

news u can use

from and for the women of pinehurst umc
september/ october 2011



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Many people are drawn to fall colors. Maybe because fall colors are warm, vibrant, extraordinarily rich, and energetic. Did you ever wonder how appealing you are as a Christian? Do others gravitate to you because you are a warm, vibrant, and inviting person?

Red - stands out, gets noticed - let's stand out in a good way and reflect the brilliance of Christ.

Orange reflects warmth. As Christians we should be that warm inviting person that cares about others.

Yellow makes us think of words like cheerful, happy, and joyful. If we have Christ in our lives, these attributes should be evident.

Purple - striking and royalty. We are royalty in Christ. Our behavior should reflect that.

Brown anchors all of those bright colors....In Christ we have our anchor. Others can see if we are living for Christ and depending on Him in our lives.

Our "colors" do matter. How we act and behave is what people see when they look at us. Let's portray vibrancy, warmth, cheerfulness so that people will want to get to know us and learn about Christ through us.

*Adapted from Julia Bettencourt's
Devotionals for Women*

looking ahead...september 20th
for all women in our church



CHOCOLATE ON A MISSION

Meet the Directors! And Celebrate Chocolate and Charity!

Join PUMC women and meet the Executive Directors of the three local agencies who will benefit from the February Chocolate Festival, sponsored by your UMW:

Susan Bellew, Ex. Dir., Family Promise

Ann Friesen, Ex. Dir., Friend to Friend

Suzanne Clendenin, Life Care Pregnancy Center

Tuesday evening, September 20th, 7:00 PM, will mark the fall, opening UMW event for all the women at PUMC. We will not only be privileged to hear from these three women about the great work that is accomplished through their organizations, but we will have an opportunity to visit with them, while enjoying delectable chocolate treats at the same time.

Also you will learn more details about the Chocolate event and how this fund raiser is going to help these three agencies *and* other UMW projects. And you'll get a sneak preview of the Bible study on God's Grace: Simply Relevant (Chocolate Boutique), which will be introduced at the February festival.

You'll have an opportunity to meet this year's new officers for UMW too.

Don't miss this fun opportunity to fellowship with women who you may only see on Sunday mornings! If you don't drive after dark, please contact Ann Mason at 295-9129 for a ride. Babysitting will be provided if you contact Christy Clark at christyclark@nc.rr.com.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You need not sign up to come, but if you add your name ahead of time it does help the committee know how many chocolate goodies to prepare.

***This yummy
chocolate event
is on a mission!***

Don't miss it!

“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”

WOMEN’S RETREAT 2011

By Pam Martin

On a recent Sunday, we opened worship by singing, “I Love to Tell the Story.” Following this theme, we ended the service by singing “We’ve a Story to tell to the Nations.” Two fine hymns with a challenging message...

Was it merely a coincidence that these hymns were selected to be sung in worship so close to the time of our retreat? We know not! As I have heard many remark when the unexplainable happens, “It was a God thing.”

Did you pay close attention to the words as we sang? We sang about telling the story “...of Jesus and His love.” We sang that we’ll tell the story to those who “have never heard the message of salvation...” We sang that by telling the story evil will be conquered and the sword and spear will be shattered. By telling the story, hearts will be lifted to the Lord, and God’s truth and mercy will be known.

Wow! Did you realize the story was so powerful? But do we tell it? There is much to overcome in order to witness for Christ. Will people think we’re crazy? Or worse, some kind of a fanatic? Will we be called, in 70’s terms, Jesus Freaks? Will we appear uneducated and ignorant? Unsophisticated? Square? How do we even start to tell the story? How do we overcome our fears and self-consciousness?

These are topics that we will explore at the 5th Annual Women’s Retreat on October 22-23 at Caraway Center in Asheboro. Our own Jan Cashion will help us discover that we all have a story to share and we can be witnesses for Christ! As Jan pointed out the other day as we were talking about this, “God goes before us to prepare other’s hearts.” With God’s help, we can all learn to share the story with confidence.

Please join us at the retreat. We can all make a difference to someone through our stories.

**call pam martin/400-5138
or beverly bizzell/692-1777
for more info**



Help needed with the Chocolate Festival!

You could be a big help if you would choose to fill one of these baskets. We have the baskets - we need the items to *fill* the baskets! In most cases, 5 or 6 items are adequate. We'll add the chocolate! Want to pick one of these below, or maybe you have another idea. (For example, someone has volunteered to donate items for a UNC basket and an Ohio State basket.) Just E mail Carla at pinewildcarla@gmail.com and let her know. THANKS!

Gift Basket Possibilities:

- Entertaining - Knitting - Picnic - Tennis - Photography -
- Get Well - Automotive - Gardening - Manicure - Games - College ---
- Spa - Devotions - High School - Sports - Bible Study
- New Home - Birthday - Anniversary - Books - Art - Teens
- Golf - Baby - Office - Scrapbooking - Home repair - Little Girl -
- NACSAR - Shopping - Bridge/Mah Jongg - Housewarming
- Valentine's Day - Student - Tea for Two - Ice Cream Social
- Little Boy - Cooking - Fishing - Travel - Volunteering
- Apple for the Teacher - Chocolate Crisis - Coffee Lovers

And of course, any others that we can think of!!

Check out the new website for the
Chocolate Festival!
Google: www.pinehurstchocolatefestival.vpweb.com



EVENING CIRCLE
MONDAY EVENINGS at 7PM
Bible Study and FELLOWSHIP
Contact Dee JOHNSON 215-8104

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
Starts 9/21
AND each 3rd Wed at 1PM
Bible Study and FELLOWSHIP
Contact PAM MARTIN 400-5138

AURORA CIRCLE
(BANNER MAKING)
2nd MON 9:30 AM
Contact
Judy Forster
215-9977

WOMEN'S RETREAT
October 22-23
Contact
PAM MARTIN
400-5138
or
BEVERLY BIZZELL
692-1777

SOUP KITCHEN
2nd and 4th TUESDAYS
Contact
Joan Secest
420-2280

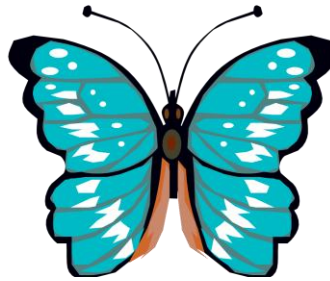
KNITTING GROUP
TUESDAYS at
1:30 PM
contact Dita
McGaughey
673-4716

CARD MINISTRY
Send congregational
greeting cards
Contact Dita
673-4716

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL
Contact Kathy Bollenbacher
295-3216

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN - contact Sandra
Salinero prosnecons@aol.com
With your requests.

and another opportunity



Friend to Friend is proud to announce, *Butterfly Boutique*, a fine apparel resale shop, located at 125 South Bennett Street downtown Southern Pines.

We are in need of various donated items including formal wear, prom dresses, gently used women and children's clothing, designer handbags, shoes, jewelry and household items. Proceeds will enable Friend to Friend to continue to provide emergency shelter, counseling, education and many other comprehensive services, free-of-charge, to domestic violence and sexual victims and their children.

Drop off at the following locations: 125 South Bennett St, Southern Pines donation box or 105 McReynolds St, Carthage. Please call 910-947-3333 for more information.

looking back... at fun times the ladies bible fellowship had this summer



looking back ... august ... siler city, el camino church school store



Thanks to all who helped to sort and count supplies on Aug.16 at PUMC. Great help made the work quick and easy.
Thanks to all who delivered, set up and handed out supplies on Aug.20 at El Camino. We served 535 children this year!
Hope all were blessed in this effort.
Ann Morse, Missions and Social Action

A very special thanks to Ann, for her co-ordination effort for this event! And, to many of you who so generously gave supplies and worked on these days.
Thanks be to God!

October 8th NC Conference Annual Meeting 9-3pm @ Methodist University, Fayetteville. Contact Beverly Bizzell at 692-1777 for more information.

Request for District Reconsideration

Posted: 31 Aug 2011 09:00 PM PDT

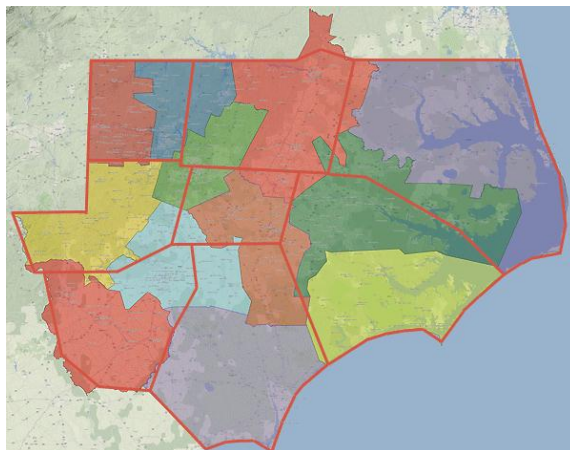
The Transition Team encourages you to have discussion about the upcoming changes to the districts in the NC conference and to provide feedback to the team. A survey was available through the end of August to gather your reflections and advice on this transition in general.

A listing has now been published showing the placement of all churches in the NC Conference within the new proposed district lines. The Transition Team requests that you review this listing and provide feedback if it seems that your church might better be aligned with a different district than is proposed. This is of particular importance for the churches near district lines.

If, after considering the proposed alignment, you and other church leaders would like to request that your church be moved to a different district, please **complete this form** and submit it to the Transition Team for consideration. We encourage you to engage this discussion at a church council or planning meeting so as to gather input from many perspectives in your church.

All requests must be submitted by September 30, 2011. You may **enter this information online** or by **completing this on paper** and mailing it to NCCUMC, Attn: Christine Dodson, 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner, NC 27529. Feedback on all requests will be provided by December 31, 2011 to the person submitting the request.

*Click the image below to view the **previous post on the District realignment**.*



Immediate need for Flood Buckets!

Posted: 01 Sep 2011 12:05 PM PDT

We have an immediate need for FULLY assembled flood buckets. Due to the large numbers of flood buckets that we have sent to hurricane victims, we are in immediate need of replenishing our stock to continue our response to flood victims.

Please do not send partially completed buckets or supply items. We need fully assembled buckets ready for immediate shipment.

Please deliver the assembled buckets to the Conference warehouse at 676 Community Dr. Goldsboro NC between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. Please contact Charlie Gray at (919) 810-2217 or Barry Merrill at (919) 922-1499 to coordinate delivery.

Please pack the bucket as noted below:

Cleaning Bucket Kit Items

5-gallon bucket with resalable lid

Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned.

Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner.

Advertisements on the outside are acceptable

- **liquid laundry detergent** (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only)
- **liquid household cleaner** 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water - no spray cleaners
- **dish soap** 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- **1 can air freshener** aerosol or pump
- **1 insect repellent spray** 6 – 14 oz. aerosol spray pump with protective cover
- **1 scrub brush** plastic or wooden handle
- **18 cleaning wipes** handi wipes or reusable wipes - no terry cleaning towels remove from packaging
- **7 sponges** remove from wrapper
- **5 scouring pads** remove from wrapper
- **clothesline** two 50ft. or one 100ft. cotton or plastic
- **24 roll heavy duty trash bags** remove from the box
- **5 dust masks**
- **2 pair disposable kitchen gloves** rubber or latex - remove from packaging
- **1 pair work gloves** -cotton or leather

Assembling Directions Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Important Notes All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.

-All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please.

-If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.

"stuff"

"stuff"?? What's that ??? Well, you know it's just stuff that you thought was interesting, funny, enlightening, helpful, encouraging, etc., etc. and you thought someone else might like it too. Send your "stuff" to Carla at bncjones@nc.rr.com

Mary had a little Lamb



his fleece was white as snow, and everywhere that Mary went, the Lamb was sure to go. He followed her to school each day. Wasn't even in the rule. It made the children laugh and play to have the Lamb at school. And then the rules all changed one day, illegal it became; to bring the Lamb of God to school, or even speak His name. Everyday got worse and worse. And days turned into years. Instead of hearing children laugh, we heard of drugs, gun shots and tears. What must we do to stop the crime, that's in our schools today? Let's bring the Lamb of God back to school, and teach our kids to pray!

Interested in checking out some past issues of "news u can use"?
Go to pinehurstumc.org and look under United Methodist Women and then newsletters.

A personal note...

Thanks to so many of you that prayed for Bob and me during his recent heart attack and bypass surgery. We were in Oklahoma with some of our family, which was a gracious gift from God.

Your prayers, notes, cards, etc. were so uplifting to our family. We truly felt God's peace through this time. We thank you for your comforting words! God is good!

Carla