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Hey, HOP IN AND JOIN US FOR THE CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL!

It would be a great way to get involved with a wonderful project with wonderful ladies from our church. See pages 5 and 6 for ways that you can be involved.

And, speaking of being involved, if you are not part of a regular women's group at PUMC, this is the year to join one! One of the purposes of UMW is "to develop a creative, supportive fellowship". See page 8 for a list of opportunities available.

And speaking of opportunities, we are looking for a new "email prayer chain" coordinator. Contact Sandra Salinero (prosncns@aol.com) if you are interested or have questions.

The New Year: Little Choices

Written by Gail Rodgers

"Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

The tiny wrinkles around my eyes seemed to appear almost overnight. One day I was very aware of them and knew I had better get that eye cream I was hearing about. I'd better try the "triple action"! I was amazed at the results...and in such a short time! This was good.

The waistband on my jeans felt tight. Could it be those wonderful cappuccinos I was regularly enjoying? I was amazed at the results...and in such a short time! This was not good.

I didn't like the sand paper edge that seemed to spring up between my teen and I. I asked the Lord for patience and grace to bite my tongue. I was amazed at the results...and in such a short time! This was good.

Little decisions are peppered throughout the day. Little changes push the edge of results to the negative or the positive.

It's the same in your spiritual journey. Little changes...conscious little choices that push your walk with God in one direction or another. Little choices to let God in or to hold Him at a distance. Little choices of attitude; little choices of purity in thoughts or choices of entertainment. Little choices. Invite Him into them. You will be amazed at the results... and in such a short time!

"Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me". Psalm 51:10

This New Years don't make grand resolutions that will fade in a few short weeks. Choose daily to let God be a part of the little choices...choose to be amazed...and in such a short time!

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LADIES BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On December 1st, 2011, the Ladies Bible Fellowship enjoyed a delicious Christmas luncheon and a special time of fellowship at festively decorated Fairwoods on 7 CC. Eighteen ladies attended and we had a great time! Dorothy Werkmeister welcomed all, including new member, Arlene Evans.

Nancy Bowling shared a report on donations made throughout the year from our "C" Fund - Curriculum, Caring and Charity - raised by weekly contributions. Our total donation to charities in 2011 was \$310.

Holly Davis shared a very inspirational devotion and led us in prayer.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a huge success. Special thanks to Diane, Karin, Clara, Mitzi and Clare for planning, cookies, favors and pictures.

PUMC FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE LUNCHEON WAS CELEBRATED ON DECEMBER 14, 2011

A big thank you to Norma Johnson for our table decorations and to our hostesses who always do a great job, June Davidson and Nancy Miner.

Thank you to all the ladies for their wonderfully prepared dishes enjoyed by all. There's nothing better than a pot-luck!

Linda Upole gave our devotional reading. Kathy Bollenbacher gave us a quick update on the Chocolate Festival.

Luncheon attendees were: Kathy Bollenbacher, Nancy Bowling, June Davidson, Carol Dye, Vera McClive, Betty Martin, Pam Martin, Helen Moeser, Carla Jones, Nancy Miner, Nancy Schmidt, Norma Johnson, Penny Johnson, Judy Preboske, Dorothy Werkmeister, Linda Upole and Beulah Warren.

We circulated a get well card for Jewell Kirk, a member of our circle, who is still recovering from heart surgery. We missed you Jewell!

Yep!...We've been getting ready for
the CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL !



Penny Johnson sharing her candle making secrets with Shirley, Kathy and Janet.

Photos...thanks to Helen Moeser!



Shari Price and Shirley Baldwin check out one of the boutique baskets!



Sandhills CC Culinary Arts students will be demonstrating candy making...

See pages 5 and 6 about ways you can be involved!



CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR CHARITY

A big "Thank you" to all who donated children's books for charity at the 2011 PUMC Women's Retreat! The books were donated to the Moore County Literacy Council. During their "Project Santa" event, children were invited to choose a book to take home and enjoy.

Your kind donation helped promote reading and educational success by making it possible to put a book in the hand of every child who visited "Project Santa."

january 25 - friend to friend luncheon

january 28 - anford district mission studies

Dear Sisters,

This is to let you know about a fundraising luncheon that will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25th at 11:30am at the Country Club of North Carolina (CCNC) to benefit Friend to Friend. Many of you have heard Ann, the director, speak about this organization. This group assists abused women and their children by providing a safe place to stay while they get back on their feet. Domestic violence is a serious problem everywhere, and Moore County is no exception. Many of you are also aware that the Friend to Friend house was destroyed by fire last year. A new house is coming along, and needs are great. I know it is hard for us to imagine needing such assistance because we are all secure and cared for in our homes and relationships. Unfortunately, not every woman enjoys the blessings of safety and love.

Please consider joining us in support of this worthy cause. The luncheon is free: we request that you make a donation in the amount of your choosing. I need to provide Ann with a list of those attending. Please let me know by January 6 if you will be attending. Peggy Raney and I are trying to seat three tables. (If you have already expressed your desire to attend, you don't need to contact me again. Thank you for your support!)

Thank you for considering this important event that will mean so much to our sisters in Moore County.

In His Name, Pam Martin

P.S. You may contact me via email(pmartin5@nc.rr.com) or phone (400-5138).

Sanford District Mission Studies: January 28, 2012

It is hard to believe we are already in 2012! Our upcoming Sanford District Mission Studies will be held on Saturday, January 28 at St. Luke is Sanford. All women are urged to attend this special event!

- Steve Taylor will lead the Geographic study: "Haiti".
- LaNella Smith, newly elected president of the NC Conference UMW, will lead the Social Issue study: "Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity."
- Brenda Brown will lead the Spiritual Growth Study: "The Journey: Coming Out on the Side of Grace: Reconciliation."

Don't forget to circle January 28 on your calendars and join your UMW sisters in Sanford. For more information, including times and car pool opportunities, contact Ann Morse.

february 11, 2012 - pinehurst chocolate festival

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP. . . .

IT'S CHOCOLATE TIME and YOU ARE NEEDED!

The UMW sponsored Chocolate Festival is almost here.

We're putting the final touches on the big February 11th fund raiser, which will benefit Family Promise, Friend to Friend, Life Care Pregnancy Center, and other UMW projects.

A chocolate themed Bible Study will be introduced to the community - who will be invited to participate. Beginning March 13th Penny Johnson will lead a new Bible study, *Simply Relevant, a Relational Bible Series for Women, (Chocolate Boutique)*, 6 sessions on God's Grace. You can read more about it and sign up at the display at the Chocolate Festival.

And, it will be an opportunity to showcase our wonderful new educational wing to the community.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

on the day of the Festival and in donating homemade chocolate treats.

Please fill out this form & place it in the offering plate, the basket in the narthex, or the office, ASAP - and no later than Jan. 29th.

_____ I want to help at the following time on Feb. 11th:

_____ 9:30 - 12:15 _____ 12:00 - 2:45 _____ 2:30 - 5:15

Help will be needed in the Gift Boutique, the Chocolate treats, the kitchen, the Children's Activities, Infant care and more. You will be contacted to pick an area.

_____ I will also prepare and donate my yummiest chocolate treats.

Candy _____ Fudge _____ Cookies _____ Cakes/ Cake Pops _____ Breads & Muffins _____

Other: please specify _____

Please check the items that you will bring. Candies and cookies should be dropped off in the church kitchen on Thursday, Feb. 9th. Cakes and breads on Friday, Feb. 10th. The chocolate committee will gladly "package" your chocolate treats. Please, no cream pies or other refrigerated treats.

_____ I will pray that God will be glorified throughout this event.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____ Thanks for helping!

*Won't you please send this website to all your friends,
neighbors, and family? Thanks!*
pinehurstchocolatefestival.vpweb.com

THIS CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL IS NOT A "BAKE SALE"
IT'S SO MUCH MORE!

CHOCOLATE - You can't have a Chocolate Festival without chocolate! All your chocolate treats are **NEEDED!**

CAKE BAKE-OFF in the morning - with area chefs, bakers, and SCC culinary arts students. Columnist, author, and Pinestraw Editor, Jim Dodson, and soon retiring Moore County School Superintendent, Susan Purser, are among the judges. After the judging, the cakes will be sold for the fund raiser.

CUPCAKE COMPETITION in the afternoon - open to the community.
Three age groups: 8-12, 13-18, & adult.

CANDY MAKING DEMOS throughout the day, by SCC culinary arts students & Sweet Charity Chocolates of Southern Pines.

GIFT BOUTIQUE with chocolate themed gifts and goodies of all kinds! Gift baskets. Toys. Soaps. Jewelry. Candles, and much, much more!

COCOA CAFÉ offering a light, chocolate inspired lunch.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES for children, ages 3-7.

In January and/or February you'll see the event listed or advertised in the calendar section of Southern Living magazine, Our State magazine, AAA publication, Pinestraw magazine, Pinehurst Magazine, The Pilot and many more publications!

Boutique Basket Donations - We are still accepting your miscellaneous, gently used, or little gifts that you will never use...We are making themed gift baskets and your donation will probably fit just fine in one of them. Place them in the "red box" in the narthex.

Projects - If you have been working on any projects for the Chocolate Festival, would you please see that Carla Jones receives them by Jan. 20th. You can reach her at pinewildcarla@gmail.com or 235-3821.

Card Tables - If you can loan us a card table for use at the Chocolate Festival, would you please contact Nancy Schmidt, at dnschmidt@nc.rr.com or 295-7386. Thanks!

looking ahead

april 26th ...a church-wide evening to introduce you to the

METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN



Every day, the Methodist Home for Children transforms the lives of children in need. It is their singular mission to create order where there is chaos, to create hope where there is despair.

And this is what God's work looks like on a daily basis at Methodist Home for Children:

- A child returns to a stable home from foster care when her father commits to responsible parenting.
- A teen leaves a group home with renewed purpose and hope for his life.
- A child, abused by her birth mother, is adopted into a family that already loves her.
- A teen in a group home improves his reading skills by three grade levels.
- A developmentally delayed toddler receives early childhood services her mother could not afford.
- A boy who started life with nothing goes to college with MHC financial support.
- A family—out of options for its son, who has mental and developmental delays—finally finds hope for him in specialized treatment.

- You will be inspired by Rev. Bruce Stanley President/CEO of the Methodist Home for Children.
- Mark your calendar. Plan to join us.
- Watch the bulletin for further details.

Feb. 19th is Sharing Sunday for Methodist Home for Children.
A special offering envelope will be in bulletin.

Aurora Circle:

- Quilting/banner making
- Meets the 2nd Monday, 9:30 am at church
- Contact Judy Forster 215-9977

Evening Circle:

- Bible study and fellowship
- Currently studying *Proverbs*
- Meets the 4th Monday, 7 pm at church
- Contact Dee Johnson 215-8104

Friendship Circle:

- Bible study and fellowship
- Currently studying *Encouraging One Another*
- Meets the 3rd Wednesday, 1:00 pm at church
- Contact Pam Martin 400-5138

Ladies Bible Fellowship:

- Winter break until Thursday, January 12th
- Meets each Thursday at 9:30 AM at the West side community Center in Seven Lakes West.
- Currently studying - Beth Moore's study "Believing God".
- Contact Dorothy Werkmeister 400-5050

Knitting Group:

- Miscellaneous needlework projects...for babies, military, church family, Zimbabwe orphanage, and much more!
- Meets each Tuesday 1:30pm at church
- Contact Dita McGaughey 673-4716

Card Ministry:

- Send congregational greeting cards
- Contact Dita Mc Gaughey 6734-4716

Soup Kitchen:

- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Page Memorial UMC
- Contact Joan Secrest 420-2280

Email Prayer Chain:

- Send your prayer requests and praises
- Contact Sandra Salinero - prosncons@aol.com

A note from Tanya with an answer to prayer!

"I just got word that we have been given a \$2000 grant to use for the School Store next August, assuming that the new UMW team will want to do the school store."

This is great news! Our church has been involved with supplying needy students with their back to school supplies each August. Our sister church El Camino in Siler City is a Hispanic congregation in our Sanford district. Each year we see an increase in children that are in need. These additional funds will certainly be put to good use!



Jesus said: "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Check this out.....

www.sanforddistrictumc.org

Purpose of UMW

The organized unit of 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 global ministries of the church.

And another note from our hard-working district president!

"How in the world did I forget to put (Sanford district) newsletters on the web?????"

The site is www.sanforddistrictumc.org, then choose UMW for the sub menus.

"I have updated the website with all kinds of things and I have added a new link for the (Sanford District) newsletters"

2012 PRIORITY ISSUES for PUMC UMW and UMW Sanford District

- Domestic Violence
- Environmental Care
- Human Trafficking

Please be aware of these issues and share with Ann Morse any news you may come across on these issues.



Review by Pam Martin

The One Year Chronological Bible

New International Version

Well, here I am - one year after I recommended God Sightings :The One Year Bible. Did you take up the challenge and read in 2011? I stumbled a few times in the first month or two, but I finally got into the habit of daily readings. (Stumbling is hard, because then you have to get up and catch up!!) To all of you who completed the One Year Bible: Congratulations! To the rest of you: It's not too late to get started.

My plan for 2012 was to reread the One Year Bible. That's still the plan, just with a different format. This year I am reading the bible chronologically. Here's how it happened!

A few days before Christmas, Mother and I were in Sam's in Raleigh doing a little shopping. (When I say a "little shopping", I am speaking for myself! But I digress!) As is my habit, my first stop was at the book section. There it was, waiting for me, challenging me! "Come on," it seemed to say, "Take me home and read me." Before I knew it, The One Year Chronological Bible was in my cart. (It almost jumped in by itself!)

According to the introduction, "reading the Bible in chronological order will help you gain a unique perspective on the Scriptures" "Unlike a regular Bible, The One Year Chronological Bible places related passages one after another so you can see how they illuminate and complement each other."

This book contains many features to help with understanding the chronology of Biblical events, including:

- Transition Statements- a sentence or short paragraph that explains why a part of Scripture appears where it does
- Sectional Headings- a few words summarizing the content of Scripture portions
- General Timeline
- When the Books were written
- Maps of Paul's missionary journeys

I look forward to reading this Bible daily. I hope you will join me in daily Bible reading in 2012. And, as always, happy reading!

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