

Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

September - October 2016

OUR KNOWN ILL:

AT HOME

Barbara Kerr Martha Dunn
Jean Parker Ellen Tew
Steve Jones Jack Perry
Diane Westerbeek

Doc Fields—Southwood; Rm. 109
Fay Gaddy—Rolling Ridge, Newton Grove
Frances Hubbard—GlenAire

Others:

Angie Prucha -(Daughter of Edwin Danford)
Lucille Sessoms-(Mother of Deborah Hall)
Patsy Thomasson-(mother of Trish Sessoms)

SYMPATHY TO:

Jeff Heath and family on the passing of his mother, Mae Bowen Heath.

Ardella and Vickie Boyette and family on the passing of her son, her brother, Stanly "Corky" Boyette.

Membership Rosters of those eligible to serve as officers of GMPC continue to be available for the upcoming elections. **Nomination Forms** will be included as bulletin inserts through Sunday, October 2nd.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on October 9th for Elder and Deacon elections. The 2016 - 17 Nominating Committee would like to thank the congregation for your prayerful consideration in making nominations for the officer elections. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. UCare, Inc., will hold a vigil at GMPC on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in recognition of domestic violence survivors and those who have left us much too early. Break the Silence. Break the Cycle.

Our **First Wednesday Fellowship and Covered Dish Meals** will begin in October ... it's very much like having our "summer picnics" all year long! See you on October 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the MacQueen Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dishes to share! We thank the Congregational Care Committee and all volunteers for continuing this program. *October Host: Congregational Care Committee*

Adult Fall Bible Study will be held weekly on Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. (5:30 p.m. on our First Wednesday Fellowship & Covered Dish nights) in the Memorial Room. Please plan to join us as Dr. Moran leads us in our Fall Bible Study. *Note change of evening time.

GMPC's Young@Heart: October 6th: (Rescheduled Due to Weather) (2:00 – 8:00 pm, Country Barn/Mike's Farm for dinner & hay ride, cost: \$20.00; **October 20th:** Depart 8:30 a.m. to Baden Lake/Morrow Mountain for lunch at Baden Tree House/visit to Sea Grove Pottery; **November 15th:** 3:00 p.m. Bunco & Bingo in the GMPC fellowship Hall/ "Stone Soup" for dinner & **December 12th:** Noon Catered Lunch w/ Christmas Carol sing-a-long in the fellowship hall. Contact Lou Johnson for more information or to sign up. Thank you.

COMING SOON: Friends & Faith Ministry (formerly Shepherding Families) to begin in January. If you are interested in serving as part of this new ministry, please contact Brenda Nordin for more information or to share your willingness.

GMPC's 2016-2017 Resident Directory will be available in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, October 16, 2016.

The 2017 Annual Operating Budget Response Card will be mailed Monday, October 17, 2016. Please prayerfully consider your response to God's grace.

GMPC Prayer Quilt Ministry meets monthly on the third Tuesday's at 9:30 a.m. in the GMPC Fellowship Hall. Do not worry if you can not sew, that is only one aspect of creating these quilts. See you on October 18, 2016!

GMPC's Fall Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016 beginning at 8 a.m. This is a great time to come together and tidy up our Sunday School rooms, change bulletin boards, organize closets, work outside, etc. If there is an area that you are aware of that needs some special attention, please speak with one of our Property Committee members or the Church Office to bring it to their attention. See you on the 22nd!

Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service & Covered Dish Luncheon will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2016. This is always a delightful service in which we celebrate our Presbyterian heritage. This years Processional of the Tartan will be directed by Anne Faircloth & Jennifer Bradley with the luncheon being organized by Crystal & Jan Faison and Committee. If you and/or your family would like to participate in this years Kirkin' O' the Tartans Service or are in need of someone to carry your family's banner, please contact the church office by October 21st. We ask that all banners be brought to the church office by Oct. 21st as well. *Volunteers are needed to carry banners. Let the office know if you are available to help.

Response / Dedication Sunday will be November 6th. The congregation is encouraged to bring your 2017 annual financial commitment to submit during worship. The Stewardship Committee and the Treasurer greatly appreciates everyone's prompt response to the 2017 Budget of GMPC and your continued support to the GMPC Building Fund.

WORDS FROM DR. JIM MORAN:

My friends,

Paul and Timothy have a father/son relationship which formed on the first missionary journey to Lystra, as recorded in Acts 13:1-14:28, around 45 A.D. (Oden, Interpretation Commentary, 1989, JKP, p. 4) In First Timothy 1:18, Paul even writes, "I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience." Timothy is Paul's child in the faith. Having that kind of close relationship is one of the keys to creating faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. In his letters to Timothy, Paul teaches him what it means to be the church and how the church leader organizes and guides the local church. Paul reminds himself and Timothy of the "sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you." (2 Timothy 1:5) Their close relationship reminds me that we build relationships around Graves Memorial that grow a sincere faith, maybe also a faith we learned first at the feet of our grandmother and/or mother. At the feet of our parents and grandparents is usually the birthing place of our faith. Our ancestors knew how important their faith was as the source of our faith.

Think back. Who was your Lois or your Eunice? Whoever your answer is may not even be blood related to you. My grandfather on my father's side, Granddaddy Big Joe, and my grandmother on my mother's side, Grandmama, is where my faith first lived, a sincere, bed-rock faith. I knew in whom they trusted: Jesus Christ. They didn't make a huge deal about it, but they went to church and had a big heart. When I was with them, I made church faithfully. Have you remembered your grandmother and your mother in the faith? May your remembrance of their sincere faith keep you through both the joyful and the sorrowful days. May the love of God be with you,
Jim

GMPC PRAYS: It has been said that prayer changes things but that it also changes us. Join with the other members of GMPC in the prayer services being held each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. through October 9. What a privilege! What an opportunity to seek peace, purity and unity in our families, church and world!

PRAISE and GRATITUDE SERVICE: Between now and October 16, accept the challenge to end each day with a conscious thought of 3 things for which you are grateful. If you do so, you will be fully prepared to raise the rafters with praise during the 11 o'clock Praise and Gratitude Service being held on that day. Join the other members of GMPC in this uplifting worship! Blessings will be yours!
~Stewardship Committee, Worship Committee, Balcony Team, & Staff

OUR CHILDREN:

PresbyMusic (1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday of every month from 3 – 5 p.m. for 3rd – 8th grade)

PresbyCrew (2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month from 3 – 5 p.m. for Kindergarten – 5th grade)

PresbyMusic and PresbyCrew have gotten off to a wonderful start with our Wednesday programs. We have 20 children signed up for PresbyMusic and a record number of 46 children signed up for PresbyCrew. Our PresbyMusic children are learning to play handbells and practicing music for the Christmas season as they fine tune their beautiful voices. Our PresbyCrew children are enjoying bible study, music, recreation & enrichment/craft classes. Registration for both of these programs is still open. Plan to join us and bring a friend! To register your child (ren) and/or volunteer your time for either of these programs, please contact Lou Johnson.

Computer Lab, during the Sunday school hour (9:45 a.m.) will be taught on the 1st Sunday monthly for 3rd-5th grade by Ms. Linda Carr and on the 2nd Sunday monthly for K-2nd grade by Dr. Beth and/or Richard Bryan. Come and check out our faith based programs, designed to uphold Christians values, as we learn about Jesus

Sunday School: Sunday mornings at 9:45

PRESBYTERIAN MEN OR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:

~The next **Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. here at GMPC. All men are invited to gather for a time of fellowship with FUMC and 1st Baptist Church! We encourage you to join us and help in building this year's participation! See you October 9th!

~**October PW Circle Meetings** are as follows: (Bible Leader for October: Jim Moran)
 Circle #1 will meet on the 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Glenda Underwood (104 Barrus Avenue);
 Circle #2 will meet on the 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room.
 Circle #3 will meet on the 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Room with a salad luncheon to follow.

Youth Happenings: Please mark your calendars!

We had a wonderful trip to the Corn Maze with 13 youth participating from GMPC and 13 from Westminster Presbyterian in Fayetteville. We enjoyed fellowship and a meal together on Saturday evening. Thank you Russell Byrd and Trey Fetterman for cooking the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. Ms. Lou

1. October 2nd – **2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Service project** for member of GMPC (opportunity for youth to make \$300.00 for Snow skiing trip) We could use parents' help too!
2. October 9th – Guest speaker - CPR First Aid certification opportunity... More details to come
3. October 16th – **Outreach project** at the church
4. October 23rd – **Youth vs. Parent Kick-ball game**
5. October 30th – **Trunk-or-treat** ... details to come (youth will decorate trunks of cars and hand out candy to the children of our church, other churches, PresbyCrew and PresbyMusic children along with our church neighborhood children)

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES:

~ **Socks and Underwear Needed:** Following the recent flooding disasters in West Virginia, Louisiana, and elsewhere, the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina has been asked to supply NEW (in the package) socks & underwear for school-age children. GMPC will collect donations thru October 7, 2016. Donations may be left outside the church office. We thank you in advance.

~ **We thank our Presbyterian Women,** Diane Westerbeek & Bonnie Barr, for the wonderful job they did preparing and serving lunch at the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina E3: Learning Fair held at Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church on Sept. 17th.

~ **CAKES NEEDED** for the October 13th First Baptist Soup Kitchen. We ask that all cakes be delivered to the GMPC kitchen by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 12th. *Please contact Nancy Perry to sign up/place your name on the October list.

~ Copies of **These Days**, October - December 2016, are available in the narthex and outside the church office.

~ **Ugandan Thunder African Children's Choir, Under The Mango Tree Tour:** First Baptist Church (408 College Street) Invites you to join them on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. as they welcome 22 multi-talented children, ages 9 –16 from the Royal School and Orphanage in Uganda. For more info please visit <http://penniesforposho.org/ugandan-thunder/#registry>.

~ **New: Friendship Forms are now available at each pew.** We ask that everyone, members & guest, please take a moment each Sunday to fill out this new Friendship Form.

~ **A special thank you to everyone who participated in the GMPC Youth Diaper Drive to benefit the Diaper Bank of Sampson County.** Working together GMPC placed overall in most monetary donations collected (\$400.00) (Grove Park Baptist: overall diapers collected). GMPC's youth was rewarded with free yogurt on September 18, courtesy of Sweet Frog. THANK YOU!

~ **Diaper Bank of Sampson County:** Donations of diapers (all brands and sizes, to include adult diapers), diaper wipes and diaper rash cream are collected. A collection bin is located in the GMPC fellowship hallway for your convenience. *For more info. contact Chris Driver: cdriver82@gmail.com, cell #990-7436.

~ **Backpack Buddies Program:** Volunteers meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Sunset Avenue School to pack food bags for over 250 "food insecure" Clinton City School children, ages Pre K - 8th grade. What you can do to help: *Volunteer Your Time! Donate Food Items! (canned soups, juice boxes, raisins, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, pop tarts, trail mix & individual cereal boxes)* *A Back Pack Buddies food drop off container is located in the Fellowship Hallway.

~ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at First Baptist Soup Kitchen (408 College Street) on Thursdays, Weekly from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. *11:00 – 3:00: Cooking, 3:00 – 5:00: Deliveries, 5:00 – 7:00: Serving. (Volunteer for the whole day or as your schedule allows.)

~ **MISSIONS: Christian Food Bank of Salemburg,** every third Saturday, monthly, bags of food are given to those in need beginning at 9:00 a.m. What you can do to help: *Volunteer Your Time! Donate Food Items (container located in fellowship hallway)!*

~ **Love for Chariti Rayner Golf Tournament:** October 28th (Banquet) & 29th (Golf Tournament at Timberlake). Canned drinks, paper products, monetary donations & volunteers needed. Contact Deanna Weaver for more info.: 592-3527. Thank you.

EDUCATIONAL / SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER 2016:

02

Crib/Toddler Nursery: (Nancy & Lauren Perry, Mary Doyne, Sarah Day) 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Mary Lou Faircloth

Melina Matthews

09

Allison Brock

Ruthie Brock

16

Mac Spell

Jan & Ella Faison

23

Mariana Sanderson

Lizzy Tart

30

Nancy Cowand

Trish, Olivia & Addie Sessoms

Acolytes: (Brenda Nordin)

Ava Williford

Melina Matthews

Will Johnson

Connor Johnson

Julian Beaujeu-Dufour

Jase Westerbeek

John Barwick

Silas Bradley

Kirkin': Beadle

Worship Readiness: October Leader: Lucy Lockamy

Kindergarten—2nd Grade Class:

Lucy Lockamy

Computer Lab

Penny Horne

Darby Scott

Penny Horne

3rd—5th Grade Class:

Computer Lab

Kristi Williford

Mary Lou Faircloth

Linda Jewell Carr

Mac Spell

Jr. High Youth Class:

James Dodson

Lou Johnson

Paul Viser

James Dodson

Anne Wicke

Sr. High Youth Class:

Lou Johnson

Diane Viser

Russell Byrd

Charlotte Harrell

Diane Viser

Memorial Room: (Dorothy Sue Faison)

Jim Moran

Amelia Surratt

TBA

Boyde Bristow

Fifth Sunday

Care Class: (Brenda Nordin)

Lee Howard

Paul Viser

Ellen Tew

Nita Aiken

Fifth Sunday

Corner Stone Class: (James Dodson)

Anthony Sessoms

Melvin Weaver

Paul Viser

Joel Coleman

Anthony Sessoms

Literature Class: (Denise Moran)

PresbyCrew:(Lou Johnson) We always welcome extra volunteers...come any time you can!

10/12 Team 1: Mary Aycock, Penny Horne, Darby Scott, Mac Spell, Claire Tart, Lizzy Tart, Jan Tart, Amelia Surratt, Linda Williamson

10/26 Team 2: Annette Newton, Betty Blue Packard, Nancy Perry, Amelia Surratt, Claire Tart, Lizzy Tart, Diane Viser, Dale Purcell, Anne Price

Snacks: 10/12 Nita Aiken & 10/26 Mary Lou Faircloth

Meals-on-Wheels: (Anne Price)

10/04 Bill & Tamara Peterson

10/18 John & Amelia Surratt

Ushers: (Richard Bryan) Note: A yearly list is posted on the bulletin board outside the office

Richard Bryan, Boyde Bristow, Mike Carter, Jeff Heath, Gib Palmer, Bill Peterson, Hal Price

Flower Committees: (Mac Spell)

10/02 Communion

10/09 Wilbert and Mary Lou Faircloth, Children, and Grandchildren celebrate the memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred Butts, Mr. and Mrs. Croom Faircloth and Miss Carole Faircloth today with a gift to our budget in lieu of flowers. To God be the glory.

10/16 Memorial for Mr. Eugene Bryan Carr by Mrs. Faye Carr

10/23 Memorial for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Len Jones by Mrs. Juanita Cantrell and Family

10/30 Memorial for Mrs. Edna Knox Anderson, Mr. John Arthur Knox, Mr. George Allen "Bo" Anderson, Mrs. Elizabeth Knox Denton and Linda Knox Tufts by Ms. Ellen Tew

GMPC Choir & Handbells: CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on 1st

Wednesdays to accommodate Fellowship Meals beginning in October).

HANDBELLS PRACTICE: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

** New members are always welcome! Please consider joining one or both of these wonderful opportunities!*

Lectionary Text for October:

02) Ps. 137 or Lam. 3:19-26; Lam. 1:1-6; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10;

09) Ps. 66:1-12; Jer. 29:1, 4-7; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19;

16) Ps. 119:97-104; Jer. 31:27-34; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-18;

23) Ps. 65; Joel 2:23-32;

2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14;

30) Ps. 119:137-144;

Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4;

2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Happy Birthday During October:

1) Joy Prestage; 02) Betty Blue Packard, Edwin Danford, Lois Denny; 03) Steven Fulton; 04) Jean Powell, Michael Murphrey; 05) Darby Scott, Ellen V. Rayburn; 09) Margaret Carter, Trish Sessoms, Wes Purcell, Gracin Palmer; 11) Kathy Peay; 12) Morgan & Savannah Jackson; 13) James Dodson; 14) Bill Fulton, Calvin Hall; 15) Beth Stewart; 17) Bryan Miller; Adrienne Tucker; 18) Kathy Mertz, Kristin Spell, Glenda Underwood; 20) Jeffrey Hobbs; 21) Glenice Webster, Logan O'Quinn; 22) Olivia Barwick, Taylor Grace Driver; 23) Plato Faison, Max Prestage; 26) Ardella Boyette, Stan Mertz, Ted Rives; 28) Henry Lamb, Jason Williford; 29) Maria Lindsay; 30) Kim Bouchard, Logan Dodson, Rebekah Bryan; 31) Ann MacGill