

NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



We are fast approaching the season of Advent in the life of our church. For the past 3 years the Library Board has provided Advent Devotionals to help with your personal and family preparation for celebrating the birth of our Savior. These Devotionals were prepared "in house" and written by church members and friends. This year the Board decided to purchase generic Devotionals which have been carefully chosen for you. These booklets will be available for you to "pick up" before the start of Advent, in the Library, at the communication distribution centers, and from Library Board members. We encourage you to use them as a part of your Advent preparation as a family, a couple, or an individual.



The UMM will meet on November 27. at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast. This is the day that the Chrismon tree will be erected in the sanctuary, as well as other decorations for the Advent season. Everyone is invited to breakfast and to assist with this task.



The UMW will meet November 2 in the New Hope Classroom at 1:30 p.m. The program will be our World Thank Offering with Peggy Chesney as program leader - hostesses - Yolande Martin and Gernie Speer.

The UMW welcomes two new members - Janet Stephenson and Julie Wilbur; both have taken an officer position.

A reminder of the district Annual meeting and officer's training on November 6 at 9:30 a.m. at First UMC in Newport. The cost is \$7 which includes lunch.

A thank you to all who collected box top coupons for the Lakota Indians. Please continue to do so. It's so appreciated.

Don't forget to bring pocket change to meetings which will be donated to the Children's Outreach Program.

Just a reminder that quite a number of books and videos "checked out" of the Library have failed to be returned in a timely manner. Please check to see if you have any "overdue" items or look at the list posted on the Bulletin Board in the Library. Please drop returns in the Return Box in the Library. Do not put items back on the shelf. Thank you for using the Library and for your donations.

We want to express a special appreciation

*Thanks
to Our
Sunday
School
Crew*



to Angie and Randy Rogers and Scott Schroeder who have given generously of their time and commitment

as Sunday School teachers of our Sr. High and Jr. High youth. Angie, Randy and Scott have done a super job as teachers of these classes. We will be recruiting new teachers for these classes in the near future. Please pray that we are able to recruit the persons that God would want to fill these positions as teachers and mentors of our youth.

GETTING FIT AGAIN: The Water Aerobics group meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at **10:00 a.m.** at the Jefferson County Community Center. We invite you to join us for exercise, and Christian fellowship. For more information, contact Shay Patterson (397-6844).



The Hanging of the Greens service will be on November 28 at 6 pm. This is one of the more meaningful services of the year. We will have a time to share finger food and fellowship following the service in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite goodies.



FUNERAL PALL

The Memorial Committee of Dandridge First United Methodist Church has purchased a pall for use at funerals. This is a beautiful white cloth with a large embroidered gold antique satin cross in the center and a smaller gold cross on each end. It is draped over the closed casket and may be used instead of a floral spray. The pall is available to any church family that should desire to use it to cover the casket in the church, at a funeral home, or at a gravesite.

The funeral pall offers powerful symbolism within the funeral service. Initially the pall was black, the color of death and mourning. However, the use of the color white became the norm, symbolizing life, hope, victory, and resurrection. White is the color of the Easter paraments (hangings and vestments) and reminds us that like Jesus, we all will be resurrected from the dead. The white draped pall also reminds us of the promise found in Revelation 6:11, where those who remained faithful in life are given a white robe. The covering of the coffin in white symbolizes that those who die in the Lord face God clothed in the robe of Christ's purity and righteousness. Moreover, the pall reminds us that whether we can afford the most expensive casket or even the simplest one, we are all equal in the eyes of God, for we all are covered in the same grace of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in seeing or using the pall, please contact Janie in the office.



JOYFUL HEARTS: Senior Adults Ministry
November 11 at 12 noon: Our next meeting will be a covered dish Thanksgiving meal and the meat will be provided. Everyone bring a covered dish of vegetables or a dessert. Our program guests will be the Donelson's who will provide a variety of music. Invite someone to come with you.

Wonderful Wednesdays:

Praise Service - 6:00 -6:30 pm
 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Children's Choir, Youth Fellowship, Adults Studies and Yarns of Love Knitting Group..

WOMEN OF FAITH

ATTENTION TO ALL LADIES WHO ARE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 12 -13. **The bus will be leaving the church on Friday, November 12 at 5:30 a.m. Bring a pillow and coverlet so you can sleep on the bus on the way to Greensboro, NC.** This year our tickets include the Friday morning session at 10:00 a.m. Our return to Dandridge will be on Saturday night at approximately 10:00 pm.



The Women of Faith are selling pecans, walnuts, and more for your holiday baking. Please help support the group by purchasing from one of the Women of Faith (pre-book) or the table that will be located in the side hall about mid-November. The nuts will be here the week of November 14th.



CHILDREN'S COUNCIL: Our next meeting is Monday, November 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. Planning for 2011 will be our agenda.



Singing His Praises!

Rehearsals are in full swing as all of our choirs are preparing for the Christmas celebration. November will feature several groups as we thank our God for his blessings. Our Chancel bells will be playing at the All Saints Service on Nov. 7th. This time of worship promises to be very meaningful as we acknowledge what God has done for us and those who have passed on before us. Our Chancel Choir will be singing a special anthem with cellist, Ishan Kartal on Nov. 21st. Ishan will also play an offertory for us on that day. Nov. 28th will be our Hanging of the Green worship service and all of our choirs will participate in that beautiful advent celebration.

Our Youth Choir will be going on retreat Nov. 19-21 at Fall Creek Falls. We will be back for the 11 am worship service on the 21st. We will leave on Friday the 19th after school. We will be joining FBC Woodbury for the retreat as we prepare Christmas music to jointly present on Dec. 5th in Woodbury and Dec. 12th here at our church.

Wonderful Wednesdays have gone very well in the last month as we made our changes to our schedule. I appreciate our Praise Team for being flexible and being willing to lead this worship time as well as some Sunday mornings. Our Children's and Chancel Choirs have been very willing to adjust schedules. I want to thank everyone for your spirit of cooperation and support.



- November 1 Wendell Shepherd
- 1 George Parrott
- 6 Austin Stepp
- 8 Rianna Caustic
- 8 Logan Clevenger
- 10 Ryan Baker
- 10 Ben Goddard
- 11 Millicent Thompson
- 12 Pam Stepp
- 12 Anderson Gass
- 12 Karen Everett
- 12 Brooklyn Devotie
- 13 Carolyn Rinehart
- 13 Kris Anderson
- 15 Julia Schneider
- 17 Carol Thompson
- 18 Rae Hutchins
- 21 Linda Phipps
- 22 Megan Campbell
- 22 Carol Bradley
- 23 Annette Sampson
- 24 Alex Sharpe
- 27 Dianna Jaynes
- 29 Jodie Wright



GREETERS

Sandy Poehler, Chris Umberger

USHERS

*David Dezan, Chris Umberger
Paul Samson, Mack Fox

SEPTEMBER 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

Non-budget (Designated)	2554.85
General Fund	<u>28352.37</u>
	\$ 30907.22

Expenses

<u>Non-Budget Accounts</u>	1796.88
 <u>Budget Accounts</u>	
Annual Conference	600.00
Apportionments	
Conference	4084.55
Children	63.44
Education	2.80
Employee Health Benefits	866.00
Insurance (Workers comp)	333.00
Maintenance	58.08
Music	531.52
Office	1249.34
Parsonage	140.00
Pastor's Miscellaneous	29.94
Salaries	14627.82
Utilities	1880.21
Worship	<u>100.15</u>
Total Budget	\$23966.85

Other Expenses	
Van Funds Trans to Savings	<u>3000.00</u>

Total Expenses \$28763.73

Net Income 2143.49

INCOME STATEMENT

Beginning Balance

Checking Acct. Bal	
On September 1	\$4038.02
Net Income	<u>2143.49</u>

Ending Balance

Checking Acct. Bal.	
On September 30, 2010	\$ 6181.51

ALL SAINTS SERVICE

The All Saints Service will be held this year on November 7 at 6:30 p.m. We will remember persons who hold a special place in our hearts. If you have someone you would like remembered at this service, please submit the name(s) to the office by Sunday, October 31. These people do not have to have been members of this church, just someone who was important in your life. Please legibly print the name(s) below. You may put this in the offering plate.

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____



Please assist us with
your contribution of
\$15 or more
In Honor or Memory
of a loved one to
beautify our church for
the
celebration of
the birth of Christ

IN HONOR OF

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

IN MEMORY OF

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

in Autumn's wake
and apples are crisp
in the first chill breezes of fall.

Let us remember the true meaning
of Thanksgiving.
As we see the beauty
of Autumn, let us acknowledge
the many blessings
which are ours...
let us think of our families
and friends..
and let us give thanks in our hearts.

~~Author Unknown~~

THANKSGIVING IS...

Thanksgiving is a
time of gratitude to God,
our Creator and Provider,
whose guidance and care
go before us...
and whose love
is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is a time
to reflect on the changes,
to remember that we, too,
grow and change
from one season of life to another.

Thanksgiving is a time
of changing seasons,
when leaves turn golden

