

The Happenings!

Pleasant Grove UMC
November and December 2014



Notes from the Pastor

For most of 2014, I have had the privilege of leading a Bible study for the men of the Westminster Rescue Mission. This is a mission that addresses addiction recovery through a Christ Centered program. These men have deep and penetrating addictions to drugs and alcohol that have had disastrous effects on their body and spirit. Yet, gradually I see recovery and repentance take hold of their lives. It is a rewarding experience to share the good news of Jesus Christ to a bunch of men eager to hear the word.

On the last Sunday in October, our church had the joy in participating in the baptism of Rusty. At the Westminster Rescue Mission, Rusty had a "reawakening" by the Spirit and felt that he needed to be baptized to show himself and the world of his repentance and emerging new life in Christ. Some of Rusty's family was present and participated in the service. Bob Kirkland, a member of PGUMC and clean and sober for over 37 years stood with Rusty to indicate the love and support that our congregation can extend to our neighbors.

Join us for worship so that the Spirit can also be given an opportunity to invade your life.

Blessings,

Dick



Worship

We are now entering into the late fall and the beginning of winter (ugh!). It is during this time of the year that we begin to sense the coming of the Christ Child and all of the preparations that we undertake. Here is our worship schedule:

November

Nov. 2 nd	"All Saints Day"
Nov. 9 th	"The Willet Band"
Nov. 16 th	Which Pocket Drives You" (stewardship)
Nov. 23 rd	"Money and the Meaning of Life" (stewardship)
Nov. 30 th	"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

December

Dec. 7 th	"Ave Maria"
Dec 14 th	"Mary's Song"
Dec. 21 st	"The Benedictus"
Dec. 24 th	"The First Carol of Christmas"
Dec. 28 th	"Simeon's Song"

Just a short note about worship: The first three Sundays in November will find that the sanctuary is closed for some much needed renovation and painting. We will worship in the Tracey Building Nov 2nd and Nov 16th and in the Social Hall on Nov.9th. On the 23rd we will have an appreciation service for the completion of the renovation and the addition of a new sound system.



Education

Young Children class is led by Sara Taylor's and revolves around stories from the Bible which are enhanced by music, games and crafts. Sara and her daughters are very dedicated to the Christian education of the young children.

Older Children class led by Helen Kemp is looking into digging deeper into the events and stories about the life of Jesus. Crafts are becoming key to helping the youth explore and develop their faith.

Both classes meet in the Sanctuary for the opening portions of worship and then depart at 10:45 to the Tracey Building for their classes.

Adult Class On November 2nd the Adult Class will begin with a new video series by Adam Hamilton -

"Revival, Faith as Wesley Lived It"

John Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. Join Adam Hamilton for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

Please consider attending. We meet at 9AM on Sunday morning. Pastor Dick is the facilitator.



Altar Care

On each of the major worship days in 2014, members are setting up special altars that reflect the theme of the day and the personal touch of the families. Be prepared for some creative and exciting new designs on our altar.



Sunday Nov. 9th 10:30AM

Willet is a band comprised of brothers, Jeremy, Justin and Jordan from Westminster, MD with a vision to serve unreached people globally. The band has been serving in full-time ministry since 2006, performing and releasing recordings internationally.

Over the past 8 years, Willet has had the opportunity to mobilize over 450,000 nutritious meals for school feeding programs worldwide while also raising over \$8 million for community development projects through child sponsorship. As a part of these initiatives, the band has led worship, preached, and participated in community transformation projects in Ethiopia, Mozambique, Haiti, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Bahamas, Jamaica and the UK.

In 2014 and 2015, the band is partnering with New Mission Systems International to focus ministry to unreached groups of people with plans to continue its 1 Million Meal goal.



Getting to Know Us . . . United Methodist Women

Submitted By: Vola Osborn

Some of you may not be familiar with the United Methodist Women and their purpose in the church community. Any women who commits herself to the "purpose" and chooses to belong may join. You do not have to be a member of our church. Local units vary in size from six members to more than six hundred. Programs of the units are developed by each unit using a

variety of materials with a focus on women, children and youth missions.

Pleasant Grove UMW was actually formed in January 1904 as "The Ladies Aid Society: and continued through the years to currently become the United Methodist Women. The Pleasant Grove UMW are involved in many projects on a regular basis, both with the District and in our own church community. Some of these projects include making casseroles for "Our Daily Bread," supporting the Red Bird Appalachian Mission, supporting Shepherds' Staff by not only funds, but filling baggies with items for the homeless to be able to shower and do their laundry. During the winter months we have sewing days. We make dresses for the Haitian children and donate money to help with the shipping. This project was brought to us by "Least of These Ministries" by Steve and Ann Hall. During the Baltimore Washington Conference I met Fred Sipes who is in charge of the UMCOR hub at Bentley Springs. He gave me a pattern for school bags that needed to be filled with school supplies which were donated. I delivered 16 to him and we are currently working on more. We are happy to have Barbara Oliver join us, she is already working on school bags and little boys paints to be sent to Haiti.

United Methodist Women also provide member and families of our congregation who have suffered a loss with funeral lunches. We often send "Sunshine Cards" to church member for birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses, etc just to let them know that we care. We also lend assistance to the church when we can, whether it be in helping to pay a heating bill, sewing curtains, purchasing new equipment for the Hall kitchen or preparing and serving food for fellowship events.

For resources to fund our missions we spend two days at the Arcadia Steam Show and hold our own Christmas Bazaar at the end of October. For a little pleasure and a way of including others in our activities we sponsor a bus trip. We also join Reisterstown UMW for several of their events and recently attended the district UMW Fall meeting.

If you are interested in attending a UMWomen meeting or just want to help out with one of our great project, please contact Vola Osborn and 410-429-3922.

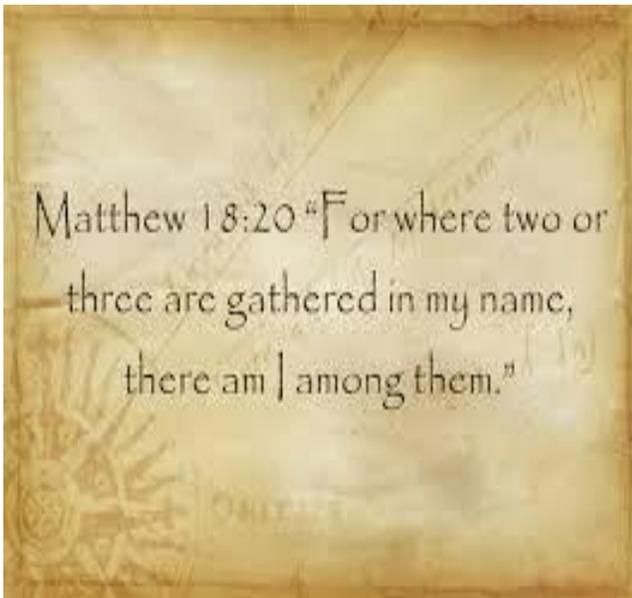




November & December Birthdays

11/5 Art Smith
11/10 Joe Tracey
11/13 Bruce Oliver
11/15 Bob Martin
11/15 Jody Roblyer
11/17 Sara Taylor
11/18 Georgianna Harvey

12/7 Helen Kemp
12/8 William Arnold
12/10 Ruth Warren
12/11 Fred Schaefer
12/16 Jennifer Sterling
12/19 Sarah Schriefer
12/20 David McElroy
12/21 Kelly Schaefer



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