



Pleasant Times

September 2011

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Message from Pastor Dick

This summer really has been hot. I have been unable to take care of my garden the way I have in the past, and now the weeds and the dry spell have really created a problem for me. My tomatoes are shot, the beans eaten by the rabbits and the and the groundhogs are having a field-day romping around. This summer has been a summer of change. In spite of the organized chaos, I am settling into my pastoral role. Even though I moved into the office in the Tracey Building on July 1st, I am still unpacking boxes, arranging files and trashing unwanted stuff. Moving is a big deal and filled with setbacks and opportunities to simplify our stuff.

Every two months, we will be sending you the newsletter either in hard-copy or electronically. You can choose which way you would like to receive it. Also, each week, we send out the Pleasant E-News that helps keep our members informed as to what is happening.

Please look through this newsletter carefully.
You will discover new things happening:

Beginning **September 11th** our worship time will be **10:30 AM**.

Also, we will have a very special worship Service on **September 11th** as we remember the Tenth anniversary of that horrific day in Shanksville, PA; at The Pentagon and at Ground Zero in New York City.

Additionally on **Sept. 11th**, we will begin a Pre-K thru 5th grade Sunday school program.
Please look for some further information in this Newsletter.

A **new** adult education program will begin on Sunday, October 2. Stay tuned for more information.

Our website ---

www.PleasantGroveUMCMD.org
will be up and running before October 1st.

I continue to believe that God is leading us as we move into a new era of ministry. We are on a path of discernment and discovery as all of us seek to find the awesome plan that God has for us. You can help to discover this plan by coming to worship each Sunday. We worship God by our presence and by our commitment to our friends and neighbors who also worship with us. The Spirit is moving in our church!!

Dick

New Worship time Beginning September 11th we will have worship at 10:30 AM.

We have adjusted our worship time to an earlier time slot because we share our organist, Beth Hannon, with St. Paul's Lutheran Church located at the end of Dover Road and Hanover Pike. Beth plays at their 9 AM service and then moves up the road for our worship time. We have been sharing Beth with St. Paul's church before 2001.

All submissions for the Nov./Dec. newsletter must be in the office by **October 15th** to be ready for distribution on October 25th.

**Annual Charge Conference
Sunday, October 23, 2011
9:15 a.m.**

On this date we will be having our Annual Charge Conference followed by our morning worship service at 10:30 AM. District Superintendent, Karen Walker will be the featured speaker during worship.

All reports for this meeting are due to Helen no later than September 15th. Hel-

We Will Remember 9/11

On this day, PGUMC will have a special Worship service remembering September. 11th. We are currently in the process of inviting first responders to attend our worship.

If you have some thoughts as to the structure of the worship service, please contact Pastor Dick ASAP.

Call To Action

On the weekend of October 7–9th, PGUMC will participate along with 15,000 United Methodist in Mission projects. At this moment, we will be examining possible mission projects that will fit PGUMC. If you have some ideas, please contact Pastor Dick.

Youth Bible Study

During the Vacation Bible school week, Pastor Dick had the opportunity to speak with some of our youth concerning the possibilities of having a weekly youth Bible study in the Tracey Building after school.

As many of you know, the school bus uses our parking lot to turn-around in. With parental approval the youth would be able to get off the bus and attend this weekly youth oriented meeting.

In the next week or so, each person will receive a personal letter from Pastor Dick inviting them and their friends to attend. Please keep this new adventure for youth in your prayers.

We would start the week after Labor day.



Children's Sunday School begins

As a result of a very successful Vacation Bible School, we determined that there was sufficient interest in venturing forth to create a Sunday School program for Pre-K and K-5 children. Crystal Bittle, Sara Taylor and Sandy Coffey have come forth to be the adult leaders for this new adventure. Additionally, we are blessed to have Christina and Jennifer Taylor and Taylor Coffey as youth assistants. Our plan is simple: The children along with the adult and youth leaders will gather for worship at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. After our opening worship and a Children's message, all the members of the Sunday School will move to the Tracey building for their class. It will run about 45 minutes and be over when worship ends. If you are interested in helping or know of children who would be able to participate, please contact the church via phone (410-429-5080) or email (PGUMC@verizon.net).

Adult Education Program Beginning

Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 9:30 AM

We will embark on a 45 minute adult Christian education study program in the Tracey building. Each Sunday the class will have a discussion on the topics that Pastor Dick will speak on at the 10:30 AM worship service. Here is the suggested schedule:

October and November, 2011

Three Simple Rules — A Wesleyan Way of Living.

December 2011

*The Journey — the walk to Bethlehem
and*

January and February, 2012

40 days in the Word



**Stay tuned for the
"Blessing of the Animals"
in October!**

Annual Women's Retreat Saturday, October 15, 2011

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Pleasant Grove Fellowship Hall

Music: Phil & Darlene

Cost: \$50

(includes a light breakfast and lunch)

Contact: Linda Finley @ (H) 410 833-9217;

lindafinley@verizon.net or

Jannell Trcka @ (C) 410 978-7993;

jannelltrcka@yahoo.com



Calling All Cooks

Have you got a great recipe you would like to share!

Approximately 20 years ago we gathered a collection of great recipes and had a Cookbook published. We have been asked over and over if we have any more. The answer is — No. If you have one cherish it.

So, with the help of our members and friends we have decided to forge ahead and try another cookbook. In order to accomplish this we need a minimum of 150 recipes.

Pick out your favorites and submit them to **Sharon Osborn** (15681 Dover Rd., Upperco, MD 21155) or **Bea King** (4418 Upper Beckleysville Rd., Hampstead, MD 21074) or if you want to email it — send it to **pgchurch@verizon.net** with the subject listed as **RECIPES** no later than **September 30th**. Recipes may be hand written (legible), Xerox copy, type. Looking forward to lots of ideas.

RUMC Men's Retreat

Dear Pleasant Grove United Methodist Men, The Annual Men's Ministry Retreat is approaching fast! This year's retreat will be held once again at Manidokan Outdoor Ministry Center located in Knoxville, MD from September 16 – 18. Our theme this year comes from a recent Newsweek Article entitled, "Man Up: The Traditional Male is an Endangered Species. It's Time to Rethink Masculinity". We are very excited to have Pastor Doug Hoffman from Calvary United Methodist Church as our Guest Speaker this year. The cost for the 2011 Men's Retreat is \$140.00 which includes lodging and five meals. Please contact Rick Fairhurst at rjf45@yahoo.com or 410-356-8695 no later than September 11, if you are interested in attending. We currently have plenty of space available. join us!



Spirit & Spice Women's Bible Study -

Since January 1st 2011, we have given five hundred dollars to mission causes.

We are grateful to Pat Collins for the generous check sent to us and used for missions.

Before moving to Columbia Maryland, Pat was a faithful member of at Spirit & Spice women's bible study. We miss her very much.

We invite all ladies to join us on Thursdays to dwell in His Word. Spirit & Spice will resume on Thursday, September 1st. The meeting at Ann Harden's home has been moved to a later date because of the pending emergency knee surgery of Tai Mamea, Ann and Pastor Dick's son-in-law.

Prayer Corner - Please keep these loved ones in your prayers...

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| Erma Keyser | Frances Harvey | Bruce Smith & Family |
| Vernon Bolte | Si & Jane Benson | Bruce Tracey |
| Doris Kirkland | Georgianna Harvey | |



Let's CelebrateBirthdays

Happy September Birthday to: Sept. 9 Ron Walter

Sept. 22 Pastor Dick

Happy October Birthday to:

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| Oct. 1 Gracie Beal | Oct. 7 Wendall Harvey | Oct. 23 Emmalie Bolte |
| Oct. 4 Ryan Ayres | Oct. 14 Sandy Coffey | |
| Oct. 4 Leuvene Merryman | Oct. 17 Paul Warren | |
| Oct. 5 John Smith | Oct. 22 Barbara Donohue | |

Happy Wedding Anniversary to our lovebirds

Sept. 25th Don & Sandy Coffey

**A very special Golden Anniversary to Walt & Barbara Donohue
who will celebrate on September 30th!**

Calendar — September

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| Sept. 1 Spirit & Spice 10 a.m. to noon | Sept. 13 UMW meeting 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 4 Holy Communion | Sept. 14 Trustees mtg. 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 8 Spirit & Spice 10 a.m. to noon | Sept. 15 Spirit & Spice 10 a.m. to noon |
| Sept. 10 Church work day #1 — 8 a.m. | Sept. 16 & 17 UMW at Steam Show |
| Sept. 11 Sunday School begins | Sept. 16—18 Men’s retreat at Manidokan |
| Sept. 11 Special 9/11 Worship <u>10:30 a.m.</u> | Sept. 20 Ad. Council meeting 7 p.m. |
| | Sept. 22 Spirit & Spice 10 a.m. to noon |

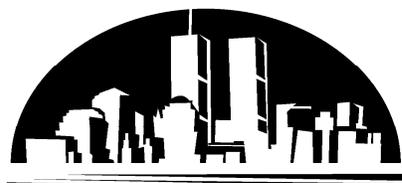
October —

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| Oct. 1 Church Work Day #2 — 8 a.m. | Oct. 12 Trustees mtg. 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 New Adult Education program 9:30 AM
& World Communion Sunday Worship. | Oct. 13 Spirit/Spice 10 AM to noon |
| Oct. 4 UMW mtg. 7 p.m. | Oct. 15 RUMC Women’s Retreat
in PG Social Hall |
| Oct. 6 Spirit & Spice 10 a.m. to noon | Oct. 16 CROP Walk |
| Oct. 8 Wedding Robin Kirkland
& David Montgomery | Oct. 18 Ad. Council mtg. 7 p.m. |
| | Oct. 20 Spirit/Spice 10 AM to noon |

Oct. 23 Charge Conference at 9:15 AM followed by Worship at 10:30 AM

October 24—28 UMW Bus Trip to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

**Remember NEW worship hour begins
On Sunday, September 11th at 10:30 AM**





Fall Bazaar

November 5, 2011

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Crafts, gifts etc.

Spaces & Tables available

Call: Vola 410-429-3922

And reserve your space today!





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