



2011

**PISGAH
PRESS**

Dear Pisgah Saints,

On Easter morning, Pisgah saints sang the beautiful hymn **Easter People, Raise Your Voices** (#304) as our call to worship. The third verse begins with these words "Everyday to us is Easter, with its resurrection song." As Lent has wound its way to Easter, I've been thinking about these kinds of words. More specifically, some questions that they bring to my mind: What does it mean to be called Resurrection people? How should we live when we know that death is now no defeat for those in Christ?

One of the things I love about our dear old United Methodist Hymnal is that it often acts as a theological guide for us. In our dearest and best loved hymns, and even in those we don't know by heart, are nuggets of theological wisdom for us to hold on to.



There is wisdom about the (our) human condition and remedies for it.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away? (#365)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee. (#354)

There are songs of praise and thanksgiving:
To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his son! (#98)

There are songs of petition and help:

Do, Lord, do Lord, do Lord, remember me. (#527)

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (#375)



There are songs of assurance and comfort:
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus. (#507)

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. (#378)

As they traveled from village to village, John Wesley encouraged all circuit-riding preachers to carry with them two books, the Holy Bible, and Methodist hymnal. Our modern hymnal is rich in tradition and gives us a graceful means to worship both at church and at home. I challenge each of us this Easter season to take up our hymnal. If you don't sing or know music...just read the words, and you'll be blessed.

As for the question as to how we Resurrection people should live, we find an answer one page further in our hymnal with hymn #305, *Camina, Pueblo de Dios* (Walk On, O People of God).

Walk on, O people of God;
Walk on, O people of God;
A new law, God's new alliance,
all creation is reborn.
Walk on, O people of God;

We are indeed called as Resurrection people to continue our journey with God, to live and act fearlessly, with a boldness and clarity that comes with assurance from God our creator, our redeemer, our sustainer and our Lord. To God be the Glory (#98). Amen.

*Walking on...in the resurrection life,
Pastor Judy*



Only 5% of Stanford University graduates figured it out! Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word?

- 1. The word has seven letters....**
- 2. It preceded God...**
- 3. It's greater than God...**
- 4. It's more Evil than the devil...**
- 5. All poor people have it...**
- 6. Wealthy people need it....**
- 7. If you eat it, you will die.**

(Answer next month)

MY PLACE!

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up nearby and the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."





A Message From Our Lay Leader

We've been hearing a lot about storms lately. There have been thunderstorms, tornados, and the rampages of hail the size of baseballs! It reminds me of a story that was once passed on to me.

A little boy was trying his best to sleep as a severe thunderstorm raged all around his family's house. Finally, after a particularly loud clap of thunder, he decided he had been brave long enough. He ran to his parents' bed and snuggled up between his parents and wrapped his arm around his mother. Without saying a word he quickly drifted off to sleep.

That little boy didn't ask for the storm to stop. He just wanted to know his mother and daddy were there with him so he didn't have to weather it by himself. Sometimes we just have to remember that God is always there. Our prayer is being answered, even though the storms of life still rage around us.

Those of you who have read The Shack may remember that God told "Mack" that He will not prevent bad things from ever happening because He has given mankind freedom to make our own choices. However, He does promise that there is nothing bad that happens that God is not right there with us to help us through.

When the tornados hit and our power is knocked out, it is not because the power company is not still there. It is just that our connection to them has been interrupted. In the same way, we have to remember that God is always there and it is us who sometimes cause the connection problems.

The 11th chapter of Matthew starting at verse 28 says, "Come to me all that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Notice that this is not an offer to do the work for you. It is an offer of a strong hand to help you through in time of need.

There is an old country song that says, "I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden." God has never promised us a life without trial and tribulations, but we don't face them alone.

I have often wondered what people do in time of great need who don't have a church family. When you suffer a loss in our church you soon find out people are there to help with anything you need, whether it is a prayer, food (a lot), a strong back, or just a sympathetic ear.

At Pisgah, you quickly find out that you are not alone in time of need. It's kind of like being able to curl up next to someone in a storm, isn't it?



We Depend On One Another



Carl & Loretta Whitesides	Larry & Hazeline Link
Carl & Gladys Rumpfelt	Bea & Ern Carpenter
Roscoe & Brenda Murray	Johnny & Janice Peeler
June & JR Loftin	Dean & Claudette Crawley
Juanita Seagle	Carol & Tommy Mason
Jewell Reinhardt	Naomi Ramsey
Arlene Belk	Jackie Reep
Ann Goforth	James Hoyle
Johnny Rollins	Mary Mozeley
Libby Baker	Scott Friday
Don Corriher	Kelly Longshore
Bradley Zorn	Vickie King



The United Methodist Men will meet at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at the church on Sunday, May 8. Following their meeting, they would like to invite all the ladies of the church to be their guests for a continental breakfast spread to celebrate Mother's Day.

Remember, **ALL THE LADIES** are invited. Even though you may not have been blessed with children of your own, you were somebody's child. And we want to honor all of you on this special day.



8:45 a.m.

My Mother Kept A Garden

*My Mother kept a garden,
a garden of the heart,
She planted all the good things
that gave my life it's start.*

*She turned me to the sunshine
and encouraged me to dream,
Fostering and nurturing
the seeds of self-esteem...*

*And when the winds and rain came,
she protected me enough-
But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.*

*Her constant good example
always taught me right from wrong-
Markers for my pathway
that will last a lifetime long.*

*I am my Mother's garden.
I am her legacy-
And I hope today she feels the love
reflected back from me*

Author Unknown



Thus far this year we have received the following mission donations:

January—Christian Ministry	\$377.00
February—Hesed House	\$276.00
March—March of Dimes	\$537.57
April—U M A R	\$211.00

Thank you all so much for your continued generosity and support of our Mission Ministry. We realize that the economy has not recovered as quickly as we had hoped, but you continue to support your church and its programs. Your church family is most grateful and more importantly, your faithfulness is most pleasing to God.

Our May offerings will go to the Lincoln County Relay for Life. This is a cause that we have supported for many years and we'd like to remind you just what it's all about:

What is Relay For Life?

Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 20 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thanks to Relay participants, the American Cancer Society continues to save lives.

Philosophy – Why We Relay

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to

cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Relay For Life is more than just a fundraiser. It's a life-changing experience. At Relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back. And every person who participates joins others around the globe as part of this worldwide movement to end cancer. Everyone's reason to Relay is as unique as their own personal story. At Relay, you can find healing, comfort, and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. You have a chance to meet people in the community who are equally as passionate about finding an end to cancer in our lifetime. You can thank all the people who have done so much to support you through your personal cancer experience. And you can gather together with friends, family, and colleagues to laugh, cry, and create lasting memories.

No matter why you take part in Relay, however, one thing is clear: with every step you take, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. With your help, we aren't just fighting one type of cancer – we're fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. Each person who shares the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease will no longer threaten the lives of our loved ones or claim another year of anyone's life.





Thanks to all of the ARK children and Youth who participated in the Easter service on Palm Sunday. You were Great!!!! And special thanks to all of the church family for continuing to support our program. We appreciate everyone who helped with the service, the egg hunt, and the United Methodist Men for sponsoring lunch. Thank you all for everything you do!

Believe it or not, it's almost time for our summer break and we only have one more month to finish up all our projects. The entire month of May is going to be a busy one, so we hope all the leaders and all the children will make every effort to be present every Sunday.

On May 8, the children will be singing during the worship service but there will be no afternoon session of ARK because of Mother's Day and there will no afternoon session on May 29 because of Memorial Day. The end of the year ARK/Youth presentation will take place during the worship service on June 12 and we'd like to try to get in an end of the year field trip.

So on May 1, all ARK leaders, Youth leaders, and parents are asked to meet together at 6 p.m. so we can finalize plans and dates for rehearsals and tentatively look at what's coming up this summer. We need everyone's input and ideas, so we hope you all can make it on May 1. Hope to see you there!



On May 15, we will be honoring this year's graduates. If you have anyone to add to the list, please contact Linda Hosier no later than May 8 with details—including when and where they will be graduating and what they may plan to do following graduation.

We will make every effort to include everyone, but we have no way of knowing who is graduating unless you tell us. All of our graduates will be listed in the June newsletter.



With Deepest Sympathy

The congregation sends its love and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Anna Ross and her entire family in the recent and sudden death of her husband, Grady. Please continue to keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

MAY 2011

Sunday

9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship

5p ARK/YOUTH

6p Choir Practice

1

Ryan Shrum

7:30a UMM

9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship

5p ARK/YOUTH

6p Choir Practice

8

9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship

4p Trustees

5p ARK/YOUTH

6p Choir Practice

15

Kylie Fortenberry

9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship

5p ARK/YOUTH

SINGING & PICNIC 3 P.M.

Betty Ross Park

22

9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship

6p Choir Practice

29

Monday

Kristin Beeker
Bill McLucas
Savannah McSwain

6:30p UMW

2

Rachel Barger
Doug Huffman

9

Madison King

16

Alexandra
Carpenter
Ern Carpenter
Cale Thornburg

23

Sherry Bourbeau

30

Tuesday

3

Donna & Gary
Carpenter (A)

10


17

24

Maelin Huss

31

PISGAH U M C

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Elaina Hovis Jason & Nicole Setzer (A)</p> <p>6:30 - 7 p.m. PRAYER WINDOW</p> <p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Brittany Beeker Pam & Perry Cline (A)</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Kamryn Setzer June & J. R. Loftin (A)</p> <p>7</p>
<p>Larry & Hazeline Link (A)</p> <p>6:30 - 7 p.m. PRAYER WINDOW</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Patrick King Tina (Von Staden) Eichler</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Charles Stevens Hunter Wright</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Randy Rumpfelt</p> <p>14</p>
<p>6:30 - 7 p.m. PRAYER WINDOW</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Lauren & Brad Gates (A)</p> <p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>VISION & PLANNING WORKSHOP 9a-NOON</p> <p>21</p>
<p>Samantha Cox</p> <p>6:30 - 7 p.m. PRAYER WINDOW</p> <p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>Derry Carpenter Jeanette & Keith Hovis (A) Jim & Kim Brown (A) Jeff & Lauren Brown (A)</p> <p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
 <p>1</p>	<p><i>Check the online calendar often for updates and program changes.</i></p> <p>www.pisgah-umc.org</p>		<p>4</p>

HAPPY TIMERS NEWS

The Happy Timers of Pisgah UMC held their April 7, 2011 meeting in the fellowship hall of Pisgah UMC at 11 a.m. with 31 members and no visitors present. JR Loftin opened the meeting welcoming everyone.

Bessie Mae Mosteller had devotions based on scripture from Matthew, Chapter 28. She shared the story of the Resurrection of Jesus and the women who found his tomb empty and how the world has been changed through this wonderful Easter story. June Loftin had prayer and the blessing of food.

Patti Marcarelli gave the Treasurer's report which reflected an ending balance in March of \$421.56. Receipts for April totaled \$30 making a final balance of \$451.56.

- Caregive Support Group—open to anyone—April 26 at 3 p.m.
- "How to Grow Herbs"—April 12 at 10 a.m.
- Special Interest Tour—Asheville to the Herb Festival and Thomas Wolfe Home on April 30. Cost is \$25.
- Golden Opportunity Day is May 4. Volunteers are needed.
- Camp Dogwood on May 10. Register and pay by May 2.
- SHIP—Senior Health Insurance Information Program—Assistance is available to all seniors. Call 704-736-8461 to contact a SHIP volunteer.
- Winners of the Egg Contest were Frances Moretz, First Place and Pinkie Mosteller, Second Place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Information was shared on a special event sponsored through the Senior Citizens at the Citizens Center including a tour of Atlanta and eating at Bubba's. More information will follow next month.
- A trip to Spruce Pine "Spring Mountain" is tentatively set for June 9 – 10. Cost is \$17 nightly per person and \$8 for the bus; meals are not included. Thirteen have signed up and money will need to be paid at the May meeting.
- Crawdad's Game in Hickory is April 26.
- Senior Citizens Council, April 12 "Cookies for Coalition Against Child Abuse. Bring by 12 noon.
- Living Healthy and Chronic Disease, April 1, 8, 15, 29, May 5 and 13 from noon to 3 p.m. Class is free.

May Birthdays

Mitch Reep	May 2
Margaret Mosteller	May 5
Ern Carpenter	May 23
Margaret Ray	May 27
Martha Duncan	May 29

May Anniversaries

June & JR Loftin	May 7
Gene & Beth Terres	May 21
Nancy & Barry Brotherton	May 31

May Hostesses

Beth Terres, Helen Beam, Helen Hoffman, Peggy Norcutt, and Nancy Brotherton.

Prayer List

Grady Ross Family, Shut-ins, Nursing home patients, and all in the military.



MAY 7, 2011 – PISGAH PRAISE TEAM DINNER AND A CONCERT

Mark your calendars!!

The Pisgah Praise Team will be performing
Saturday, May 7, 2011.

The fun will start at 5:30 pm where you



will be served a fantastic dinner consisting of grilled chicken, baked potatoes (with all the fixin's), beans, salad, and desserts. Following dinner, the Pisgah Praise Team will be providing entertainment in the Sanctuary. It will be a night of Praise and Worship music and a time to celebrate God's love for all of us!!! We look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets will be on sale beginning the first Sunday in April. Please see any of the Youth, Amy, Kris, or Daniel for tickets. The cost is \$10 and all proceeds from ticket sales will be used to help fund the Pisgah Youth Program.

Thank you all for your support.



May 22
3 p.m.
Betty
Ross Park



***We're having a Spring Sing and Picnic in the Park
and YOU'RE Invited!***

It's been a while since we've had a good old-fashioned family picnic so on May 22 we're going to take care of that! Everyone is invited to join us around 3 p.m. at the Betty Ross Park in Lincolnton for a fun-filled afternoon of good food, fun and games, and good music. We'll plan to eat around 4 p.m. and music will follow.

Pack a well-filled basket of goodies, some lawn chairs, your favorite yard games, and bring the entire family. Cale Thornburg is lining up the performers so if you'd like to participate, please contact him asap.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Our spring clean up was a great success and we sincerely appreciate each and everyone of you who helped. We had lots of folks who spent a lot of hours cleaning, rearranging, sorting, organizing, and hauling away. We still have just a few places to work on, but we're getting there.



The inventory project we had hoped to complete last year had to be put on hold till the clutter was sorted and stored. But now we can go full steam ahead and hopefully get the inventory completed as soon as possible. We're going to be labeling and photographing everything—not only for insurance purposes—but also to provide useful information for all the program ministries of the church. For example, if groups or committees need supplies and/or equipment, they can check the inventory to see if we already have what they need and will be able to easily find it. This should help us to save valuable time and money.

Everyone has noticed how much better everything is looking—and we want to keep it that way. Therefore we have an additional important request: Please put things back where you found them. This is our church and our “stuff” and we're all more than welcomed to utilize our facilities. But just like any other family, we need to “keep our house in order.” And we can't do it alone—we need everyone working together as always.

Thanks again, to all of you.



Congratulations to Aubrey Smith and Dean Shahriari who were married on April 9, 2011. Aubrey is the daughter of Terry and Beverly Smith and Dean is the son of Ross and Rosa Shahriari.

After their honeymoon trip, Aubrey and Dean will be at home in Atlanta.



We need a Scripture Reader for the month of July and Greeters for the months of July and August. If you can help us out, please contact Pastor Judy or Linda Hosier as soon as possible.



It's another little girl for Amanda and Greg Huss!

Emery Clayton Huss was born on April 20—9 lb. 8 oz. / 22 3/4”.

Congratulations to Emery's parents, big sister, Maelin, and grandparents, Jim & Mary Huss.



What: A VISION and Planning Workshop has been scheduled. The objective of the workshop is to begin the process of developing a 5-10 year plan to reach the ministry goals God has for Pisgah UMC. In this first phase we will review, develop and refine a vision statement for our church.

The first meeting will have brief presentations on Pisgah's history, current practices, community demographics and future development, and the results of Pisgah membership's narrative surveys. Additionally, we will review and define the directions discerned by those who attended the Discerning and Visioning Retreat in February of 2011.

Why attend: This is an important time for Pisgah UMC. There are many positive issues facing us as a church, such as: a growing congregation; a nearby community that is expanding with new ministry opportunities and challenges; an aging and somewhat out-of-date church facility; identifying the best way to utilize the property (Rhyne house) God has blessed us with; changing technology and worship opportunities.

In addition to these and other concerns, through our Discerning and Visioning Retreat, God has given us direction about our future. **We** (all of us) are now responsible, as have been those faithful saints who came before us, to carry Pisgah UMC forward. That responsibility requires a succinct vision and coordinated planning. (Getting ourselves on the same page...**and** on the same page with God...so to speak.)

Who should attend: All leaders of Pisgah UMC. Also, **anyone** who is not currently in a leadership position and who would like to be a part of this planning process, is strongly encouraged to attend. (A leadership roster can be obtained from the office and is online at www.pisgah-umc.org. Follow the link to Who's Who.)

Where: Pisgah UMC Fellowship Hall

When: May 21, 2011, 9am to noon.

During the workshop we will break once for refreshments, and quit promptly at noon. Child care will be provided if there is a need. Let Linda Hosier know by May 10th if you will need childcare.



APRIL

Date	Attendance		Offerings	
	SS	Worship	General Fund	Miscellaneous
April 3	33	114	\$2,931.01	\$222.72
April 10	32	98	\$3,572.36	\$1,285.77
April 17	36	130	\$2,841.00	
April 24	30	133	\$2,158.10	\$211.00
Monthly Totals			\$11,502.47	
Weekly Budget: \$3,256.00 Monthly Budget: \$14,112.50				
YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT				
Month	Budget Receipts		Surplus	Deficit
January	\$14,521.77			
February	\$11,581.50			
March	\$11,180.41			
April	\$11,502.47			
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Year to Date Receipts	\$48,786.15		Annual Budget	\$169,350

THOUGHTS ON TITHING

Two things can ruin a church—loose living and tight giving!

God looks at the heart, not the hand—the giver, not the gift.

Give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving



<i>Date</i>		ACOLYTES 	 Audio Visual Team
<i>May 1</i>	<i>Millie Baker</i>	<i>Hunter White Rachel Barger</i>	<i>Steve Smith</i>
<i>May 8</i>	<i>Debbie Smith</i>	<i>Kylie Fortenberry Alexis McLucas</i>	<i>Todd Philemon</i>
<i>May 15</i>	<i>Patsy Smith</i>	<i>Madison King Coleman Warner</i>	<i>Terry Smith</i>
<i>May 22</i>	<i>Cathy Thornburg</i>	<i>Dawn Gibson Zack Gibson</i>	<i>Terry Smith</i>
<i>May 29</i>	<i>Carol Mason</i>	<i>Jade Clark Abigail Barger</i>	<i>Terry Smith</i>



Kids & Youth Schedule



<i>Age Levels</i>	<i>May 1</i>	<i>May 8</i>	<i>May 15</i>	<i>May 22</i>	<i>May 29</i>
<i>3 yr. 4 yr. K</i>	<i>Emily Clark Jaquetta King</i>	<i>Marsha Warren Jaquetta King</i>	<i>Kelli & Tracy Huss</i>	<i>Fellowship Hall AM—Missions PM—Music</i>	<i>T B A</i>
<i>Grades 1 & 2</i>	<i>Elaina Hovis Kim Fortenberry</i>	<i>Kim & Bill Fortenberry Jane Shrum</i>	<i>Janet Flowers Angie Warner</i>		
<i>Grades 3, 4, 5</i>	<i>Amy Crawley Kris Baker</i>	<i>Lisa & Adrian Barger</i>	<i>Stacy Bryant Kris Baker</i>		

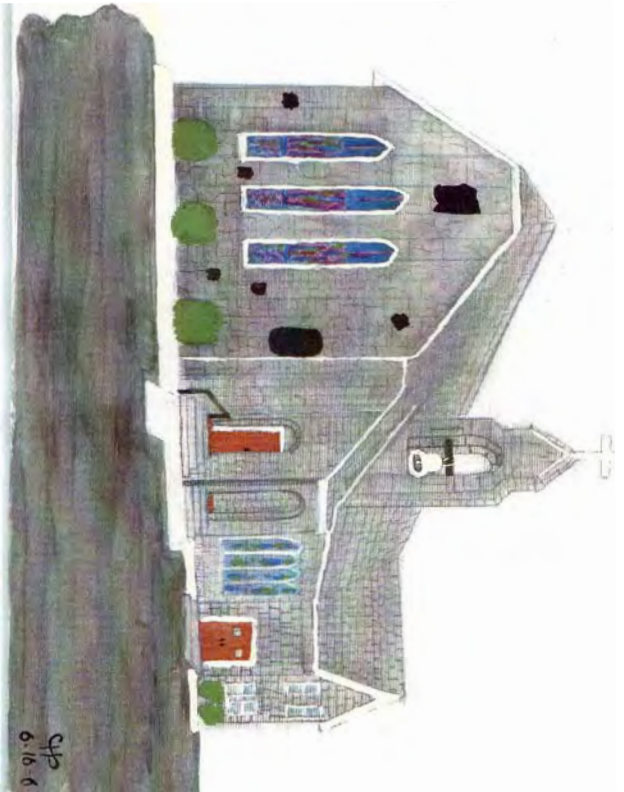
SENIOR YOUTH—DAN BAKER

JUNIOR YOUTH—ROBERT PEARSON

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

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