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2011

Disgah Pness



Dear Pisgah Saints,

Back in July 2010 when I came to Pisgah, I found a church that had been sailing along for nearly 135 years. Through many long and sometimes difficult seasons since 1875, Pisgah United Methodist Church has been situated and doing ministry in the Long Shoals community.

There is no doubt about the faithfulness of the people of Pisgah UMC. One look to the past shows a church that has been developing ministries, paying their apportionments, and continuing to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ every year of her existence. Today when many churches are declining, Pisgah remains constant in worship attendance, giving, missions, and ministry.

Yet that is not to say that we, like many churches, do not face challenges. We do. The world around us is changing every day. Technology, culture, mores, family mobility and structure, and much more have affected the way we are able to do ministry and the way we are

able to care for our members and the community.

At the first meeting I had with the leadership of Pisgah we discussed our need for future planning. I agreed that we need a vision and a plan. In order for Pisgah to meet the needs of the community, to be true to her values and identity, and to follow God's will for ministry, we need to make plans. Plans are difficult to make, though, when everyone is not on the same page with God and with one another.

Susanne Farnham in her book, *Grounded in God*, says "God knows our deepest potential, sees the hidden complexities of our circumstances, comprehends our situation in relation to the larger picture and grasps the broader implications of our plans"(5). Of course! Discerning what God envisions for Pisgah can be our way of tapping into God's divine wisdom.

During the month of February, every person at Pisgah is invited to be involved together in hearing from God. I will be presenting a series of messages Jan. 30 to Feb. 20 surrounding the theological foundations for taking time to discern God's vision for our church.

Also we will be praying, gathering information, doing surveys, defining our community, collecting historical and demographic data, and planning for a Discerning and Visioning Retreat

to share all we are learning. The retreat will take place on February 25th and 26th.

Those who can and wish to participate will meet together in retreat to learn, pray and seek God together in a spirit of Holy Conferencing. What we are aiming to do is develop a spiritual environment which can enable us to see more clearly God's vision for Pisgah UMC. That's exciting.

I look forward to the weeks ahead because I know that when we seek God together for God's vision God for Pisgah UMC, we won't be disappointed! To God be the glory!

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Judy

Discerning and Visioning Retreat

Seeking God's plan for our preferred future.



Pisgah United Methodist Church

www.pisgah-umc.org

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Lincolnton, NC 28092
Rev. Judy H. Eurey, Pastor

Retreat Location: Catholic Retreat Center
1551 Trinity Lane
Hichory, NC

Date: February 25 and 26, 2011

Reservations: Linda Mesler

Deadline: February 16, 2011

Cost: \$10



*Special
Prayer Time*

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23**

Everyone is invited to join Pastor Judy in a special prayer time preparing for the D & V Retreat. She will be in the sanctuary for the first four Wednesday evenings in February from 6:30 – 7 p.m. and solicits your prayers and presence as we seek God's will for our church family.



*A Message
From Our
Lay Leader*

It is amazing to me how quickly things change. Young people don't talk on the phone, or even e-mail much any more. If you have anyone less than 25 years old in your household, then you know that the only way to communicate with them in today's world is by texting.

For those of you who don't know, texting is the process by which you send a typed message using your mobile phone. You can imagine that the space limitation on the phone necessitates concise messages, many times using abbreviated terms.

In order to make these messages more understandable, I have decided to de-code some of the abbreviations which may (or may not) be associated with some of our groups from Pisgah.

ARK LEADERS

- **HBPL**- Helping build Pisgah's legacy.
- **BSES**- Building smiles every Sunday.
- **NMT**- Need more transportation.
- **HCFE**- Help, can't find energy!
- **PPTV**- Please pass the valium.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

- **ROCK**- Reaching out to care for kids.
- **BCB**- Busy cutting barbeque
- **WCTC**- Who cut the cheese?
- **WCNM**- Who cooks next month?
- **DRYH**- Don't raise your hand.
- **LOL**- Living on Lipitor.
- **WWIT**- What was I thinking?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- **RMFM**- Raise money for missions.
- **MMNH**- Methodist Men need help.
- **FTFB**- Fill those flood buckets.
- **MSTF**- Make sure there's food.
- **WFOG**- Willing to fight over gifts.
- **L1HC**- Linda Hosier Happy Camper
- **L2HC**- Linda Huffman Happy Camper
- **L1NHC**- Linda Hosier Not a Happy Camper
- **L2NHC**- Linda Huffman Not a Happy Camper

CHOIR

- **PBMP**- Pass breath mint please.
- **UBMP**- Use breath mint please!
- **ATMG**- Are those my glasses?
- **DJFD**- Director just fell down.
- **WTSE**- Will this song end?
- **ASNP**- Adolf says no practice.

HAPPY TIMERS

- **WWJD**- What would JR do?
- **CFMG**- Can't find my glasses.
- **CFB**- Can't find bus.

- **BBDA**- Bus broke down again.
- **FYI**- Found your insulin.
- **DWN**- Driving while napping.
- **LMDO**- Laughing my dentures out!
- **BJSC**- Betty Jo in stranger's car.
- **SCD**- Senior citizen discount.
- **CRAP**- Can't remember anything pertinent.



Thanks to everyone who made food and assisted with the family luncheon prior to Rachel Rhyne's funeral. Everyone who was contacted came through with flying colors as usual. We really do appreciate each and everyone who helps us out. Everything we do is a community effort and we thank all of you so much!

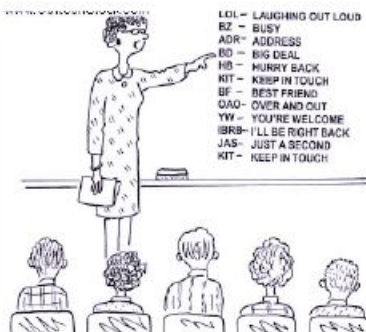
From the Hospitality Committee

**Blessed are the Givers
And Grateful are the Receivers
Thanks so much!**

*Your love and generosity have
been overwhelming! God bless you
all at Pisgah UMC
Judy & Ed Eurey*

- **RWAC**- Riding without air conditioning.
- **BYOT**- Bring your own teeth.

As your Lay Leader, I feel that it is important to keep the lines of communications open, so I hope this has been helpful. Meanwhile, **CYB** and **GTED**. That is, count your blessings and give thanks every day.



February 7-11 is our week to provide the volunteer packing staff for the Christian Ministry food pantry. Staffers are usually needed from 9 – 1 each day, Monday through Friday. But most of the time, each day's shift doesn't run for the total 4 hours.

If you can help out any time on any day(s) of this week, please contact Jane Shrum.



**PACKERS NEEDED
FEB. 7-11**



This New Year is off to a tremendous start for our Missions Program. Our January offerings went to Christian Ministry of Lincoln County in the amount of \$352. And not only did you share your monetary gifts, you contributed another van full of food for the food pantry and soup kitchen.

It is so gratifying to be a part of a church that has such a loving and giving spirit. Even though times may be hard for some of us, we never forget to think of others. And living by the Golden Rule—*“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”*—has certainly proved to be a blessing for Pisgah.

We'd like to remind everyone that this year we will be focusing on local mission projects for our Fourth Sunday offerings. The United Methodist Women have adopted the mission commitment to Dwaine Morgan at the Mission Resource Center as one of their mission projects; so the church now has a few extra months to concentrate on the local needs in our midst. The February offerings will go to the Hesed House of

Hope for the Homeless in Lincolnton.

The permanent facility will be located at 100 Ann Gaither Court which is just down Lincoln Street in the Oaklawn Community. The building is 4500 square feet which includes a children's play room and study, a large kitchen, showers and restrooms, and a laundry as well as a large commons area for eating, watching TV, etc. There is a lobby, and office and a satellite police office for the Lincolnton Police Department.

The city will allow them to house up to 35 clients and the Hesed House serves men, women and children.

They are currently approximately \$37,000 away from having the facility completely paid for which is fabulous. However, once occupied they will have to continually raise funds to pay the utilities.

Currently clients are being housed at Freedom Church until construction is completed. We anticipate that the building will be ready for inspection by the end of January. They have most of what is needed as far as furnishings which have been donated by CMC Lincoln and Crate and Barrel.

In the very beginning there were just three churches involved in this effort and now there are more than forty churches and organizations and a multitude of caring individuals

Mission Projects 2011

that make HHH work. It is truly a community collaborative. For more information contact Cathy Goodson Davis at 704/740-8313.

In the column on the right is a listing of our Mission projects for the remainder of this year. Again, thank you all for everything you do for our church, for our community and for our Lord!



February	Hessed House of Hope
March	March Of Dimes
April	UMAR
May	Relay for Life
June	Amy's House
July	Crisis Pregnancy
August	Bonnie Murray Fund
September	"Adopt A Scout"
October	Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse
November	Hospice of Lincoln County
December	Christian Ministry Of Lincoln County

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the loss of another treasured Pisgah Saint. Rachel Rhyne entered her heavenly home on January 19; and though we grieve the loss of her physical presence with us, we celebrate with great joy her Christian Homecoming.

Rachel was a faithful member of our Pisgah family for over 75 years. And even though her health was not the best in recent years, she continued to support her church with her tithes & offerings, her presence when she was able, and most importantly—her prayers. You can be assured that when Rachel prayed, God listened! And we are so grateful that we were on her prayer list daily.

The photo on the right depicts how we will remember Rachel—always happy with a smile on her face. Please continue to keep Tom and Rick and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of a most precious lady and friend to us all.



February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		Ed Eurey
30	31	1
Diana Carpenter Richard Wilkinson (UMAR)	Dale Picklesimer (UMAR)	
9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship	6:30p UMW	
6:30p Choir Practice		
6	7	8
7:30a UMM	Nicholas Brewer Windle & Karen Pearson (A)	Emma Grace Seger, Kyle Thomas, Mike Thomas
9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship		
5p ARK/YOUTH		
6p Choir Practice		
13	14	15
Andy Anthony		
9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship		
2-4p Bridal Shower/ Aubrey Smith		
5p ARK/YOUTH		
6p Choir Practice		
20	21	22
9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship	Brad Gates Beatrice Carpenter (Feb. 29)	
5p ARK/YOUTH		
6p Choir Practice		
27	28	1

PISGAH U M C

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holly Cox Abby Parker Roy Pearson	Jeremy Pearson Martha Sue Ellis		Sue Lee Huss Willa Carpenter
7p Handbell Choir			
2	3	4	5
7p Handbell Choir	Gardner Deal Coleman Warner		Jeff & Melissa Mason (A)
Renee Link Jackie Reep Hunter White			
9	10	11	12
Adrienne Bryant	Terry & Beverly Smith (A)		
7p Handbell Choir			
16	17	18	19
7p Handbell Choir	Robby Link Christopher McLucas Kelsey Watts Nelson & Kendra Barger (A)	Sheila Beeker Brenda Parker	
23	24	25	26
D & V Retreat			
SPECIAL PRAYER TIME WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16, 23			

Happy Timers News

The Pisgah Happy Timers held their first meeting of the New Year on January 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Pisgah UMC fellowship hall with 35 members and 1 visitor present.

Newly elected officers for 2011 are as follows: Betty Jo Barger, President; JR Loftin, Vice President; Sue Huss, Secretary; and June Loftin, Treasurer. Betty Jo opened the meeting and announced "Bingo" to be played following our meeting and lunch.

Sue Huss had devotion based on New Year's Resolution with scripture reading from the Old and New Testament with much emphasis on the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes, stating it was easy to make a New Year's Resolution because a resolution was so easy to break. She said that Resolutions were man made, the Ten Commandments were made by God. If we took the first commandment and applied to our daily life, then all the others would follow and we would not worry about "making resolutions" each year. She ended in prayer.

Danny announced that he and Betty Jo were sharing part of the gift of \$100 that the Happy Timers had given to them for Christmas and he presented a gift of \$50 to June and JR Loftin.

Beth read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read. The trip to Nashville on Dec. 13-15 was enjoyed by all. Maggie Loftin gave Treasurer's report. As of

December 31, 2010, \$421.22 less \$300 paid out. As of 1/6/11 a total of \$153.33 (includes \$32 today's receipts) and \$100 received from the Wesleyan Church making a total of \$253.33.

Gloria Mauney will have the devotion in February. JR announced that the picture proofs for our Directory were ready for approval. Rev. Judy announced that the Happy Timers now have a listing on the church Web page and if we needed to put anything on the website we could. Betty Jo thanked Judy for putting a reminder of our meetings on the PhoneTree. JR announced that Walter Shrum had donated a new church bus battery and it had been installed. Sue will send a "Thank You" note to Walter on behalf of our Happy Timers.

JR announced possible outings for this spring—one being a trip to Spring Mountain (an overnight trip) if interested. JR will find out when we can take a trip to Hamricks (Gaffney, SC) and call us by PhoneTree sometime this month and we will have to call him back if interested. Majority voted "yes" so JR will get prices, etc., and present them later this year. Betty Jo then announced that the Apple Pie Day would be the last Tuesday in January.

Rev. Judy had the "blessing of food." The business meeting adjourned to luncheon table where a delicious lunch was served.

Prayer List

Jane Carpenter's family, all shut-ins, nursing home residents, leaders of our country and military personnel. Corey Williams will be overseas for 6 months in the Air Force.

February Birthdays

Linda Miller	Feb. 2
Sue Huss	Feb. 5
Gloria Mauney	Feb. 27
Bea Carpenter	Feb. 29

February Anniversaries

None

February Hostesses

Billie Freeman, Pearl Helms,
Jo Ann Meeks, Mae Bynum



U M W News

The United Methodist Women will have their second meeting of 2011 on Monday evening, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall—weather permitting.

Pastor Judy will be in charge of our program and will be sharing with us an overview of our Discernment and Visioning

Conference that will be held at the end of this month. This conference promises to be a wonderful chance for fellowship and sharing while we seek God's will for our future. We hope all the ladies of the church will join us to learn more about how we can continue to be a vital part of Pisgah's destiny.

Please let this be your special personal invitation to join us on the first Monday of each month for interesting programs, mission projects, and lots of fun and fellowship.



Sue Huss & Family
Dean Crawley
Julia Anthony
Juanita Seagle
June & JR Loftin
Travis Von Staden
Family

Brian Center

Jewell Reinhardt
James Hoyle
Rachel Rhyne Family
Grady & Anna Ross
Bea & Ern Carpenter
Roscoe & Brenda Murray
Larry & Hazeline Link
Carl & Gladys Rumpfelt
Carl & Loretta Whitesides

CHILDREN AND THE CHURCH

- **First Wedding:** A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."
- **Becoming a Minister:** After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen"
- **Prayer:** A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service, "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us." Amen!!
- **Writing Sermons:** A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"
- **Church Service:** A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"
- **Sunday School Class:** Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot"
- **Sunday School Class:** The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."
- **God's Handiwork:** A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

*Through
the eyes of a
child*



**2011 Relay For Life
May 13, 2011
Lincolnton High School**

We are so grateful for all the many years and hours of hard work that were put in by Tina Philemon and her crew of volunteers. Tina was a great leader, organizer, and “cheerleader” for this cause and our past fundraising success was due in great part to her unselfish efforts. Thanks again, Tina, for everything.

June Loftin has agreed to be our Team Captain this year and she is already attending the planning meetings and beginning to get things organized. However, she really will need your help—especially during the months of February and March. June is having some long overdue surgery on February 1 and should be on a somewhat restricted physical schedule for 6 weeks or so.

Those of you who know June realize that keeping her

down is going to be easier said than done. But if we all chip in and help out where we can, June can recuperate in peace and be ready to lead us in our final push in April and May.

It's hard to believe, but we only have 100+ days to get ready for this year's event. So if you can help out or participate in this year's Relay activities in any way and would be willing to serve on our team, please contact June, Linda Hosier, or Jane Shrum. We'll get more info to you as soon as possible.

Valentine for Jesus



What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?

How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart with lace?
How can I thank Him enough
For his sacrifice, love and grace?

What Valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what
He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.



By Joanna Fuchs



Record Of Our Offerings



January

Date	Attendance		Offerings	
	SS	Worship	General Fund	Miscellaneous
Jan. 2	47	106	\$4,903.00	
Jan. 9	42	115	\$2,380.09	
Jan. 16	36	109	\$1,997.68	
Jan. 23	46	129	\$1,999.00	\$372.00
Jan. 30				
Monthly Totals			\$11,279.77	
Weekly Budget: \$3,256.00			Monthly Budget: \$14,112.50	
YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT				
Month	Budget Receipts	Surplus	Deficit	
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Year to Date Receipts		Annual Budget	\$169,350	

THOUGHTS ON TITHING

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.

When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

Giving to God is a grace—but not giving to God is a disgrace

FEBRUARY



DATE		 Acolytes	
Feb. 6	Millie Baker	Matthew Baker Noah Barger	Steve Smith
Feb. 13	Debbie Smith	Hunter White Rachel Barger	Todd Philemon
Feb. 20	Patsy Smith	Kendall Shrum Alexis McLucas	Terry Smith
Feb. 27	Cathy Thornburg	Kylie & Adam Fortenberry	Terry Smith
 Lay Reader Danny Barger		 February Greeters Donna Carpenter Jeanette Hovis	



Kids & Youth Schedule



Praise Team

*The Praise Team will rehearse each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.
Children and Youth will meet from 5 – 6:30 p.m.*

Age Levels	Feb. 6	Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 17	Sunday 5th
3 yr. 4 yr. K	AM—Missions PM—Music Fellowship Hall	Marsha Warren Jaquetta King	Kelli & Tracy Huss	Emily Clark Jaquetta King	Scheduled Outings
Grades 1 & 2		Kim & Bill Fortenberry Jane Shrum	Janet Flowers Angie Warner	Elaina Hovis Kim Fortenberry	
Grades 3, 4, 5		Lisa & Adrian Barger	Stacy Bryant Kris Baker	Amy Crawley Kris Baker	
JR Youth		Daniel & Kris Baker	SR Youth	Robert Pearson	