

The Communicator

The monthly newsletter from Piney Mountain United Methodist Church in Candler, NC **FEBRUARY 2012**



Piney Mountain

United Methodist Church

of the Hominy Charge

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Mission Statement

Piney Mountain United Methodist Church is a Christ-centered body of believers reaching out to serve and witness to each other, our community, and the world. We seek to do God's will through meaningful worship, spiritual growth, and responsible, enthusiastic endeavors. We promise fiscal responsibility for God's work on this earth.

FEBRUARY 4

6 PM

MOVIE NIGHT

Courageous

FEBRUARY 11

MOPS meeting

1-3 pm

FEBRUARY 19

12:15 pm VALENTINE LUNCH

(prepared by UMM)

FEBRUARY 21

6:30 PM

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

WITH CHEF JEFF

FEBRUARY 22

6:30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 26

6 pm --SINGING – UNSHACKLED

QUARTET

Your Shepherd's Heart January 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



It seems that we have just put away the Christmas greenery, and now we are at Lent! February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. It is a high and holy day in the Christian Church.

In the church calendar Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It occurs forty-six days before Easter, but Lent is nevertheless considered forty days long, because Sundays in this period are not counted as days of penance. It falls on different dates from year to year, according to the date of Easter; it can occur as early as February 4 or as late as March 10.

At our worship service on this day, worshippers are blessed with ashes by the minister. The minister marks the forehead of each worshiper with black ashes, in the shape of a cross, which the worshiper traditionally retains until washing it off after sundown. The symbolism is a tradition of the ancient Near Eastern tradition of throwing ash over one's head, signifying repentance before God (as related numerous times in the Bible). The minister offers the worshiper an instruction while applying the ashes. These are three examples: 1) "Remember, man that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." This wording comes from Genesis 3:19. Or 2) "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Or 3) "Repent, and hear the good news. The placing of ashes on the fore-head is an act of repentance, which is making right what was wrong in our lives. It is a turning from those things which make us unfaithful, and replacing them with words and deeds which make us more faithful.

So I am calling upon all of us to take the Lenten Season seriously, beginning with the imposition of Ashes on February 22, and to make the time to attend our Wednesday Lenten Study, *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. The study will begin on Wednesday, February 22 after our Ash Wednesday service Enjoy a pancake supper at 5:30 pm, our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 and the study to follow.

This is a video-based study that will last through Lent (seven sessions). Each chapter of this study begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters of the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus; dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following his resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth.

These worship opportunities, like Sunday worship services, are wonderful opportunities to enrich our faith and our spiritual life, and also to grow our church community. In practical terms, our church does not grow if we do not grow in spirit and faith. We are the best banner for our church. As our faith grows the beacon of light shines for all to see. It will be our light as individuals and as a community that will draw others to Christ. If we do not come, why should others? As we continue to grow closer and stronger in our personal faith life, our faith life as community also grows, and we can become stronger in our love God, for our church and one another, actually feeling good about who we are and what we are about.

Lent is that time of reflection when we turn from our sins both as individuals and as a community. In our repentance, we focus and celebrate the faith to which God has called us, and with our acceptance of God's call, encouraged and empowered through the gift of the Holy Spirit to carry on and to carry out the mission that God has given us in the world.

During the season of Advent we waited with anticipation the first coming in the birth of Christ. We now anticipate His second coming during Lent with reflection and repentance. I invite you to come and grow in the spirit of Christ during this Holy season.

Shalom
Pastor Ron

February sermons – “Stories of the Bible”

Feb.	<i>February Sermons</i>	<i>Scripture</i>
5	The Great Flood and Noah's Ark	Genesis 6-9 Psalm 46
12	Our Spiritual Grandparents: Abraham and Sarah	Genesis 12-22 Psalm 115
19	Sibling Rivalry: Joseph and His Brothers	Genesis 37-50 Psalm 105
22	Remembering That We Are Dust Ash Wednesday Service	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51
26	Liberation from Slavery: Moses and the Exodus	Exodus 1-18 Psalm 124

HEALTH SCREENING



Full Cholesterol and Blood Sugar Screening for only \$15

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month in 2012. **Next Screening – February 14.**

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Piney Mountain United Methodist Church (*in the Fellowship Hall*)

14 Piney Mountain Church Rd. (off Hwy. 151), Candler

By Parish Nurse: Cheryl Wallen. Includes full cholesterol screening as well as a blood pressure check.

*Fasting required from midnight the night before the test. Drink only clear liquids.

**Refreshments provided after the screening.

***Counseling provided with the tests.

Please call 667-4147 for an appointment!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

December, 2011 average attendance: 70

FINANCIAL REPORT

December offerings: \$5,719.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET VOLUNTEERS

January 29-February 4: Martha & Merle Cooke

February 5-11: Rose Seleska

February 12-18: Need volunteer

February 19-25: Need volunteer

February 26-March 3: Need volunteer

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

We now have a one-room Sunday School for ages 3-12 in the sanctuary. Adult classes: Senior Adult meets in the fellowship hall (handicapped accessible). Adult Outreach Class meets upstairs.

Sunday School is the place to learn the Bible and its importance. If you are not a member of a Sunday School class, please choose one and get involved. Our literature is Scripture-based and meaningful. Sunday School begins with a brief opening for a lesson and announcements at 9:45 a.m. Attend and grow spiritually. You will truly be blessed

PET LOVER'S PRAYER

*God, your love abides in many forms—
Some four-legged that bring joy to the heart.
Thank you for the time we have with them.
Amen.*

--submitted by Kitty O'Kelley



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Piney Mountain UMW next meeting: 7 pm February 23 in church fellowship hall

Usual meeting: 7 pm - FOURTH THURSDAY of each month

Knitting Ministry: Ladies who knit or crochet or sew: Join the UMW in making hats for people who have lost hair due to chemotherapy. See Rometta Thompson for the pattern.

UMW Fundraising: Cookbooks: \$15 each. Contact Diane Mix.

Flavoring: \$2.50 per bottle. Contact Kitty O'Kelley.

PINEY MTN. U.M.W. 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE 12/31/10: \$332.62

INCOME:

CALL TO PRAYER & SELF DENIAL - \$202.00

COOKBOOKS - \$135.00

GIFT IN MEMORY - \$105.00

MISSION PLEDGES - \$1,251.00

FLAVORING - \$181.00

PRAYER BREAKFAST - \$64.00

DISTRICT -UMCOR - \$11.00

DONATIONS - \$75.00

STEAK SUPPER AT LAKE JUNALUSKA - \$353.50

CALENDARS - \$439.00

CRAFT SALE - \$804.00

WORLD THANK OFFERING - \$195.00

HONOR OF RUTHE WALTHER - \$20.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$3,835.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

LOCAL MINISTRIES - \$1,274.99

MISSION PLEDGE - \$800.00

GIFT IN MEMORY - \$125.00

WORLD THANK - \$215.00

CONFERENCE LOVE OFFERING - \$65.00

DISTRICT LOVE OFFERING - \$65.00

CALL TO PRAYER & SELF DENIAL - \$202.00

PRAYER BREAKFAST - \$64.00

SOUTHERN FLAVORING - \$177.26

GIFT TO MISSION - \$50.00

BOOK & CARDS - \$20.00

SPECIAL RECOGNITION PINS - \$160.00

CALENDARS - \$240.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$3,458.25

BALANCE 12/31/11: \$709.87



The UMM of the Hominy Charge: 7:30 am - February 5 - Breakfast meeting

ABCCM Hominy Valley Pancake Breakfast--

The next Pancake Breakfast at Fatz Cafe is planned for SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012. 8-10 AM. Hominy Valley United Methodist Men from all valley churches will again be a co-sponsor and will provide servers for the delicious all-you-can-eat hotcakes with all the trimmings. We hope this breakfast will exceed the about \$600 our December breakfast raised. The Hominy Valley Crisis Ministry location has been seeing as many as 17 persons daily in recent weeks, and cash assistance available (federal and local benevolence) cannot meet the high levels of need. Fortunately food, clothing and household items are available to help--thanks to your donations. PLEASE CONTINUE TO DONATE THE NEEDED ITEMS!

UMM Fundraising: Rada knives are for sale. Contact Merle Cooke

Auto Tags: These tags have the church name on them and are for the front of your vehicle. They are \$5 each. Contact Dean Warren to purchase.

Piney Mtn. UMC T-Shirts & baseball caps are available. See Dean Warren to purchase.

HOMINY VALLEY ABCCM



Our local Hominy Valley ABCCM can use most any food item but especially instant potatoes, instant or canned milk, dry cereal, cooking oil, corn meal and flour, sugar, coffee, and crackers. Bring your donations to the church and place the items in the blue tubs in the vestibule. Larger items may be stacked near the tubs. Because of such dire economical times, we are collecting staple food items EVERY WEEK for the needy in Hominy Valley. Thank you for your help.

ACOLYTES, USHERS, and GREETERS

What a wonderful service all the acolytes, greeters and ushers do for the service of our Lord. Thanks to each of you who are willing to serve.

Bread Ministry – Special thanks to the ladies who prepare bread to hand out to visitors each Sunday: Elaine Melson, Becky Warren, Jackie Hartman, and Kathey Morgan. This is also such an important (and delicious) part of our Welcoming Congregation.

VITALITY TEAM

NEXT MEETING: 7 pm – February 14.

Pick up ballpoint pens from the church office to hand out in the community. Coffee mugs are available with the church name for \$5 each. The proceeds go into the Vitality Team Fund



JOIN IN THE FUN



Join us Wednesday's at Piney Mountain UMC 14 Piney Mountain Church Road, Candler, NC

For

Discovery Club for Kids

Wednesday evenings Fellowship Meal at 6:30 Discovery Club for Kids

and

Bible Study for Adults at 7 pm

MISSIONARY UPDATE

John Weaver, who has been missionary to Afghanistan for some years, is now here in western North Carolina working at Carolina Christian School. He is also affiliated with Woodland Hills Baptist Church. His new address is:

John Weaver

116 Mountain Meadow Circle

Weaverville, NC 28787

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our church and the Hominy Charge
Pastor Ron & Jackie Hartman
The children of Piney Mtn. UMC
Our college students
USA economy
USA Leaders and Military
The unemployed & homeless
First Step Farm
Fred Anderson
Joffrey Bagwell (US Coast Guard)
Terry and Kelly Bassett
Ken & Linda Beach
Nathan Cooke
Patrick Dangrow (USN)
Kenny Diedrich (Afghanistan)
Rose & Jim Edgar
Eva & Rick Farren
Carol Grooms

Betty & Jesse Israel
Jewel & Kenneth Israel
Grace Long
Elaine Melson
Christine Miller
Tootsie Miller
Emily & Dick Montel
Kathey & Arnold Morgan
Kitty O'Kelley
Juanita Patton (Phyllis Whitt's mother)
Kurt Robinson (USMC)
Mary Schwartz
Rose Seleska
Scott Tarzwell (Iraq)
Jeff Thompson (USN)
Rometta Thompson
Tracey Thompson (USN)
John Weaver & family
Karen Scarborough

CELEBRATIONS

February Birthdays

February 1: Linda Beach
February 2: Crystal Diedrich
February 12: Wendy Wood
February 13: Rita Norman & Rita Serena
February 17: Becky Warren
February 19: Jackie Hartman
February 21: Kenny Diedrich
February 23: Angie Horner
February 24: Jerry Revis
February 27: Grace Long

February Anniversaries

February 14: Rita & Steve Norman
February 14: Kelly & Terry Bassett
February 19: Glenda & Franklin Redmond
February 16: Jewel & Kenneth Israel

Editor's Note: Apologies to those whose birthday or anniversary was omitted. It certainly was not intentional. If you would like your or a loved one's anniversary or birthday printed in the newsletter, please contact Martha or Merle Cooke.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)



The MOPS group will meet **Saturday, February 11 – 1-3 pm.**
If you know of any mother who has children from birth to kindergarten age,
please tell them about this wonderful support group. Call 828-667-3031 for more information.
--Ashley Taylor

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u> 9 am Exercise 6:30 pm Bible Study <i>Big Dummies of the Bible</i> & Discovery Kids	<u>2</u> 6:30 pm Knitting	<u>3</u> 9 am Exercise (Movement)	<u>4</u> 6 pm Movie Night Courageous
<u>5</u> 7:30 am UMM Breakfast 11 am Holy Communion	<u>6</u> 9 am Exercise (Low Impact)	<u>7</u> 6 pm Exercise (Walk Fit)	<u>8</u> 9 am Exercise 6:30 pm Bible Study & Discovery Kids	<u>9</u> 3-5 pm Buff Center at Davis Chapel	<u>10</u> 9 am Exercise (Movement)	<u>11</u> 1-3 pm MOPS meeting
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 9 am Exercise (Low Impact)	<u>14</u> Happy Valentine's Day 8:30-10:30 am Health Screening 6 pm Exercise (Walk Fit) 7 pm Vitality Team	<u>15</u> 9 am Exercise 10 am Crafts 6:30 pm Bible Study & Discovery Kids	<u>16</u> 6:30 pm Knitting	<u>17</u> 9 am Exercise (Movement)	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> 12:15 pm Valentine Lunch (UMM to prepare) 3 pm Emmaus Reunion Group	<u>20</u> 9 am Exercise (Low Impact) 9:30 am – 12 noon – Aston Park Ministry	<u>21</u> 6 pm Exercise (Walk Fit) 6:30 pm Free Community Dinner with Chef Jeff	<u>22</u> 9 am Exercise No Bible Study 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<u>23</u> 3-5 pm Buff Center at Davis Chapel 7 pm United Methodist Women	<u>24</u> 9 am Exercise (Movement)	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> 6 pm Singing Unshackled Quartet	<u>27</u> 9 am Exercise (Low Impact)	<u>28</u> 6 pm Exercise (Walk Fit)	<u>29</u> 9 am Exercise 6:30 pm Bible Study & Discovery Kids			

--Due to expense of heating the church, we will suspend the Wednesday opening of the church until Spring.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

You now can read the newsletter for Piney Mountain UMC on the church's website. Reading it online is a way to save the church money by reducing paper and postage costs. Read our newsletter and other news about the church online at www.pineymountainumc.org. If you have changes or additions to the newsletter, please contact Martha or Merle Cooke.

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Please submit
May 2011 newsletter articles
no later than Feb 21, 2012



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PINEY MOUNTAIN UMC
“A CHRIST-CENTERED BODY OF BELIEVERS”

Regular Sunday Services:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Holy Communion:

First Sunday of each month and other
Holy days as indicated on calendar.

Each Wednesday:

7 p.m. Bible Study

First Sunday:

7:30 a.m. United Methodist Men's
Breakfast meeting

Second Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Health Screening
7:00 p.m. Vitality Team

Third Monday:

10 a.m. Piney Mountain at Aston Park
Health Care Center

Fourth Thursday:

7 p.m. United Methodist Women (unless
otherwise indicated on church calendar)

Exercise:

9 am. Monday, Wednesday & Friday
6 pm. Tuesday & Thursday