

The Ambassador

October 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
10:30 –Sunday School
11:00- Worship
5:00- Youth

From the Pastor's Desk

Like most people, I have a smartphone – an I-Phone 7, to be exact. I use it throughout the day for texting, phone calls, e-mails. I also have a multitude of apps to check the weather, sports scores or the news. Most of the time the news isn't good. My news apps are filled with stories of scandal, corruption, violence and greed. It can be really discouraging, tempting me to become cynical and despairing about humanity which the Bible tells me is created in the image of God.

One of my news apps, however, has a section titled, "Good News." It features stories from news organizations all over the country about people engaged in acts of heroism, compassion and generosity. In recent days, my favorite photo stories were from the Hurricane Florence rescue efforts. One featured a wet and weary man in a rescue boat with a tiny, soggy kitten perched on his shoulder. Another photo showed an older man gallantly, gently carrying an even older woman in his arms through the flood waters.

I also came across a story about a pastor in Monticello, Georgia who was in a faith crisis and literally received a message from heaven. A note attached to three balloons drifted down to him one day. It was from a young woman who sent up a prayer, asking God for help to go to college. The pastor reached out with what little faith and money he had and helped her. As it turned out, they were the answer to each other's prayers.

And then I saw a story about two young boys in Florida. Each opened a lemonade stand in their community and donated all of the proceeds to people need: one for the medical bills of a little girl battling a rare form of cancer; the other to a church ministry that feeds homeless people. The mayor of the town observed that his town needed more people like them out in the community.

Stories like these lift my spirit and give me hope – and perspective. I strongly suspect there's a lot more good news out there than bad news every day. It's just that bad news tends to sell better than good news and so gets much more attention. As followers of Jesus, we're both proclaimers and doers of good news. We share the good news of God's grace by what we say and do every day. Like most good news, it probably won't make the headlines, but it's making a difference in countless lives, our community and the world. Let's keep up the good work. God's kingdom is coming!

Pastor Dana

Photo of man with kitten by Andrew Carter, 09.14.2018; The News & Observer;

Photo of man carrying woman by Jay Raedle, Getty Images News

A College Student and a Minister Answer Each Other's Prayers, Steve Hartman, CBS News, 09/22/18

Boys Honored for Lemonade Stands That Directed Profits, Stephen Hudak, Orlando Sentinel, 09/25/2018



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 remembering Joyce Hawkins Birthday give by Linda Walraven and her family and flowers honoring Sydney Stark on her Birthday given by Mary Stark.

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 Mary Stark and Luna Farris for their service in September. The Guild members for October are Barbara McNutt and Jean Massie.

Beth Blalock and Mary Stark, co-chairs

United Methodist Women



Fall is upon us, and a lot of fun filled events will be taking place. The UMW Silent Auction will run from October 21 through November 11. Ladies who are participating need to have a basket at church by Sunday, October 14. The proceeds from the silent auction will go towards UMW Conference dues, fruit baskets for the seniors, Honduras, and district mission projects.

Luna and Barbara will be attending the AROS (Atlanta/Roswell) district meeting on October 27. It will be held at Mt. Carmel UMC.

Trunk or Treat will be a fun filled event on Sunday, October 28 from 5-7:30. The UMW will provide the pizzas and salad. There will also be a hayride, Bingo, and wonderfully decorated trunks where treats will be given to the children.

Our next UMW meeting will be at noon on Monday, October 22. Pat Bradley and Amy Faulkenberry will provide the program and refreshments. All ladies are welcome. We hope to see you there.

Co-Presidents
Barbara McNutt
Luna Farris



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

For the Month of October

Greeter/Usher

- October 7-
- October 14- Wendi & Mary Jones
- October 21- Byron & Wanda Garmon
- October 28 –Steve & Angela Schimweg

Acolyte

- October 7-Cary Bannon
- October 14- Sam Ellis
- October 21- Shaun Ellis
- October 28 –Luke Schimweg

Liturgist

- October 7-Jennifer Wisniewski
- October 14 – Jason Murphy
- October 21-Laity
- October 28 –Pete Rodda

Nursery

- October 7-Kathy Holbrooks
- October 14- Terra Manton
- October 21-Kim Fannin
- October 28 –Wanda & Emily Garmon

Children's Moment

- October 7- Linda Holladay
- October 14 Jackie Garmon
- October 21-Barbara McNutt
- October 28 –Pastor Dana

Those counting offering for October are Terra Manton , Fay Gravitt & Earl Holbrook.
Altar Guild hostess for Barbara McNutt & Jean Massie.



Prayer Networking/Caring Ministry

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ 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,



PGUMC Music Notes From David Holladay

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord!
Ephesians 5:19 *Until then, my heart will go on singing.*

*Until then, with joy I'll carry on.
Until the day my eyes behold my Savior,
Until the day He calls me home.*

This song welled up from the spirit of our pianist Linda to play for the offertory today. The song puts music to the spirit and determination that my wife has for Jesus. She has been facing great obstacles in life with the problems with her liver. Many days she is very sick. However, she reaches out to Jesus for the strength to continue the passion of her heart, which is to play piano for church. I have been blessed to hear her play piano for 50+ years. I hope to hear the beautiful music for a long time yet.

I know that many of you face similar obstacles in your lives. Linda and I want to encourage you to keep your faith in Jesus for every need you have. Let His song keep coming out of your spirit until the day He calls all of us home!



October

Birthdays

October 1- Dorothy Milewski
October 4-Dorothy Cantrell
Lanie Turner
October 5- Marie Groover
Katlyn Grella
October 8- Terra Manton
October 11-Barbara Gilbert
October 12-Barbara Olson
October 13-Linda Walraven
October 18-Jackie Garmon
Kurt Ross
October 19-Terry Blalock
October 20-Chirstopher Milewski
October 21-Pam Young
Gavin Delaney
October 24-Emily Garmon

Anniversaries

October 17- Joe & Dawn Grella
October- 25- Randall & Kathy Holbrook
October 27- Chris & Gail Bannon
October 28- Richard & Brenda Ashmore



Our host week is almost here. If you would like to volunteer during that week but have not had the opportunity to sign up, please contact Wanda Garmon at wgarmong100@gmail.com or go on SignUp Genius. There are still spots left for dinner hosts, activity hosts and overnight hosts.

The Fall Festival and Bed Race was a HUGE success! Thank you to all that donated your time, bottles of water and money to help make this a successful event. Our booth was highly visible with a new Pleasant Grove UMC sign. We raised \$200 selling the waters and also handed out PGUMC pens, WWJD bracelets and suckers. A fun time was had by all.

Also, the families that are currently in the program could use some assistance with transportation if you are available. Please contact Tina Huck tina@fpforsyth.org and have an MVR ran if you are interested in volunteering for this.

The next training will be held October 25 from 7:00-9:00 at the day center.

As always, if you would like to make monetary donations, they are tax deductible and can be made on the Family Promise website <https://www.fpforsyth.org/>



Here is a list of items that can also be donated for the families:

laundry detergent	fabric softener
hand soap	liquid body soap
shaving cream	male/female razors
1 and 2 inch binders	printer paper
working laptops	gas gift cards
grocery gift cards	oil change gift cards.

These items can either be taken to the day center located at 3335 Hutchinson Road, Suite D or I can collect them and take them

PGUMC Youth

The Youth will be hosting our Annual PGUMC Chili Cook-off on October 14th at 6pm. All proceeds from the Chili Cookoff go to support the Youth in their Spiritual Life Retreat weekend at Camp Glisson in the spring. So, brush up on those chili recipes and come out and support the Youth at this fun annual event! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to enter your chili, and there is no fee to enter. Prizes will be awarded for the top three chilis. The event is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Invite your friends, neighbors and family!!

We will have our Youth t-shirt design ready and will be taking t-shirt orders at the Chili Cookoff as well, so plan to get yours! Also in October, the Youth will be providing dinner one night for the families as Pleasant Grove hosts Family Promise, and we are looking forward to participating in Trunk or Treat with the Children's Ministry on October 28th.

The Youth would like to thank those of you who supported us in Family Promise's Annual Family Festival and Bed Race on September 15! It was a fun day and the event raised over \$10,000 for Family Promise! Thank you for your donations and for coming out to cheer us on in the race! The Youth's bed, the Usain Boat, came in 4th place in the bed race, and won Most Creative Bed!!

We welcome all youth grades 6-12. Our meetings include devotion, fellowship time and a light snack/supper. The Youth Group enjoys fun weekly fellowship and activities with great friends, serving in our church and community, and sharing God's love with others...So Come Join Us!!!



a simple gift



a simple gift

I spent today in the company of some wonderful people. Along with the girls from Jessie's House, we dug through the items in the "Shoebox Pantry" and unpacked some of them in preparation for the packing party coming up in November. Every year we spend one full day unpackaging toothbrushes, hair do-dads, washcloths, soap, school supplies etc., This year we were done in record time and we had a chance to eat pizza and fellowship with the girls.

Mark your calendars for November 10th. That will be the day we pack the shoeboxes in preparation for shipping. We will

get started at 9:30 with a pot luck breakfast so, please bring a dish to share. We will go until the last box is packed.

All of the basics are now done. Please concentrate all you efforts on toys and other "wow" items. Puzzles, games, balls, cars, nail kits, sewing kits, tools, etc. There are suggestions below.

As always, if money donations are easier for you, I am happy to do the shopping. ☺

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

Girl (2-4) small toys like jacks, harmonicas, jump ropes, slinky, etch –a sketch, t-shirts, socks, jewelry, sunglasses, blankets, stickers and picture books, blocks, finger puppets

Boy 2-4 small toys like jacks, harmonicas, whistles, slinky, etch–a- sketch, ball, t-shirts, socks, sunglasses, blankets, stickers and picture books, blocks, finger puppets

Girl (5-9) small toys like - jacks, harmonicas, jump ropes, slinky, etch–a- sketch, yo-yo, t-shirts, silly bands, watch, socks, jewelry, sunglasses, small tools, tape measures, rulers, sewing kits, fabric squares, scissors

Boy 5-9 small toys like jacks, harmonicas, whistles, slinky, etch–a- sketch, yo-yo, ball, t-shirts, silly bands, calculator, watch, socks, sunglasses, small tools, tape measures, rulers, deflated balls with pumps and needles, scissors

Girl 10-14 small toys like - jacks, harmonicas, jump ropes, etch–a- sketch, yo-yo, t-shirts, silly bands, watch, socks, jewelry, sunglasses, t-shirts, small tools, tape measures, rulers, sewing kits, fabric squares, scissors, cards, handheld games and batteries, small craft kits

Boy 10-14 small toys like jacks, harmonicas, whistles, slinky, etch–a- sketch, yo-yo, ball, t-shirts, silly bands, watch, socks, sunglasses, small tools, tape measures, rulers, deflated balls with pumps and needles, scissors, small model kits,



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:

October 7-14 Family Promise

October 14 The UMW will be setting up their silent auction. Proceeds will pay for their mission work throughout the coming year. It will run through November 11th.

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

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. Stay tuned for details.

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

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10-Bible Study 7-Grief Study	3 7-Choir	4 9-Quilting Guild (Club House)	5	6
7 9:45-Sunday School 10:30- Conservation & Coffee 11-Worship 5- Youth (Fellowship Hall)	8	9	10	11	12	13
Week of Family Promise						
14 9:45-Sunday School 10:30- Conservation & Coffee 11-Worship (Fellowship Hall) 2Chili Cook-off	15	16 10-Bible Study (Club House) 6- Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7-Grief Study (Club House)	17 7-Choir	18 9-Quilting Guild (Club House)	19	20
21 9:45-Sunday School 10:30- Conservation & Coffee 11-Worship 5- Youth (Fellowship Hall)	22 12: UMW- Clubhouse	23 10-Bible Study (Club House) 7-Grief Study (Club House)	24 7-Choir	25 9-Quilting Guild (Club House)	26	27
28 9:45-Sunday School 10:30- Conservation & Coffee 11-Worship Trunk R Treat 5-8	29	30 10-Bible Study (Club House) 7-Grief Study (Club House)	31 7-Choir			