has much to say about the spiritual practice of hospitality. Abraham welcomed and entertained angels unawares and received God's blessing. In Romans 12:13, Paul reminds believers to “Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” And in Matthew 25, the Parable of the Judgment, also known as the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, Jesus explains in part to those are recognized and honored by him, receiving the very Kingdom of God, “I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.” (v.35) He reminds them that whenever they have do this “to one of the least of these... you have done it to me.” (v.40)

I was a stranger, and you welcomed me! I cannot possibly name every person by name (I'm still learning names!), but I can say that because of your welcome I do not feel so much like a stranger anymore. I am proud and pleased to be your pastor.

In the love of Christ,
Dana



The Pleasant Grove UMC Altar Guild is a Service Ministry. The Guild works closely with the Pastor and the Worship Committee to provide visual elements which connect the sermon or special activity and reflects the liturgical season. Flowers for June were placed in memory of Victor Stark , John Stark, all the fathers that have gone before and the fathers to come, and Lanier Gilbert.

Altar guild hostess for July are Anne Newton and Darlene Delaney.



PGUMC Music Notes
From David Holladay

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord!
Ephesians

Do you like to sing? We would love to have you join our choir. Make a joyful noise to the Lord is what we do. Join us on Wednesday at 7 pm for choir practice.



Lay Servants = Greeter/Usher,
Liturgist, Acolyte,
Children's Church
Nursery Workers

For the Month of July

Greeter/Usher

- July 1-Jackie & Emily Garmon
- July 8-Earl Holbrook & Fay Gravitt
- July 15-Paula & Kim Kennedy
- July 22-Wendi & Mary Jones
- July 29-Jennifer & Patience Wisniewski

Acolyte

- July 1- Shaun Ellis
- July 8-Luke Schimweg
- July 15-Alex Schimweg
- July 22-Cary Bannon
- July 29-Sam Ellis

Children's Church

No Children's church

Liturgist

- July 1-Chris Bannon
- July 8-Allison Ellis
- July 15-Jackie Garmon
- July 22-Barbara McNutt
- July 29- Jason Murphy

Nursery

- July 1-Gail Bannon
- July 8-Wendi & Mary Jones
- July 15-Terra Manton
- July 22-Kathy Holbrooks
- July 29-Wanda & Emily Garmon

Those counting offering for July: Terry & Beth Blalock
Altar Guild hostess: Anne Newton & Darlene Delaney



A Light in the Darkness

For more than 20 years, Susing had prayed for the people in her village in the Philippines. Most everyone in the village belonged to a cult, led by a false leader. Susing's parents disapproved of her faith in Jesus and her mother used to beat her because she was a believer.

When the Pastor from a nearby village asked if he could bring shoeboxes, it seemed to be the answer to Susing's prayers.

More than 40 children in the village who participated in the Greatest Journey have prayed to receive Jesus. They are sharing their faith with their parents. Many in the village, including Susing's father, the village chief, and two of her children, have come to know Christ as a result. Many more have left the cult. One child, Mylin, was saved and now spends her time reading the bible to her mother, Bibit, who is illiterate. Bibit, too, was saved.

There have been other changes in the village too. Alcoholism is less prevalent. Children obey their parents, are kind to their siblings and they obey in school. Pastor Ramos still comes each week to teach Sunday school to young and old alike. All from the gift of a shoebox.

July's item: Clothing

If you have any questions you can email me at lawmomathome@bellsouth.net or call me at 678-513-8116. As always, thank you so much for your willingness to help.

In His service,

Jennifer Wisniewski



Prayer Networking/Caring Ministry

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:13-14

If you have a need for special prayer, please call Jennifer Wisniewski at 678-513-8116. If you would like to be part of this "CHAIN" call the coordinator or the Church Office at 770-844-7095 and your name will be added to the list.

*Pray for one
another. James*



July

Birthdays

July 1- Mary Stark
Patience Wisniewski
July 3-David Wisniewski
July 13-Joseph Knight
July 15-Anita Knight
July 22-Susan Martin
July 27-Sara Mc Daniel
July 31-Adrienne Williams
Wesley Ross

Anniversaries

July 7- Larry & Adrienne Williams
July 10- Scott & Wendi Jones
July 28- Jim & Lydia Cox



At the end of the school year, there were over 525 homeless children accounted for here in Forsyth County. As of right now, Family Promise is hosting three families, which consists of 3 adults and 7 children. Please keep these families in your prayers as they have made the first step towards sustainable independence.

If anyone that has had the training would like to give extra time, the folks at Christ the King could use some help the next two weeks! They graciously stepped up to host five weeks, this year, and are hosting two weeks in a row! To access their sign up genius: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DABAB2CAAFC1-summer

They are in need of volunteers to drive (car, bus or truck) as one of the families does not have an automobile. If you think this is something you could do, please contact Tina at tina@fpforsyth.org. She will need information from you to run an MVR to make sure your driving history is clean.

August holds a **MEGA Garage Sale** at Cumming First UMC on August 17th and 18th. If you have any items that you wish to donate, please contact Doug McDougal at doug.mcdougal@gmail.com

If you wish to volunteer, please go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4daea728abf94-family1> to sign up.

REMINDER....Our next host week is the week of October 7th. If you would like to volunteer during that week but have not taken the training needed, the next one will be July 25 at 7pm at The Place

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 10- Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship 5-Youth | 2 | 3 | 4 7-Choir | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 10- Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship 12:30-Steak & Shake – Conversations w/ Pastor Dana (College) 5-Youth | 9 | 10 | 11 6:30-10-Cumming Play House Practice (FH) 7-Choir | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 10- Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship 12:30-Youth Conversations w/ Pastor Dana Chris & Gail Bannon's home– 5-Youth | 16 | 17 6:30-10-Cumming Play House Practice(FH) | 18 6:30-10-Cumming Play House Practice (FH) 7-Choir | 19 | 20 | 21 9-4 Cumming Play House Practice (FH) |
| 22 10- Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship 12:30- Conversations w/ Pastor Dana Kelley & Dianna Tribble's home– 5-Youth | 23 | 24 6:30-10-Cumming Play House Practice (FH) | 25 6:30-10-Cumming Play House Practice (FH) 7-Choir | 26 | 27 | 28 9-4 Cumming Play House Practice (FH) |
| 29 10- Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship 12:30- Conversations w/ Pastor Dana Terry & Beth Blalock 's Home 5-Youth | 30 | 31 6:30-10-Cumming Play House Practice (FH) | | | | |