

# news u can use

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## Feeling Full

*"But I have all, and abound: I am full..."*  
*Philippians 4:18.*

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and I was thinking about my blessings and everything that goes along with the holiday. Of course my mind couldn't help but wander to a little turkey, dressing, and sweet potato casserole. How full you can feel when you indulge in such a big holiday meal, let alone adding a piece of pumpkin pie on top of it.

When we start dwelling on the Thanksgiving holiday, we sometime think of all those lists of things we are thankful for and we seem to think of them as separate items, but Thanksgiving is more than that. It's seeing how God works everything together until we are "full" of His blessings and of His care even through times when we don't seem to have everything we need (or want). It's at those times that we should be thankful too.

Phillipians, chapter 4 says:

*"But I have all, and abound: I am full..."* Paul wasn't just making a thankful list but he was really seeing how God had worked through each situation.

### **Conclusion:**

I don't think there is anything wrong with writing out a list of things to be thankful for. I think that's great and sometimes we all need to do that just to reflect on how the Lord has blessed us but I think sometimes we forget to see the whole of how God supplied. This is how God takes care of us. He does it through everything. Even in those times where we don't feel so blessed, the Lord is still there supplying our needs and working through our lives.

**So, how thank-full are you?**

Adapted from Julia Bettencourt's  
Devotionals for Women

*Give thanks to  
the Lord,  
for He is good!*



On October 22 and 23, thirty-four women gathered at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual PUMC Women's Retreat. The theme this year was "I Love to Tell the Story." This year's Retreat featured a book swap, donations of children's books for charity, and a display of crosses brought by participants as well as crosses loaned by Jeri Banks.

The Retreat opened with a presentation by Shirley Baldwin of her trip to the Holy Land. Shirley traced the life of Jesus through photographs that she took during her trip, as she helped us explore the setting of the story. Our next session was "Dancing the Story: Praise through Liturgical Dance" led by Sheri Evans. Sheri took us through the process of creating movements to our theme song, "I Love to Tell the Story." We later shared our interpretations during our communion service on Sunday. Jan Cashion finished the day on Saturday with "Telling the Story: Being a Witness for Christ." Jan shared her story with us and provided practical suggestions for witnessing. After dinner, a special guest, Clara Bernicken, entertained the group with stories on the theme of Hospitality. Clara gave each participant a pottery medallion imprinted with a pineapple, the symbol of hospitality.

Sunday began with a session led by Pam Martin, "Making a Connection: Your Spiritual Autobiography." Each participant received a spiritual journal in which to begin writing her autobiography. Kathy Bollenbacher directed the final session in which the participants made bracelets with beads and charms that tell the story of Jesus.

After lunch, another special guest, Rev. Wanda Hunt, conducted communion service. Tracy Kerley sang "In the Garden", and Carla Jones shared "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" on video.

The Retreat Team included the following: Shirley Baldwin, Beverly Bizzell, Kathy Bollenbacher, Nancy Bowling, Jan Cashion, Carol Dye, Sheri Evans, Mitzi Hundley, Carla Jones, Tracy Kerley, Pam Martin, Sandra Salinero, Joan Secrest, Clark Smearman, Mary Gay Shields, and Dorothy Werkmeister.

The next Retreat will be held on September 22 and 23, 2012, at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. All women of PUMC and their friends are invited to attend. Please contact Pam Martin at [pmartin54@nc.rr.com](mailto:pmartin54@nc.rr.com) or 400-5138 if you would like to help with this upcoming Retreat.



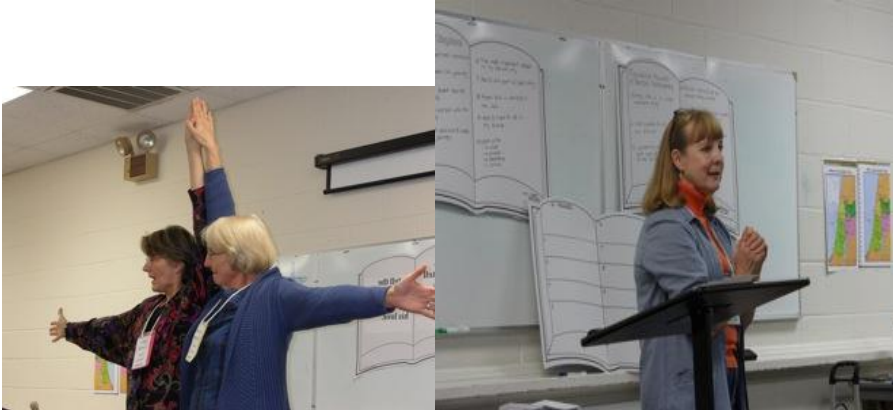
2. I love to tell the story;  
more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story,  
it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee.

And from all the ladies  
who attended....we give  
a **BIG** thank you  
to Pam Martin and  
Beverly Bizzell  
for co-chairing the  
retreat.  
Great job ladies!









*And special  
thanks to our  
photographers...  
Sandra  
Salinero  
and  
Beverly Bizzell!*

## WHY A



## FESTIVAL ?

We are called to share the gospel of Christ Jesus. What does a Chocolate Festival have to do with that great commission? Sharing one on one is certainly the best way, since our faith is based on a relationship with Him. But on a broader scale, our PUMC family can make that initial introduction to many through a community effort - like a Chocolate Festival! We have been reaching out with an annual BBQ, golf outings, Christmas Concerts, VBS, and other events. This is one more way. (And, it's a yummy way at that!)

### Through this event we can:

- SHARE our faith - by introducing a Bible Study to the community: a 6 session study on God's Grace, *Simply Relevant (Chocolate Boutique)*.
- SHARE our commitment to help others in need - by fund raising for Family Promise, Friend to Friend, Life Care Pregnancy Center, and other UMW mission projects.
- SHARE our church with the community - invite them in!
- SHARE our time together as sisters in Christ at PUMC - by working side by side in providing a meaningful event.

### Ways that you can help:

- Share our website with your friends and family: [www.pinehurstchocolatefestival.vpweb.com](http://www.pinehurstchocolatefestival.vpweb.com)
- Consider donating 4 or 5 items to be included in a theme gift basket (which will have chocolate added to it!) You can find a list of suggestions at the end of this article.
- With the holidays almost here, consider donating the shredded gift paper that often surrounds the gifts. We can use any color.
- After the first of the year, pull out your most decadent recipes and make and bake chocolate goodies for the event.
- And, when the Festival time nears, be sure to sign up to help during the actual event.
- Please pray for this event to successfully reach out to our community for Christ.

### Here are events\* that are upcoming:

- \*this newsletter may not reach you in time for the Nov. events
- Chocolate scented Candle making - Nov. 2nd, 1:00
- Chocolate Chores and Donuts - Nov. 5th, 9:30
- Chocolate scented Soap making - Dec. 5th, 10:00

### Suggestions for Gift Basket possibilities:

Gardening	Manicure	Games	College	Golf	Spa	Scrapbooking
Devotions	High School	Baby	Office	NASCAR	Teens	Housewarming
Tennis	Photography	Little Girl	Little Boy	Fishing	Travel	Valentine's Day
Cooking	Entertaining	Knitting	Picnic	Get Well	Tea for Two	Home Repair
Sports	Bible Study	Automotive	New Home	Birthday	Anniversary	Teachers
Books	Art	Bridge	MahJongg	Shopping	Coffee Lovers	Chocolate Crisis
				Toys	Best Friends	Ice Cream Social

Any other themes that we can think of!!

And, of course EVERY basket will include **chocolate!**

[www.pinehurstchocolatefestival.vpweb.com](http://www.pinehurstchocolatefestival.vpweb.com)

**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>** will be a church-wide evening  
of learning all about the

***METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME***

- sponsored by the pumc-umw
- jot the date on your calendar now!
  - details will be in the  
january/february newsletter

Ladies,

Save the date!  
September 22-23rd  
Women's retreat  
At Caraway Conference center  
Asheboro, NC

**Aurora Circle:**

- Quilting/banner making, currently working on a John Wesley banner
- Meets the 2nd Monday, 9:30am at church
- Contact Judy Forster - 215-9977

**Evening Circle:**

- Bible study and fellowship
- Currently studying *Proverbs*
- Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00pm at church
- Contact Dee Johnson - 215-8104

**Friendship Circle:**

- Bible study and fellowship
- Currently studying *Encouraging One Another*
- Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 1:00 pm at church
- Christmas luncheon at church on 12/14. All ladies welcome.
- Contact Pam Martin - 400-5138

**Ladies Bible Fellowship**

- Meets each Thursday 9:00am at the West Side Park Community Center in Seven Lakes West
- Currently doing a Beth Moore study
- Christmas luncheon at 12 noon on 12/1 at Fairwoods on 7. All ladies are invited. RSVP to: Diane at [dstark001@nc.rr.com](mailto:dstark001@nc.rr.com) by 11/30.
- Contact Dorothy Werkmeister - 910-400-5050

**Knitting Group:**

- Meets each Tuesday, 1:30 PM at church
- Contact Dita Mc Gaughey - 673-4716

**Card Ministry:**

- Send congregational greeting cards
- Contact Dita Mc Gaughey - 673-4716

**Soup Kitchen:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at Page Memorial UMC.
- Contact Joan Secrest - 420-2280

**Email prayer chain:**

- Send your prayer requests and praises
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