



Church News

PINEHURST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Services

SUNDAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

9:45 AM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:00 AM

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If you have information you would like to have included in either our monthly newsletter or Sunday bulletin, you may send them by email to: pumc@pinehurst.net.

In order to get the newsletter to you in a timely manner, we need to have your information no later than the **18th of each month**. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin should be sent no later than **Wednesday**.

Our thanks to all who have given their time, thoughts and energy to keeping those who attend our church informed of its activities.

The Pastor's Pen

Earthquake, Tsunami, Nuclear Emission. . .

How tragic is the disaster and its aftermath! On the Sunday after the March 11 earthquake, as some of our church members were departing, a couple said to me, "We know what caused the earthquake and tsunami." Then came a pregnant pause after which the couple said, "nature." Their point was simple, clear, and direct. One could not and should not blame God.

Considering that short and significant conversation, I began to think of an article I wrote for the newsletter in October of 2007 which is reprinted here. My thoughts further went to a sermon by the Reverend John Wesley, The Cause and Cure of Earthquakes and an article, Serious Thoughts occasioned by the Late Earthquake in Lisbon. Mr. Wesley lived in the 18th century, and he published the article after a major earthquake destroyed Lisbon, Portugal in 1755. Called "the Great Lisbon Earthquake," some geologists place its magnitude around 9 on the Moment Magnitude Scale. Like Japan, both fires and a tsunami followed. No one really knows how many died, c. 40,000 in Lisbon, c. 10,000 in Morocco, several thousand more in Spain. However, the Great Lisbon Earthquake is considered one of the deadliest in recorded history.

As a result, much of Europe was affected, not only in experiencing some of the initial shock and aftershocks, but also emotionally, culturally, economically, and spiritually. The earthquake struck on All Saints Day. Lisbon was staunchly Roman Catholic, and its wealthy were noted patrons of the church. This consequently raised questions about God and God's benevolence. Theologians and atheist philosophers weighed in: Voltaire, Rousseau, Kant and others. In such an environment, John Wesley preached his sermon and wrote his article.

While Rev. Wesley works with a science and cosmology of the 18th century, he nonetheless makes several points that can guide us.

First, no society is so virtuous that the people should deem themselves properly exempt from disaster.

Second, the holy Scriptures speak of God using natural events to effect divine judgements consequently it takes a measure of hubris to declare to know as human beings what God was doing or was not doing.

Third, Christians do not believe people are merely living at the whim of fate, and such a belief would lead the poor to despair. The poor do not have the resources to flee, to seek the help of doctors, to rebuild their building or replant their crops. Would we deny them the encouragements of God's presence and care? He writes, "Shall they intreat [sic] the famine or pestilence to show mercy? Alas! They are as senseless as you suppose God to be."

Fourth, the rich should not overly trust their resources. Persons of fortune can shift their circumstances. Their money will procure food as long as there is any in the kingdom. If their doctors cannot protect them from the epidemic, their coaches can carry them away. However, while their resources can buy them intelligence as to where a disaster hit yesterday, it cannot secure them from it tomorrow. Especially this is so with regard to earthquakes which can overtake their coach even as they flee.

No one should be so bold as to think himself immune.

Fifth, if our wisdom and strength are not sufficient to protect us from disaster, “let us not be ashamed to seek farther help.” Let us boldly believe there is a God, not a distant, disinterested God nor an epicurean, self-indulgent one. Let us believe there is a God who created heaven and earth and upholds all things by the word of his power; whose eye sees the entire sphere of our world, and whose mercy rises above the heavens. Let us make God our friend. It is enough that God is with us and that he is our refuge.

How does one know God in this way? By practice of a real and genuine Christianity. The advantage of the Christian is not immunity from disaster or from death by some other means. The advantage is that life and immortality are brought to light through Jesus Christ. He give us “peace and joy in believing, that you may be happy in life, in death, in eternity!”

For he lives ill who does not believe well concerning God.

*Saint Augustine
The City of God, Book V, Chapter 10*

Hurricane Floyd was gone, but the flood waters, while receding from the smaller tributaries, were still rising in the major rivers. The boards were off my windows; the parsonage roof was being replaced; the trees were nearly sawn; so I made my way to New Bern for a meeting and a lunch. Discussing the storm and its devastation, a dear friend commented about hearing someone say that God had done this, that God had sent the storm, swollen the tributaries, flooded the homes, and taken human life.

“I told them,” he said, “that God had nothing to do with it.”

“Do you really want to go there?” I asked.

He gave me a puzzling look. “What do you mean?” he asked.

I answered, “Your two alternatives are equally problematic. One makes God guilty, and the other makes God absent. If God is guilty, we cannot worship Him. If God is absent, then why do we pray to him to turn a storm?”

Many events can evoke such conversations: calamity, illness, crime, loss, etc. I have heard God blamed, and I have heard God defended. To some, God is guilty; to others, God has nothing to do with it. The horns of that dilemma leave me equally dissatisfied. Therefore, for those who may be struggling with faith in their circumstances, I remind us of what we believe: God is not guilty and blameable, nor is God absent or weak. God is not the source of evil. God does not cower in the presence of evil. Neither is God so small that he cannot act with regard to evil.

The mystery of suffering has often been a source of difficulty for Christians. In our own church, suffering has

brought some closer to Jesus Christ, but for others, suffering has been a reason for turning away. Much of Holy Scripture addresses the theme. The Book of Revelation promises a day when every tear will be wiped from the eyes, and Genesis tells of a past before there were tears when all was very good. In between, however, there is a record of a humanity fallen from God’s original intent. Given the gift of freedom of the will that we might freely love God and live in humble obedience, Adam and Eve and all humanity chose instead to carve out space to be personally sovereign. Evil and its resultant companion, suffering, are set loose in the world so that even the innocent are hurt. Thus the Bible locates the roots of evil and suffering in the abuse of human freedom, not in Divine failure.

Even though we rebel, God’s love remains unfailing. Respecting the will’s freedom, he does not make human choice inconsequential. He lets us choose, and he lets us live with the results of our choices. At the same time, grace is given to all enabling good, restoring freedom, and inviting each to be redeemed from the tragedy of the fall. From this account, several affirmations can be made in the presence of suffering.

First, God is not the source of evil, neither can He be tempted by evil. He is the giver of all good things. (Read, if you would, James 1:13-18.) Second, while God is not the source of evil and cannot be blamed for it, neither is God under its power. He has power over it. He is able, therefore, to cause even the devices and plans of evil persons ultimately to bring good to those who love him. (Romans 8:28; James 1:2-4.)

Third, God is for us; God will not betray what He has done for us in Jesus Christ; no adversary or adversity is strong enough to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:31-39.) Finally, God will bring every deed and every person to judgement. Evil will never have the last word. Make no mistake, God will bring all to judgement. (Matthew 12:36, 25:31-46; Isaiah 11:1-10; 1 Peter 4:3-5; 2 Corinthians 5:10.) Surely more could be affirmed. Hopefully these will encourage and comfort you in the truth. Remember to live and to love as people redeemed in Jesus Christ. Before the mystery of suffering, we accept our limited understanding and knowledge. Humbly we turn to Him for help in need, comfort in pain, and courage for facing the days ahead. Never do we forget his promise, “I will never leave you, nor will I forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).

SALKEHATCHIE, 2011

A team of youth and adults from our congregation will travel to Union, SC to serve in the Salkehatchie Mission project from June 18 until June 25. An information meeting is scheduled for April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Salkehatchie Summer Service is a wonderful ministry of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. High school and college age youth, adult community leaders and persons of different cultures serve together in upgrading housing and motivating community cooperative efforts by helping persons to help themselves, and providing all participants with opportunities for personal growth and service.

Pinehurst United Methodist Church youth and adults have participated in each of the last four summers, and we hope to do so again this year. For more information, come on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. You may also go online to www.salkehatchie.org.

Weekly Communion, Prayers, and Lenten Suppers

If you are asked, "What are you taking on for Lent?" You can respond that you are sharing in increased Christian fellowship and also in Weekly Communion. Our Communion schedule includes each Wednesday through April 13. During Holy Week, we will commune on Maundy Thursday, April 21.

Additionally, each Wednesday through April 13, as part of our Lenten practices, we are offering a fellowship meal. We will celebrate the Communion at 5:15, and the meal will be served around 5:45. With the communion service, we are specifically offering prayers. Following communion, anyone desiring prayers will be invited forward.

If you have impediments preventing you from coming to all the services, come to each one you can. If you are running late, come for the meal. If you can and will help with setup, clean-up, serving, or dessert preparation, please let us know. Also we will be helped to know which meals you plan to attend so that we might adequately prepare.

CARE AND RELIEF FOR JAPAN

Our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already at work on the ground in Japan. If you would like to donate offerings, make your offering to Pinehurst United Methodist Church and write "for Japan" or "UMCOR" on the memo line. Because UMCOR is funded out of the every Sunday offerings of our churches, 100% of your special offering goes to the emergency with not one cent removed for administrative costs.

To learn more about the ministry and work of UMCOR, visit them the web: www.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 17

Service at both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. will begin with the procession of the Palms. Children, youth, and adults are all invited to participate.

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

A service of Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Church as we recollect the Lord's Last Supper, his visit to Gethsemane, and his arrest.

Good Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., a Service of Tennebre.

Using the diminishing of light (very much the opposite of the Christmas Candle Lighting service), we will seek to portray Jesus journey to the cross and death on our behalf.

Holy Saturday, April 23,

Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 24, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:30 and 11:00 Services of Easter.

CRISIS ALERT - FRIEND TO FRIEND

You may or not be aware that one of the agencies your mission team supports had a major fire at their facility. The building was severely damaged destroying all of their supplies. Friend to Friend is an agency that provides a 24 hour crisis line, court advocacy, counseling and a shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Victims are protected and helped by this agency and are provided new opportunities to rebuild their lives and the lives of their families.

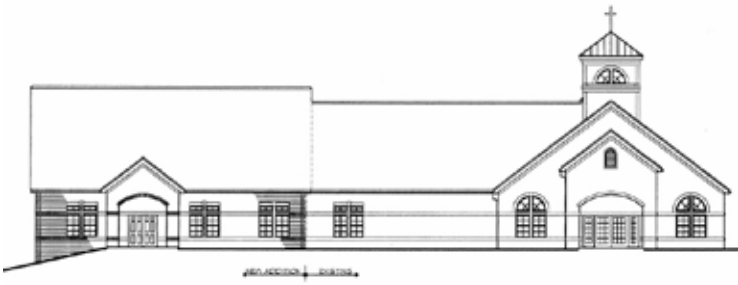
There were seventy-two women, men and children who lost their lives in North Carolina due to domestic violence in 2009. Ten of these persons were from Moore County. One is one too many.

Aside from advancing a check to this organization your Mission Team felt that it needed to alert our congregation to this critical need and to facilitate any aid to this organization.

One idea surfaced: as you shop at Wal-Mart, purchase a Wal-Mart gift card and place it in the offering plate during the church service. Our church will take the responsibility of forwarding the gift card to Friend to Friend.

All donations to Friend to Friend are tax deductible. It is a non-profit organization and the federal ID number is 581779218.

(However, as with any deduction, please consult your tax advisor.)



“Commit to Begin Building:”

Paul D Shaffer – Stewardship Team Chair

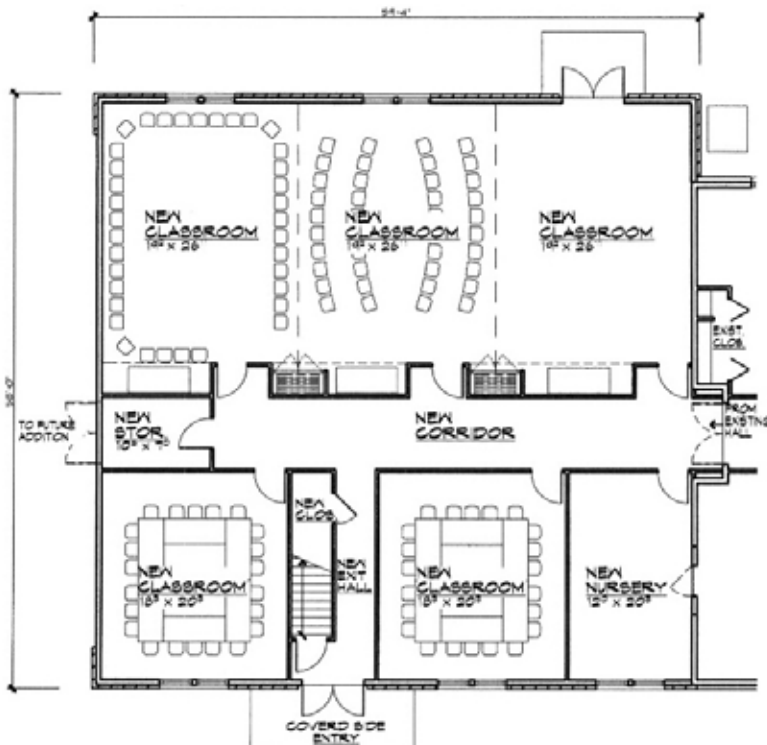
The funding campaign for the future of Pinehurst United Methodist Church

Last month’s Stewardship article outlined a proposed one time second mile gift funding campaign to help launch the proposed building addition. At that time, we were going through a multi-step internal approval process in preparation for getting final approval. The internal approval process is in the final stages and the last step, approval at a Charge Conference, will take place when detailed plans and costs have been determined.

We have been working with The Village of Pinehurst in order to get a building permit. As a first step, they have asked us to apply for a new special use permit as the one we submitted when we originally built the building is out-of-date. We are working with the architects and will be submitting the special use permit application in the near future.

While that is being done, we have reviewed and slightly revised the “Commit to Begin Build” campaign, covering it with the Finance Committee and Church Council in their March meetings. We will launch the campaign just after Easter and conclude it in early June. Following are the key steps and dates for the campaign:

1. The campaign will kickoff with a letter to congregation members after Easter, during the week of April 25th. The letter will explain the campaign, dates, purpose, etc.
2. Hold a kickoff continental breakfast on May 7th. We plan to have a ceremonial ground breaking with a staked outline of the building footprint. We will give an update of the building plans and again explain the "Commit to Begin Building" campaign purpose and timeline. The purpose is to educate, inform and generate interest and excitement. We would explain nontraditional gift giving opportunities such as giving stock or directly from an IRA. All congregational members are encouraged to attend, including youth and children. This addition will improve education space and opportunities for all ages!
3. Send a second letter the following week with a request to bring your gift to a campaign conclusion picnic on June 5th. The picnic will follow second service. We will ask that if you cannot make your gift that day, come to the picnic and bring a commitment card showing the amount you plan to give on or before September 2nd. For those who do not bring a gift or commitment card on June 5th, we will send a reminder by letter and email, dates to be determined.
4. Each Sunday, right after first service and just before second service, we will have a team in the Narthex, near the refreshment table, with the building addition and the "Commit to Begin Building" Stewardship campaign handouts, pictures, models (if we can get one built) to answer questions and build enthusiasm.



5. Each Sunday during the campaign we will have an announcement in worship services asking attendees to visit with the team.
6. We are asking our PR/Communications folks get us public exposure in The Pilot about our plans to expand.
7. Selected bulletin inserts and emails with updates and information will be sent throughout the campaign.
8. Get as many of our congregation involved as possible, including youth and children. It has been suggested that we get our children small “piggy banks” so to collect coins that they can give at the “Commitment Sunday Picnic.”
9. We are considering a “time capsule,” to be filled with Christian education material and other informational items, which would be buried during the new addition dedication ceremony. It would be retrieved in 50 years similar to the time capsule we buried when we build the current building.
10. We would hope that we would get many, hopefully most, of the campaign gifts on June 5th. For those that give a commitment card with later payment, the payment(s) will be due on or before Friday, September 2nd. (We may consider an earlier date before sending out the letter noted in 3 above)

As you can see, this is an ambitious campaign with numerous activities during a short period of time. We need your support, help and involvement. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Paul Shaffer at paul.shaffer@mindspring.com or call him at (910) 295-3804. Glenda Clendenin has agreed to help by preparing and coordinating the campaign kickoff continental breakfast on May 7th. We thank her and hope many others will step up to help, get involved, attend the breakfast, attend the commitment Sunday picnic and prayerfully consider a generous one time campaign gift.

NEWEST MEMBERS

Our church was blessed on February 27 to receive eight new members into the life of the church! Please introduce yourself to them and invite them to become part of one of your church groups. Sherry Page normally attends the 8:30 service; the others are usually at the 11:00 service.



Jewel Kirk is a native of NC and most recently was a member of a UM Church in Greensboro prior to moving to Knollwood Village. She worked in several fields including TV and as a flight attendant. She also played semi-pro sports. She likes to cook, garden and volunteer. Kathy Bollenbacher is her sponsor.

Sherry Page was born in Lumberton and is transferring from Galatia Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville where she was active in many roles. She is a retired teacher who enjoys exercising, dancing, nature, and volunteering. She is sponsored by her neighbors, Vicki and John Collins.



Debbie & Herb Roberts are both originally from Massachusetts, but came to this area from Prescott, AZ. Herb was an attorney and Debbie works as a real estate broker and has a hat business. They live on a horse farm in Vass and Debbie competes in carriage events. Herb enjoys golf and fishing as well as the horses and recently began mentoring a middle school

student. Penny Johnson is their sponsor

Kristy & Roger Roper and their two girls, Caroline (6) and Anna Kate (4) live on Canter Lane in Pinehurst. Roger is the Chief Operating Officer for the Pinehurst Medical Clinic.

Kristy has been a teacher, but is now a full-time mother. In addition to enjoying their family time, Roger likes golf and competes in triathlons, while Kristy likes to read and exercise. Joe and Sharon Hakas are their sponsors.



Charlene Szama was born in a car in MN! She and her son Ben (20) live in Southern Pines. She has worked as an accountant and is currently working as a receptionist for a local vet. She has been active in Lutheran churches and began singing in our choir soon after attending here. She enjoys reading, music and various types of puzzles. Chuck and Helen Moeser are her sponsors.



Gary Secrest and wife Joan, who joined the church in 2008 while Gary was still working for J&J in New Jersey, live in Pinewild. They are both originally from MD where they were active in United Methodist churches. Gary's working career was in information technology and security. He enjoys golf, reading, computers and travel. His wife Joan is his sponsor.



CHICKS AND FLICKS!
You're invited!
Tuesday, May 3rd • 5:30 – 8:00 PM
“Enchanted April”

Hey, PUMC chicks! Bring your girl friends, your neighbors, your mother – all will love the movie, *Enchanted April*, a period film set on the Italian Riviera in post-WWI England. Four women take a vacation of a lifetime – a month's stay in a medieval castle. During their stay there, they discover fulfilling relationships, hope, and the love of friends. The movie is rated PG.

Pizza, salad and dessert will be served for supper. There is no charge.

This movie night is the 3rd and final “UMW & CEO's” event for this year (that's Chicks Eating Out!)

Come for good food, fellowship, and fun! Hope we'll see you on the 3rd!

Be sure to sign up in the narthex so we'll have plenty of food.

THE MINISTRY OF PARENTS

“I am only a mother.” “I am just the father.” Perhaps you have heard something similar. Maybe you have said the same. Sometimes we voice it in sarcasm meaning of course I should be informed since I am the parent yet noting that we were wrongly kept out of the loop. At other times, we may be giving voice to our exasperation. Having tried what we could, the child or teenager or young adult chose a different course. Be that as it may, the Christian parent is never “just a father” or “only a mother.”

The Christian parent is a minister of God in the life of his or her children. Some Christian parents may be oblivious to this role, but may nonetheless be doing well. Others may be intentionally or unintentionally derelict. What we hope for is intentionality and faithfulness that God is honored and our children are deeply blessed and enriched. That this is important is witnessed in the Bible as households are given instructions and parents are taught their responsibilities.

We use the title “minister” in several ways. By one definition, a “minister” represents a sovereign power. A number of nations retain the word for high government officials and for the ambassadors. Such an understanding of minister requires one so authorized to conduct him/herself in a way that will garner respect and honor for the sovereign so represented as well as communicate the sovereign’s mind and will.

Christian parents represent the sovereign Lord of the universe. In a position of authority, the mother and father are responsible adequately and rightly to represent, to re-present over and over, the love, grace, mind and will of the living Lord. At the same time, parents seek to nurture love and respect for God.

A second definition for “minister” is servant, one who willingly assumes responsibility for ministering to the needs of another. Such a definition is distinguished from “slave” who has no will or choice in the matter. Love, mercy, care, loyalty, faithfulness are among characteristics that enrich this service.

Representatives of a sovereign Lord and servants, parents are ministers of God in both respects. In authority, parents represent and re-present God to the lives of their children. As ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, parents teach the faith and guide in spiritual practices that the children may themselves know. As servants, parents care for the spiritual and physical needs of their children as God cares for us.

The ministry of parents begins before birth and continues through all the eras of life. It is, naturally, a changing ministry as it matches the changing age and station of the child. Hopefully over months to come, under this title in our newsletter, we can include a section for parents. May the Lord bless and guide and enable your gracious ministry of mothering and fathering.

GLUTEN INTOLERANCE & CELIAC

You have probably noticed that Pastor Banks has been providing a gluten free alternative during communion. This is a wonderful gesture on behalf of the church for those who suffer from gluten intolerance or Celiac Disease.

Gluten is defined as an inherent starch that exists in most grain or wheat sources. Gluten is an important source of nutritional protein and as an additive to foods otherwise low in protein. Gluten is also used as a flavoring additive or a thickening agent. Gluten is a primary ingredient in most foods found in the grocery and at restaurants. However doctors are finding more and more people in the United States with a gluten sensitivity or intolerance. According to research, about 1 in 7 people will have some type of problem with gluten and 1 in 200 will have Celiac.

It is believed that gluten intolerance does not stimulate the immune system like Celiac Disease. The gastrointestinal symptoms with wheat or gluten intolerance may include gas, abdominal pain, and abdominal distension. These symptoms are usually transient, and do not cause permanent damage.

Celiac disease, wheat allergy and gluten-intolerance are treated similarly because they must remove wheat or all gluten from their diet. It is important to note, however, that there is a difference between these three medical problems.

Celiac disease is an autoimmune condition, where the body’s immune system starts attacking normal tissue, such as intestinal tissue, in response to eating any gluten. Because of this, those with celiac disease are at risk for malabsorption of food, causing severe nutritional deficiencies. Since Celiac is an autoimmune disease, these individuals are at risk for thyroid, joint, and liver disease as well as gastrointestinal cancers. These individuals also have a problem with chronic anemia and osteoporosis. These individuals must monitor their dietary habits very closely to prevent permanent damage.

Individuals with wheat allergy or gluten-intolerance usually do not have severe intestinal tract damage and therefore not at a risk for nutritional deficiencies.

Celiac disease, wheat allergy, and gluten-intolerance are all treated with gluten free diets but these conditions are not the same. In general, the symptoms from food allergies and intolerances resolve when the offending gluten containing foods are removed from the diet and do not cause permanent organ damage. People with Celiac must be diligent at all times with respect to the intake of gluten.

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. (John 1:2)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name
1	Arlene Evans
1	Marilyn Otto
1	Marti Libbey
2	Lloyd Amundsen
3	Cathy Wibbens
6	Sandi Garner
7	Sarah Upole
8	Chris Fraley
10	Jayne Simpkins
11	Carol Fox
15	Carolyn Hicks
16	Chuck Barnes
20	Sherry Price
20	Jeff Thurow
22	Ed Duffy
22	David Banks
22	Tony Gilley
26	Clark Smearman
27	Bob Evans
27	Scott Brazaski
30	John Forster
30	Deborah Roberts

FAMILY PROMISE (Formerly SIHN)

Family Promise, previously known as The Sandhills Interfaith Hospitality Network, provides temporary housing, meals, transportation and job counseling (through the state employment agency) for homeless families as part of a network of eleven local churches. This organization is dedicated to helping alleviate homelessness in Moore County. Our church through the Mission Commission helps this program financially. We also serve as a support church for Community Presbyterian Church of Pinehurst by providing the supper meals and transportation for one week four times a year for those families staying at the church. Thankfully we have a wonderful group of people working with us as drivers and meal preparers but there's always a need for more volunteers. Our next week to serve will be May 11-17.

Transportation is provided by a van owned by the organization and involves picking up the clients at the church by 7: am. And taking them to the various schools, places of employment, day care centers and to the Family Promise Center in Aberdeen and then picking them up at 5:00 p.m. and driving them back to Community.

Food preparers usually work as a team of two and have the responsibility of preparing the meals and serving them to the clients. This is a very enjoyable time as we have an opportunity to visit with everyone and enjoy the children.

Last year Family Promise provided 2357 nights of shelter; serving 21 families, 61 individuals and 40 children. As a result of this organization's efforts, 67% of the families were able to move into permanent housing.

BACKPAK PALS

The "BackPak" Program started in 2005 with 1 school and 25 back packs for disadvantaged children. Now in 2011, over 800 back packs are filled at the food bank for the children to take home to sustain them over the weekend. It takes about 150 volunteers to accomplish this task every week. We are in dire need of small boxes of raisins (our church's commitment is 8 six packs every week). Won't you PLEASE help us to fulfill our obligation?



Also, the "Snak Pak" program is in need of peanut butter crackers for the 200 plus seniors we serve on the weekends. Meals on Wheels does not deliver on the weekends and some seniors have very little to eat. Your help is DESPERATELY needed. When you shop each week, please take the time and effort to remember there are many in our community who are going hungry.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



Friendship Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m. They will continue their study of Richard Blackaby's book "When God Speaks". All women of the church are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Martin at 400-5138.



Women's Ministries at PUMC

UMW is about nurturing women, youth, and children.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AT PUMC

Come & participate in any of these activities:

Aurora Circle: Quilting/banner making, 2nd Mon., 9:30 AM. Contact Judy Forster, 215-9977

Evening Circle: 4th Monday, 7:00 PM, Call: Dee Johnson, 215-8104; child care available

Friendship Circle: 3rd Wed. afternoons, 1:00 PM, Contact Pam Martin, 400-5138

Ladies' Bible Fellowship: Thurs. 9:30 AM, Seven Lakes Call Dorothy Werkmeister 400-5050

Knitting Group: Tuesdays, 1:30 PM Contact Dita Mc Gaughey, 673-4716

Card Ministry: Send congregational greeting cards Contact Dita Mc Gaughey, 673-4716

UMW activities: Contact Beverly Bizzell, 692-1777

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Join the Evening Circle on Monday, April 25th at 7:00 PM. to share in their new study, "Proverbs—Uncommon Sense". Or, attend the Ladies Bible Fellowship at West Side Community Center at Seven Lakes West, every Thursday morning at 9 AM and become involved in their new study "Pursuing More of Jesus". A third choice is the Friendship Circle's continuing study on "When God Speaks", on April 20th at 1:00. Along with these studies, you will enjoy fellowship with new friends. Please come!

NEWS U CAN USE

Contact Carla Jones at pinewildcarla@gmail.com if you're not receiving UMW's *news u can use* in your E mails. If you don't use E mail, copies are available in the narthex.

E-PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Nancy Bowling, nbow@nc.rr.com, with prayer requests.

TABS, LABELS, RAISINS, & CRACKERS

Bring you beverage tabs – for the Ronald McDonald House; Campbell Soup labels – for Methodist University, Fayetteville; peanut butter cracker packs for the Snack Pack Pals (seniors); and miniature boxes of raisins – for Back Pack Pals. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE

The Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 22 & 23, 2011. More info will come later in the year.

SOUP KITCHEN

If you would like to help one day a month or every other month at the Page Memorial UMC's soup kitchen, Martha's Place, please contact Joan Secrest at joan.secrest@nc.rr.com or 420-2280. Men are very welcome to help too!

PRAY

Please pray for our high school and college Seniors as they choose their colleges and career paths. Thank you.

CHICKS AND FLICKS!

You're invited to join us on Tuesday, May 3rd for dinner and a movie. Bring your girl friend, your neighbor, you mother – all will love the movie, Enchanted April, a period film set on the Italian Riviera in post-WWI England. You will be treated to a supper of pizza, salad, and dessert. Be sure to sign up in the narthex so we'll have plenty of pizza. This is the 3rd and final "UMW & CEO's" event (that's Chicks Eating Out!). Come for good food, fun, and fellowship!

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The annual United Methodist Men's BBQ will take place on Friday, **April 15th** and PUMC women are able to offer our help by providing home baked brownies AND cookies to serve with their dinners. (The choice of cookies with the dinners is new this year.) During that event, the women hold a bake sale, and up to this point it has been our only fund raiser. So won't you put on your aprons and bake, bake, bake? Decide on your most decadent contribution(s). For the BBQ, the generous sized brownies and cookies should be bagged, two in a baggie (zip lock please). For the bake sale, all goodies are appreciated. Items will need to be dropped off by Thursday afternoon, April 14th or early Friday morning. In addition to baking, won't you please sign up (in the narthex) to help for 2 hours that day? Thank you in advance.

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

You may have already heard talk about the UMW sponsored Chocolate Festival that will be held next year, Feb. 11, 2012. The event will include a Cake Bake Off for area chefs, a Gift Boutique, gourmet baked goods, children's activities, chocolate refreshment stand, demonstrations on making chocolate truffles by the Bakery and Pastry students from the SCC Culinary Arts School, and more! Between now and then we will be gathering in groups to work on various projects for the Boutique. Come to one of the upcoming informational meetings just to find out what it's all about. We want to have a chocolate treat for you, so please sign up in the narthex to attend one of these information get-togethers on Monday, April 11, at 10 AM, 1 PM, or 7PM. One of the goals for the Chocolate Festival is to raise funds for: Boys and Girls Club, Family Promise, Friend to Friend, Life Care Pregnancy Center. ZOE, Global Missions for UMW, and UMW projects for women & children at PUMC

CONFERENCE NEWS

May 13th and 14th marks the dates for the North Carolina Conference UMW Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, to be held at the Jonesboro UMC in Sanford. The Rev. Linda Harris will be the featured speaker. To attend, please contact Beverly Bizzell at bizzellb@nc.rr.com, or 692-1777.



APRIL CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Event
3	Sunday	5:00 p.m.	PUMC Youth Fellowship
5	Tuesday	6:45 a.m.	PUMC Youth Breakfast
		1:30 p.m.	Knitting Group
		4:00 p.m.	Nominations Committee Meeting
6	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
		11:30 a.m.	"Young At Heart" Luncheon – Olive Garden
		3:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:15 p.m.	Lenten Service and Meal
		6:30 p.m.	Combined Adult Choir
7	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Prayers for our church
10	Sunday	5:00 p.m.	PUMC Youth Fellowship
11	Monday	9:30 a.m.	Aurora Circle Meeting
		10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 7:00	Chocolate Festival Information Meeting
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
12	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Knitting Group – Manor Care
		7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
13	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
		3:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		5:15 p.m.	Lenten Service and Meal
		6:30 p.m.	Combined Adult Choir
14	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Prayers for our church
15	Friday	11:30 - 2:00	UM Men's Barbecue Lunch
		4:30 - 7:00	UM Men's Barbecue Dinner
17	Sunday	5:00 p.m.	PUMC Youth Fellowship
18	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
19	Tuesday	6:45 a.m.	PUMC Youth Breakfast
		1:30 p.m.	Knitting Group
20	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Friendship Circle
		3:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class
		6:30 p.m.	Combined Adult Choir
21	Maundy Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
22	Good Friday	7:30 p.m.	Tennebrae Service
23	Saturday	1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
24	Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
		8:30 a.m.	Early Easter Service
		11:00 a.m.	Late Easter Service
25	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Women's Evening Circle
26	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Knitting Group
		7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Meeting
27	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Combined Adult Choir
28	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Prayers for our church
29	Friday	10:00 p.m.	PUMC Youth Lock-In

Check Sunday bulletins for additional meetings and events.

Every Sunday:

8:30 a.m.
Early Worship Services

9:45 a.m.
Sunday School Classes for all ages

11:00 a.m.
Late Worship Services

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PROGRAM LEADERS

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Shirley Baldwin, RN - 295-1577

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chairperson
Greg Linville — 295-4027

Vice-Chairperson
Robin Cummings — 695-1590

Lay Leaders (8:30 AM)
Jon & Lesa Riddle — 295-4927

Lay Leaders (11:00 AM)
Peg Walsh — 639-3333

**Lay Delegates
to Annual Conference**
Ann & Benny Morse — 692-3794

Finance Committee
Hugh Miner — 246-6489

**Pastor-Parish
Relations Committee**
Tony Price — 295-5248

Board of Trustees
TBD

FEBRUARY 2011 SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Unavailable

FEBRUARY 2011 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DATE	EARLY	LATE	TOTAL
Feb. 6	100	167	267
Feb. 13	109	149	258
Feb. 20	129	178	307
Feb. 27	135	167	302

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011

YTD budgeted need	\$87,671
YTD general offering	\$92,108
YTD expenses	\$90,005
Mortgage Balance	\$692,406

MINISTRY CONNECTIONS

Altar Guild Coordinator
Mary Gaye Shields - 295-0392

Head Usher (8:30 AM)
Jack Lockhart - 246-0505

Head Usher (11:00 AM)
Joe Clendenin - 692-2538

Youth Ministry Chairperson
Holly McDow - 673-2267

Children's Ministry Chairperson-
Christy Lineback - 215-0132

Sunday School Superintendent
TBD

Vacation Bible School Coordinator
TBD

Congregation Care Committee
Shirley Baldwin - 295-1577

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Glenda Clendenin - 692-2538

Let's Do Dinner
Carla Jones - 235-3821

United Methodist Women
Beverly Bizzell Barnes - 692-1777

Aurora Circle
Judy Forster - 215-9977

Friendship Circle
Pam Martin - 400-5138

Women's Evening Circle
Jeanette Schoonover - 947-2685

Knitting Group
Dita McGaughy - 673-4716

United Methodist Men
Jim Scott - 695-1868

Young At Heart Fellowship
Faith Thorpe - 692-6022

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Youth News

April Calendar

Sun, April 3: Youth Fellowship 5—7 pm

Tues, April 5: Devotional Breakfast 6:45 am

Sun, April 10: Youth Fellowship 5—7 pm

Sun, April 17: Youth Fellowship 5—7 pm

Tues, April 19: Devotional Breakfast 6:45 am

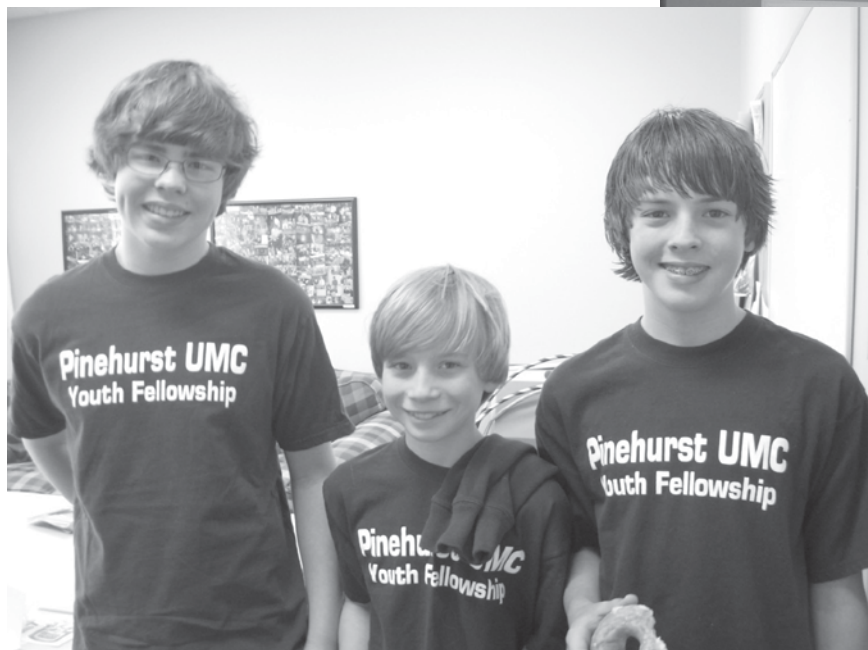
Sun, April 24: Easter, No youth fellowship

Fri, April 29 – Sat, April 30: Youth Lock In (10pm – 7 am)

Mark Your Calendars!!

Friday April 29:
Youth Lock-In at PUMC
beginning at 10 pm!

Sunday, May 22:
HS Senior Sunday / Youth
Sunday
during both worship services



Pictures from the SOUPER Bowl of Caring collection and the Super Bowl Party.



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