

# The Ambassador

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

### From the Pastor's Desk

As I write, my mind is still numb and my heart heavy from the violent events that have taken place across our beloved country in recent days: A man in Kentucky, finding the doors of a black church locked, went to a nearby Kroger and shot two black people. A deranged man in Florida sent bombs in the mail to certain wealthy political donors, politicians, journalists and news media offices scattered across the country; then came the shooting at a synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh – Mr. Rogers' neighborhood! Mr. Rogers lived and raised his family just a couple of blocks from the Tree of Life synagogue where 11 Jews were killed and 6 others were wounded – including courageous police officers. All of these horrifying incidents have one thing in common: hate.

There's an antidote for that: **LOVE**. God created all of us – ALL of us – in the image of God, whose essence is love. God commands us to love Him with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. (We're not just talking about the folks who live door.) God so loved the world that He sent His only Son. And Jesus showed us what love is as he welcomed, healed and transformed people from all walks of life, and then suffered and sacrificed for all of us. The night before his death at the hands of those whose hate would kill him, Jesus commanded his disciples to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) That's what we disciples must be about every day – perhaps with renewed consciousness and intentionality right now, if we want to counteract this spreading virus of hate that seems to be infecting our country – even Mr. Rogers' neighborhood.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to be the antidote. So, practice kindness and gentleness. Think before you speak. Offer hospitality. Show tolerance and civility. Agree to disagree. Be grace-full. Live the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Mt. 7:12) – including those who don't look, speak, believe or vote as you do. Love is stronger than hate. Let us love one another as Christ loves us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Pastor 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.

The space to the right of the Altar Table is designated as a place of honor and is important to us.

Thanks go out this month for the flowers in remembrance of Joe McNutt by his wife Barbara McNutt, Joan Wright by her husband Phil Wright Honor of Marie Groover (95<sup>th</sup> birthday) by Diane Gilbert, Ava Grace Bell's Birthday by her great grandmother Mary Stark, Richard and Brenda Ashmore's 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and in Remembrance of Ester Smith by the United Methodist Women.

If you would like to help us celebrate and remember or honor someone or an event, we welcome your contribution. Give Diane, our church secretary, a call at the church office. She keeps the church calendar and you can call for a Sunday in advance. A reminder is that flowers must be fresh however they do not have to be from a florist.

The Altar Guild appreciates Barbara McNutt and Jean Massey for their service in October. The Guild members for November are Katie Wallace and Glennell Holbrook and for December will be Anne Newton and Darlene Delaney.

Altar Guild is a great service ministry for our church. If you would like to join this group please let Mary or Beth know and we will be so glad to have you.

Beth Blalock and Mary Stark, co-chairs



## United Methodist Women

The UMW had a very productive October meeting. We thoroughly enjoyed the delicious soups provided by Pat and Amy and had a great program about a mission study we will have a chance to attend in the spring.

The silent auction is drawing a lot of bids. Please take time to look at the beautiful baskets provided this year. The bidding will continue through November 11. The baskets could be wonderful gifts for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

A lot of planning took place during our meeting concerning the Christmas season. The UMW will be busy decorating the church and planning for our family dinner on December 2.

Five new books were ordered to add to the list of books for our reading program. The ladies were encouraged to give a short book review when they read a book they really like in order to encourage others to read it also.

Our next meeting will be at noon on Monday, November 19 in the clubhouse. Ruth, Brenda, and Kim will provide the refreshments. We welcome all ladies to attend.

Co-presidents:

Barbara McNutt

Luna Farris



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

## For the Month of November

### **Greeter/Usher**

November 4- Ruth Holbrook & Katie Wallace  
November 11-  
November 18- John & Allison Ellis  
November 25- Jackie & Emily Garmon

### **Acolyte**

November 4 - Alex Schimweg  
November 11- Cary Bannon  
November 18- Sam Ellis  
November 25- Shaun Ellis

### **Liturgist**

November 4- Chris Bannon  
November 11- Barbara McNutt  
November 18- Jackie Garmon  
November 25- Don Putnam

### **Nursery**

November 4- Wendi & Mary Jones  
November 11- Sydney Stark  
November 18- Gail & Cary Bannon  
November 25- Kim Fannin

### **Children's Moment**

November 4- Chris Bannon  
November 11- Mary Stark  
November 18- Luna Farris  
November 25- Pete Rodda

Those counting offering for November are Terry & Beth Blalock.  
Altar Guild hostess for November are Glennell Holbrook and Katie Wallace.



## *Prayer Networking/Caring Ministry*

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is 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

*Pray for one  
another. James*

If you have a need for special prayer, please call Jennifer Wisniewski at 404-226-0023 or 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.



### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meeting is 10:00 on Tuesday in the Club House.

## To all the men of our church!

Please join us on Saturday November 10th at 9 a.m. in the clubhouse for a biscuit, football fellowship and a devotion! After that, we will commence blowing of the leaves/limbs that have fallen and start to get situated with cleaning up of the church grounds. Please contact David Martin if you are interested in helping out! The more blowers we have, the quicker it gets done

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## November

### Birthdays

November 3- Ben Tribble  
Moses Tincher  
November 10- Earl Holbrook  
November 11- Darryl Blalock  
November 19- Mihyeon Tincher  
November 20- Kaiatlyn McGrady  
November 24- Michael Dye  
November 26- Devin Ripley  
November 27- Chris Bannon  
November 28- Alex Schimweg  
Ryan Cothran

### Anniversaries

November 9- John & Sarunya Dye  
November 18- Pat & Mihyeon Tincher  
November 21- Joseph & Anita Knight

## Thank You Staff Parrish Relations Committee!

A special **Thank You** goes to the SPR committee for all your support through the year and gifts you presented to us on Staff Appreciation Day.

Pastor Dana  
Diane Gilbert  
David Holladay  
Linda Holladay  
Wanda Garmon  
Byron Garmon



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COLLECTION WEEK IS HERE (November 13-20). Here's what you can do:

PACK A SHOEBOX OR TWO THEN:

4:30PM November 8<sup>th</sup>. JOIN US FOR THE PRE-PACKING SET UP

9:30AM November 10<sup>th</sup> COME TO THE PACKING PARTY. BRING A BREAKFAST DISH TO SHARE.

Immediately after Church November 18 LOAD YOUR CAR AND HELP DELIVER SHOEBOXES TO THE DROP OFF LOCATION AT LANIER BAPTIST CHURCH

NUFF SAID

## a simple gift



## Missions

The Missions team has been hard at work these past couple of months. Here are a few of the things that are coming up:

November 10 Shoebox packing in the Fellowship Hall. 9:30 am until the last box is packed. We will have a pot luck breakfast so, bring something to share.

November 11 Shoeboxes will be brought into the sanctuary by the congregation for blessing.

November 18 Shoeboxes will be delivered to the drop off location at Lanier Baptist Church immediately after church. We will need drivers.

November 25 Advent begins. We will be doing a special collection for The Place. We will be collecting - Gift cards especially gas cards ( QT and Kroger/Racetrack ) or grocery store cards (\$20-\$25) to use throughout the year, Socks for children, men and women, underwear for children and men all of which we will be hanging on a tree in the Narthex.

December 1 Pack and Play at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center





# Chili Cook-off

And the Winner is : Emily Garmon

Second Place: Jean Massie

Third Place: John Ellis





Thank you to all of our volunteers that made our last host week for the year a HUGE success! All 4 families felt welcome here at our church. This outreach is a success because of all that you do whether it's cooking food, buying food, spending the night, playing games with the kids or doing the laundry at the end of the week.

This outreach not only gives to the families and helps them be able to get back on their feet, it also provides a learning experience for each of the volunteers. Being able to meet these different families and hear some of their stories puts life in perspective in so many ways. They are always so loving and grateful for what they are being provided. For example, if you have not heard, they had a little mishap with their "rooms" falling down before bedtime one of the nights while they were at our church. When I arrived back at the church to see what we could do, instead of them all being upset and complaining, they were all laughing and saying they could just have one BIG sleepover! Crisis was averted as we got their "rooms" put back together with a little teamwork and all was good. Later in the week, I was reminded by a couple of the moms that they will always have that story to tell and laugh about as part of their journey. Finding the good in a bad situation is a lesson that we all could use from time to time.

If you have not seen the new Day Center located at 3335 Hutchinson Road, Suite D, you should stop by some time and see it. They have transformed the warehouse into their office along with "living" space for the families including a bathroom with a shower, a laundry room, a living room, a dining area and a "quiet" space for when you need some down time. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held earlier this month to officially open it. Also, the Mayor declared October 21-17<sup>th</sup> Family Promise week as part of the celebrations.

Dates for next year's host weeks will be out soon.

If you are interested in volunteering and need training, please contact Wanda Garmon for those dates at [wgarmong10@bellshouth.net](mailto:wgarmong10@bellshouth.net)





## PGUMC Music Notes

From David Holladay

*Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord!*  
*Ephesians 5:19*



*Like a blind man I wandered, so lost and undone.  
A beggar so helpless, without God or His Son,  
Then my Savior in mercy, heard and answered my cry  
And oh what a difference, since Jesus passed by.  
Since Jesus passed by, since Jesus passed by;*

*Oh, what a difference since Jesus passed by!  
Well, I can't explain it and I cannot tell you why;  
But oh what a difference since Jesus passed by!*

Has Jesus ever passed by your path in life and made oh such a difference in your life? Of course He has! This song expresses it so beautifully.



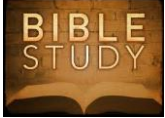





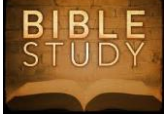


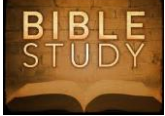

For months, Linda has been fighting for her health with her liver. The doctors had presented such a grim outlook for her. But this week we went back for the follow-up, and the doctor had changed his outlook for her. He now thinks with good treatment for her liver that she will have many more years to enjoy life. We praise God for answering many prayers and tears that have been shed. Linda, is still in a fight with her liver, but God is sustaining her. We praise Him for passing by.

If any of you are facing unsurmountable obstacles, keep your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is passing by you too and you will never be the same.

Keep praises of song in your heart for Him!

Praise be to our Lord!

# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Quilting Guild 	2	3
<b>4All Saints Sunday</b> 10- Sunday School 10:30-Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship 12- Church council mtng. 6-Youth	5 1-2:30-Knitting/ crocheting (CH)  6:30 Girl Scouts (CH)	6 10- Bible Study (CH)  7-Grief at the Holidays	7  7-Choir	8 Quilting Guild 	9	10 Packing Christmas Child boxes (FH)
11 10- Sunday School 10:30-Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship UMW Silent Auction Ends Charge Conference @ Creekside UMC 6-Youth	12	13 10- Bible Study (CH) 	14  7-Choir	15 Quilting Guild 	16	17 Garmon Family (FH)
18 <b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b> 10- Sunday School 10:30-Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship  6-Youth	19 12- UMW (CH) 6:30 Girl Scouts (CH)	20 10- Bible Study (CH) 	21  7-Choir	22 Thanksgiving Day <b>Happy</b>  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	23	24
25 10- Sunday School 10:30-Coffee & Conversation 11-Worship 6-Youth	26	27 10- Bible Study (CH) 	28  7-Choir	29 Quilting Guild 	30	

# Announcements

## **HURRICANE MICHAEL HELP FOR SOUTH GEORGIA**

Our Bishop and District Superintendent have asked us to **donate gifts cards or money** for the victims of Hurricane Michael in South Georgia. Our neighbors down there are still reeling from the enormous devastation. Bring your gifts cards or donations to worship with you the first three Sundays in November and put them in the offering plate. Make your check out to the church and designate your check or offering envelope for Hurricane Michael relief. Thank you for your compassionate, generous giving.

## **GRIEF AT THE HOLIDAYS**

Getting through the holidays after losing a loved one is very difficult. No one has to do it alone, and there are ways to make it a little easier. Join Pastor Dana for **“Grief at the Holidays”** based on Julie Yarbrough’s book, *Beyond the Broken Heart*. We’ll share coffee, dessert and strategies for getting through the upcoming holidays. Open to all in our church and community. **Tuesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Club House.**


## **THANK GOD**

We’ll gather at our usual time and place for a special **Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. As we prepare to gather with family and friends for this national holiday, to whom do we owe the greatest thanks? God, of course! Come worship with us as we sing, pray and give our thanks to God for all God’s many blessings on our lives.

## **ADVENT SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE: THE LIVING NATIVITY**

Christmas is about more than shopping, cooking, gifts, parties and family gatherings. It’s about celebrating the coming of Jesus Christ! The season of Advent is all about getting ourselves spiritually ready for His arrival. You’re invited to join Pastor Dana for a special Advent experience. Each Sunday of Advent, we’ll gather in the Club House at 9:45 a.m. for coffee, prayer, and reflection on the week’s daily Advent readings from **“The Living Nativity: Preparing for Christmas with Saint Francis”** by Larry Peacock. Cost for the book: \$10. Sign up through the church office at [pgumc30028@gmail.com](mailto:pgumc30028@gmail.com) or call 770-884-7095. Begins Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.





HO...HO...HO! Merry Christmas!

This is the Season to Be Merry...

Let It Begin With A

*Christmas Family Dinner*

*Sunday December 2, 2018 @ 6pm*

*At Pleasant Grove UMC*

*In the Fellowship Hall*

*Please Join Us for*

*Food, Fellowship and Festive Music!*

\$5.00 per person or \$20 per family

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RSVP to Barbara McNutt, Luna Farris PGUMW's co-presidents, Diane Gilbert,  
secretary, or by placing this reservation slip in offering plate by November 25, 2018

Yes, I will attend: Name \_\_\_\_\_ how many \_\_\_\_\_