

A Stones Throw

October is a month of new beginnings and possibilities. Our ministries are in full swing, but it is not too late to plug in if you have not yet. Bible Study, prayer and worship are all at the heart of what we do and who we are at Mt. Pisgah. As we seek God's will for our future together, we desire to do what He would have us do. At one Long Range Planning Retreat we used this prayer litany. Join with us all as we lift up these heartfelt prayers as we thank God for his past faithfulness and move into a faithful future together.

**We know God has a plan for our congregation that He will continue to unfold as we follow Him.*

Show me your ways, O Lord,
Teach me your paths;
Guide me in Your truth and teach me,
For you are God my Savior,
And my hope is in You all day long,
Psalms 25:4-5

**We know that we as a congregation desire to be led by the Holy Spirit in a direction and purpose that is in line with Lord's will.*

And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,
Because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Romans 8:27

**We know that all believers are to be involved in servant ministry to one another in the flock, and also in the world.*

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
And whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man
Did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:43b-45

It is great to be serving and following our Lord together – Pastor Mike

Opportunities abound in October-

Mark your calendars!

* Sunday, Oct 2nd

Congregation Picnic & Worship

8:00 Service at Mt. Pisgah

10:30 Service at Henry Fork Park Pavillon

(Hotdogs/Hamburgers provided)

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Directions to Henry Fork River Park:

Take I-40 West to exit 121 Longview

Turn Right on 33rd Street S.W. / Old Shelby Road

Turn Left on Sweet Bay Lane End at Henry Fork River Park—estimated time

to park 29 minutes (we are at the large pavilion ---lawn chairs not necessary)

(Pavilion –8000 Sq. Feet with kitchen---ground is very level parking is easy)

Canoe launch, 2 playgrounds, Football game after worship!

Saturday, Oct 22nd

Youth Quake 10-2:00 for 3-6th graders

NC Synod Churches hosted by Mt. Pisgah

Wednesday, Oct 26th

Fall Festival 6:00PM for all of our children pre-6th graders (dinner, games, jumps, rides & candy 2 inflatables!)---Bring a friend

Sunday, Oct 30th

Reformation Sunday---Youth Sunday

Sunday, Nov 6th

All Saints Sunday ----A very special time of remembrance

Budget and Attendance Information
For the Month of September 2011

Needed Weekly \$ 6,394.48
 Offering for September \$25,067.40
 Average Attendance 301 SS 76

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Food for the month of **October** is Mac and Cheese, Tuna, canned chicken, canned green beans, canned tomatoes and Jams & Jellies. Food stamp recipients cannot buy health items with food stamps so laundry detergent, shampoo and paper products (**especially toilet paper**) are always needed and appreciated.

The Food Pantry is open on:
 Monday 3:00-5:00 PM
 Friday's 1:00-3:00 PM.

Golden Chain

The Golden Chain group has resumed with their monthly meeting and luncheon. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 11th @ 11:30 AM**. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. We hope to see you Here

Join Us For Food, Fun and Fellowship!

If you want to be part of the Golden Chain Group please come out and join us, we would love to have you. We welcome anyone 55 or older to visit and join in on our social activities.



Golden Chain

Contact Dick @ 495-8558

Breakfast Club Schedule 2011

Oct. 3 rd	Eat Out
Oct. 10 th	Rector Group
Oct. 24 th	Bowman Group
Nov. 7 th	Eat Out
Nov. 14 th	Perry Group
Nov. 28 th	Boyd Group
Dec. 5 th	Eat Out
Dec. 12 th	Huffman Group ---Christmas Party @ Church
Dec. 26 th	No meeting

Church Council meeting Oct 3rd
@ 6:00



Adult Sunday School
News

Special Thanks to Mickey & James Adair for leading the class for September.

Our leader for Sunday School will be James & Mickey Adair for October . Grab your cup of coffee and join us!

Weight Watchers @ Mt. Pisgah!

The Weight Watchers Program is meeting here at Mt. Pisgah to help you. If you want to be a part of this special group contact Pam to join the Weight Watcher's. They are meeting at Mt. Pisgah on Monday(s) @ 6:00 PM. For more information about their meeting(s) or any other questions please contact Pam Queen @ 632-3887



New Members Welcome!

We still have room for more members!



ASSISTANTS

Lay Assistants for
October 2011

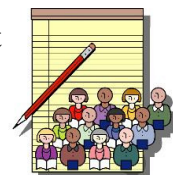
8:00 Margo Mosley
 10:30 Laurie Wegner

New Members Class

If you are interested in joining Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church Family. We are offering a new members class on November 13th 2011.

New Members Class is scheduled for
 Sunday, November 13
 Time 9:15-10:15 in room #100.

Our New members will be received at the **Sunday Night Thanksgiving Service on November 20th** this will be our traditional Thanksgiving Meal prior to the 6:30 worship. And will serve as our reception for all who are joining.



New Members Class

8:00 Ushers

Oct. Bob & Janice Simmons

Youth

Nov. Justin & Heather Dagenhart

Sandy Moore

Dec.

We have a few months still availableIf you want to participate/be a usher, please contact Libby Sigmon and let her know what month would work best for you.



10:30 Ushers

Sunday October 2nd Join us for Worship

Pastor Mike will share a special message from the heart about what it means to be a part of "The Mt. Pisgah Church Family."

Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, September 28th

6:00-7:00 PM

(in memory of Heather Stewart)



If Jesus Had A Dog

I wonder if Christ had a little black dog, all curly and wooly like mine? With two silky ears and a nose warm and wet, and two eyes brown and tender that shine? I am sure, I He had, that that little black dog knew right from the start He was God. That he never sought proof that Christ was divine, but just worshiped the ground that He trod. I'm afraid that He hadn't because I have read, how He prayed in the garden alone when all of His friends and disciples had fled eve Peter, the one called a "stone." And oh, I know that the little black dog, with a ear so tender and warm, would never have left Him to suffer alone! But creeping right under His arm, would have licked those dear fingers in agony clasped and counting all favors but loss. And when they led Him away, that little black dog would have trotted behind and followed Him quietly to the cross.

Author unknown



We are taking applications for the Mt. Pisgah Preschool.

Pick up a form at the Church Office
Monday-Friday 9-12:00 or
Call Linda Bloom
@ 828-256-2503 registration.

Upcoming Weddings for the 2011 & 2012 year

Oct. 15, 2011 Jenny Burris & Jeff Beaudin
Feb. 4, 2012 Kendall Lail & Tyler Land
April 21, 2012 Taylor King & Andrew Brothers



Sunday School Teachers

Thank you one and All

Your Help is Needed!

Mt. Pisgah Nursery for 2011

Please don't forget to sign up to help out in the nursery. A sign-up sheet is located on the kiosk. Heather Stafford is on duty each Sunday, but she needs our help. Some Sunday(s) we have 12-15 little ones in the nursery. Would you please help by signing up for 2 Sunday(s) at the 10:30 service.



Living Healthy with Diabetes

Contact: Margo Mosley, Extension Agent, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, 828-632-3125

If you have diabetes or are caring for someone with diabetes, learn how to feel better, how to feel healthier and happier through the *Living Healthy with Diabetes* series beginning Wednesday, October 19, 2011, in the Upper Room. Sessions are each Wednesday, 10:00-12:30 pm, beginning October 19 and concluding Nov 23. All classes are free and coordinated by North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

Living Healthy with Diabetes was developed by Stanford University in California. It is designed to help you learn to manage your symptoms, communicate with your doctor and other health care professionals, eat healthy, monitor your blood sugar and get more out of life.

Along with the course instruction, all who attend will receive a free copy of the book *Living a Health Life* with information not only about diabetes but other chronic conditions.

Living Healthy with Diabetes is sponsored by North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Alexander and Catawba counties and the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services. Advance sign-up is required.

To register or for more information call Margo Mosley at (828) 632-3125.

Simply Giving

Did you know that there is a way to be sure that your offerings to the ministry of our church are received whether or not you are in your pew on Sunday morning?

Simply Giving is an automated giving program designed to help you conveniently and consistently contribute to Mt. Pisgah. Through **Simply Giving**, your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the amount and frequency of your automatic gift—weekly, semi-monthly or monthly—the option is yours. **And this selection can be changed at any time.** Your gift is deposited into the church's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account—at no cost to you.

Simply Giving is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. But you're not the only one that benefits. The congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, more efficient bookkeeping and greater confidence in meeting our financial commitments. Currently more than fifteen member families are enrolled in **Simply Giving**. Please consider joining them in this program. Contact Margie Oakes, our church secretary, for the application form.

IRA's and a Giving Opportunity

Are you older than 70½? Are you required to take an annual distribution from your IRA? IF so, there is a special tax break opportunity for calendar year 2011 only. As a result of Federal tax legislation enacted in December 2010, taxpayers over the age of 70 ½ are allowed to make tax-free withdrawals up to \$100,000 from an IRA when those funds are directed to a qualified charity like Mt. Pisgah. The funds must come directly to the church from the holder of the IRA. Contact your IRA bank or broker to get more information on this unique opportunity. I also have some limited further information for anyone who is interested.

Bill Oelkers
Congregation Treasurer



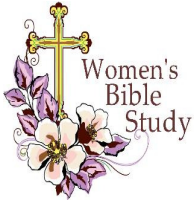
Thanks to all our participants in our Workday clean up and particularly to Melvin Isenhour for all his work.

Women's Bible Study

Come Join Us on Monday(s) 10:00
10:00 -10:15 Prayers 10:15-11:15 Bible Study
6:15 – 6:30 Prayers 6:30- 7:30 Bible Study

OR

Wednesday(s) after dinner (dinner 6:00-6:30)
Bible Study 6:30-7:30
while your children enjoy Kids in Christ & Confirmation.



We are studying Revelations—it is such a blessing to dig into God's word together.

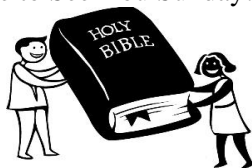
Hope to see you then!
God Bless Yvonne Osborne

YASS--- Young Adult Sunday School

As a young adult and perhaps young parent you face unique challenges and joys. Come join us in the Upper Room for Sunday School as we share together the special ways God can help us through life's ups and downs.

This is a great class with lots of laughs and sharing. Start the new school year off right.

Hope to See You Sunday!



YASS
Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

Guys come and join us on Tuesday(s)

5:30-6:30 as we dig back in to Romans together.

If you have not been with us before we welcome you to a time of great fellowship and honest learning together. It is truly a blessing—

Hope you can join us!



Join us



Many Thanks to Ken Wasmund, our players, donors and volunteers and Thrivent Financial for the financial help for our golf tournament it was a great success!

From all the 10 of us who made Teen Encounter Christ Weekend #52 Thanks to Mt. Pisgah for your prayers and support!

Confirmands Please be Here

Wednesday, September 28th 5:30 PM

Blessing of the Animals—Bring your pets!
Wednesday, September 28th 6:00 Service/and dinner to follow.

Prayer Concern List October 2011

David Sheets	Son-in-law of Pearl Poovey. David has nerve damage/neuropathy.
Dennis Sheets	Friend of Pearl Poovey. Dennis miscellaneous health problems.
James Sheets	Friend of Pearl Poovey. James Miscellaneous health problems.
Krista Stone	Sister-in-law of Pastor Mike & Laura. Krista diagnosed with breast cancer.
Gaila Sipe	Friend of Katie Wilfong. Gaila diagnosed with breast cancer.
Barbara Connor	Friend of Lorna Sheets. Barbara has soft tissue Sarcoma.
Landi C. Bregman	Friend of Meredith Priestley. Landi diagnosed with rare lung disease (LAM).
Gene Roberson	Son-in-law of Eric & Onita Wagner. Miscellaneous health problems.
Carlotta Grimes	Mother of Renee Mawyer. Carlotta diagnosed with breast cancer.
Sharon Kitchings	Friend of Marjorie Markham. Sharon recovering from brain surgery.
Rommie Fox	Friend of Bob & Kathey Sigmon. Rommie diagnosed with liver cancer.
Ashley Hart	Friend of Tony & Karen Whitener. Ashley teacher at Mt. View Ele. Diagnosed with lymphoma.
Larry Hollar	Member of Mt. Pisgah & Husband of Stephanie. Larry diagnosed with lung disease.
Shirley Patterson	Mother of Steven Talley. Shirley diagnosed with cancer.
Dylan Bowman	Friend of Steven Talley. Dylan recovering from auto accident.
Sharon Kitchings	Friend of Marjorie Markham. Sharon recovering from surgery (brain).
Faye Carrigan	Grandmother of Vanessa Harris & Nick Carrigan. Faye recovering from hip replacement surgery
Connie Nance	Friend of Cathy Thick. Connie diagnosed with cancer.
Hazel Ireland	Mother-in-law of Evelyn Robinette. Hazel numerous health problems.
Terry Martin	Friend of Bob & Kathey Sigmon. Terry diagnosed with bone cancer.
Jerry Carrigan	Dad of Vanessa Harris. Jerry multiple health problems.
Bob Sigmon	Member/Husband of Kathey Sigmon. Bob experiencing pain from cancer.
Troy Wiseman	Friend of Kathy Johnson. Troy (unborn child) maybe be born with Down syndrome
Sharon Milstead	Friend of Ron & Beth Madurski. Sharon diagnosed with cancer.
Dakota Johnston	Child of Joey & Sarah Johnston. Dakota diagnosed with Hodgkin's.
Mark Wallace	Friend of Marjorie Markham. Mark diagnosed with leukemia.
Fred Patterson	Step-dad of Steve Talley. Fred recovering from hip surgery
Les Price	Brother of Faye Stafford. Less deteriorating health problems.
Larry Green	Husband/father of Susan & Ian Green. Larry health problems.
Claudine Avery	Sister-in-law of Carolyn Carpenter. Claudine recovering from surgery.
Kelly Blanton	Friend of the Aswell. Kelly paralyzed from a fall/accident off of a horse.
Pastor Drew & Sandy Parson	Friends of Carolyn Carpenter. Drew & Sandy both diagnosed with cancer.
Sarah Bryant	Co-worker of Kathey Sigmon. Sarah diagnosed with breast cancer.
Marie Sigmon	Mother of Lisa Harris. Marie diagnosed with cancer.
Gina Kane	Gina diagnosed with cancer.
Paul Kindzia	Co-worker/associate of Lynn Wilson. Paul scheduled for brain surgery
Bob Clouse	Husband of Melissa. Bob hospitalized with undiagnosed breathing problems.
Eric Wagner	Husband of Onita Wagner. Eric deteriorating health problems.
Janice Wills	Friend of Eddie & Janice Eckard. Janice diagnosed with breast cancer.
Dean Simmons	Friend of Eddie & Janice Eckard. Dean diagnosed with miscellaneous health problems.
Scottie Winters	Friend of Eddie & Janice Eckard. Scottie miscellaneous health problems.
Sandy Rogers	Friend of Eddie & Janice Eckard. Sandy stomach problems.
Brady Shepherd	Friend of Ken Wasmand & family. Brady diagnosed with cancer.
Marie Crisp	Friend of Evelyn Robinette. Marie miscellaneous health problems

Remember to visit or write our Shut ins & Military:

Shut Ins: Jerry & Helen Reitzel, Tressie Hall, Sue Bolick, Inez Bowman, Mary Bolick.

Lutheran Home: Pearl Seabock, Dollie Yount, Alma Yount

Nursing Home: Ruth Austin, Ethel Patrick,

Military: Jeremy Hefner, Joshua Dubois, Nathan Simmons, Douglas Alexander, Michael Ethridge.

We are requesting that you keep our church secretary or Pastor informed of any changes to the information above.

We express our sympathy to the families and friends who recently lost loved ones.

Kid's In Christ - (3yrs - 6th grade) Upcoming Events

Wednesday night KIC - KIC program is back in full swing with so many activities and events you don't want to miss. Bring your friends and join in the fun. Meal served from 6:00 - 6:30 and program from 6:30 till 7:30.

Saturday, October 1st - Courtney's Make A Wish Celebration - Courtney invites you to attend this celebration party to thank you for all your love and support of both us during her battle with Hodgkin's. Celebration will be held at the Teen Center in Hickory from 6:00pm till 10:00pm with a special "Make a Wish" presentation at 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Sunday, October 2nd - Picnic at Henry Fork Park@ 10:30 - No Sunday school, however activities following picnic.

Saturday, October 8th - **Deadline** for YouthQuake registration and t-shirt information.

Sunday, October 16th - Kid's sing during 10:30 worship service.

Saturday, October 22nd - YOUTHQUAKE 2011 - Program provided by the synod, music provided by our very own Mt. Pisgah praise band and opened to all 3rd through 6th graders throughout NC. Program will last from 10:15 am until 3:00 pm.

Definitely don't want to miss this! Registration \$20 which includes t-shirt and pizza for lunch (deadline October 8th)!

Wednesday, October 26th - Fall Festival - Come all decked out in your Halloween costume from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm for a wonderful night of food, games, bounce houses, rides, and don't forget our ultimate trunk or treat. (Look for sign up sheet on kiosk in you wish to decorate and participate in the trunk or treat competition.)

Don't forget Sunday school every Sunday from 9:15 till 10:15!

**Sunday school is rockin' with some new faces and new materials.
Thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to our children.**

Nursery - Heather Stafford

Preschool - Kelly Daughtrey and Kathryn Tesh

K - 2nd Grade - April Childress and JoAnna Talley

3rd - 5th Grade - Denise Mullins and Olivia Daughtrey

6th - 8th Grade - David Moser

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, gifts, and cards during Courtney's battle with Hodgkin's. We are officially at the 6 month cancer free mark! We are very blessed for our Mt. Pisgah family who helped us through every step of the way. Jesus loves you and we love you too!

If you have any questions or need a ride to any of the events, please don't hesitate to call or email me anytime. (228-1306 or Crystal_Cook@catawbасchools.net)