

I need Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. I need it every year. I need the humility. I need the confession. I need the reminders. I need the fast. I need the promise. I need the dust. I need the ash. I need the invitation to call me back into right relationship with God. “Return to me with all your heart,” the prophet Joel cries out.

Lent is a special time. A time when people find all kinds of ways to engage a Holy God through prayer, fasting, contemplation, meditation, worship, and service. It’s not that we don’t do these things other times of the year, but sometimes, small seasons give us the opportunity to live with greater focus and intention. Runners follow a training plan. Book clubs pick a book to read. People follow a strict diet. Students learn for semesters. And Christians, we observe Lent. Advent. Ordinary time. Lent is a season from Ash Wednesday to Easter that commemorates when Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. This season brings with it, not just fasting (though that may be part of it), but an opportunity to “return.” Return to the Lord, the prophet writes.

Over the next 6 weeks, roughly 40 days, what would it look like to go deeper in your relationship with God? To return? I hope that your faith journey might be enriched by some of the offerings we share during this season: weekly worship, a weekly small group, church wide devotionals, Thursday night gatherings (“Pandemic Café”) for reflection and healing, special services, and service opportunities. Sure, there will be times of testing and darkness. But rest assured, God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God is with us. And even when the night is dark, we are not alone.

ROOTS & BRANCHES

MARCH 2022

Looking for a Lenten Devotional?

Here a few suggestions that I (Laura) will be using this season to incorporate into my daily life.

1. “Unrevealed Until Its Season: A Lenten Journey with Hymns” by James C. Howell

Author James Howell believes in the power of song to teach spiritual truths. “Hymns embed faith into the marrow of the soul,” he writes. In *Unrevealed Until Its Season*, Howell takes us on a 40-day journey through well-loved hymns.

2. “Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals For a Life of Imperfection” by Kate Bowler

In these gorgeously written reflections, Bowler and Richie offer fresh imagination for how truth, beauty, and meaning can be discovered amid the chaos of life. Their words celebrate kindness, honesty, and interdependence in a culture that rewards ruthless individualism and blind optimism. Ultimately, in these pages we can rest in the encouragement to strive for what is possible today—while recognizing that though we are finite, the life in front of us can be beautiful.

Laura along with several other women from the Dream Weavers circle will be meeting weekly to discuss. If interested, please contact Laura for details.

3. “Full to the Brim” – a Lenten Devotional that will coincide with worship themes created & written by the Sanctified Art Team

These daily reflections are written by the creators of Sanctified Art and coincide with the themes in worship each week. If you are interested in receiving a digital copy in PDF format, please email Laura.

4. The Upper Room Disciplines 2022

This is a resource that I particularly admire because it is rooted in the texts from the Lectionary. Reading this devotional is a great way to prepare for worship each week. A diverse group of 52 Christian thought leaders each contribute a week of topical devotions that reveal something new about God and humanity, sin and grace, revelation and humility, individual discipleship and life in community.



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Full to the Brim { Even in the desert

Luke 4:1-13 | Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Even in the desert, Jesus expands our definitions of a full life. It's not the life the Tempter presents: a life defined by excess power, control, or reign. Excess is not abundance, but there is more. There is a fuller life we are called to live. Even in the midst of struggle, oppressive forces, hardship, and grief—God's promises spill over, like the bounty of the first fruits from the ground. Even in the desert, you are called to the riverside to be washed by grace.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Full to the Brim { Under God's wing

Luke 13:31-35 | Psalm 27

God is our refuge. There is nothing that can separate you from God, or could keep God from gathering you in, protecting you fiercely. Jesus' lament for Jerusalem is surprising given how he is treated by Jerusalem. And yet, no matter how much we try to separate ourselves from God, God will run to protect us. God's love for us is fuller than we can imagine.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Full to the Brim { You are worthy

Luke 13:1-9 | Isaiah 55:1-9

Like the fig tree, you are worthy. You're not a lost cause. You're not a waste of resources. You deserve to be nurtured. Your fruit will come. Like the gardener, you are invited to see others with audacious hope and budding potential. The lesson of the fig tree invites us to unpack the source of our worth in a system and society that often measures worthiness by commerce, production, output, success, status, achievement, ethnicity, and/or gender identity. We might ask, "Can the fig tree have worth even if it never produces any figs?" What does that mean for us if the answer is "yes"?

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Full to the Brim { Prodigal grace

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The word "prodigal" is commonly used to describe the son who squanders his inheritance. Yet, this parable invites us to consider how God's grace is also prodigal—extravagant, lavish, illogical. This parable disrupts and expands our definitions of grace. Once again, grace is not earned. After wasting his resources, the younger son becomes destitute and returns home to his father, saying, "I am no longer worthy." His father, instead, greets him with a celebration and the fatted calf. The older son, in contrast, has done everything "right"—he's tried to perform, work hard, check all the boxes—but he forgets how to celebrate. How might you receive and extend prodigal grace?

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Unified Budget	335,441.48
YTD Total Income to Operating Fund	49,332.79
YTD Operating Expenses	46,549.10
YTD Operating Fund Balance	2,783.69
2021 Operating Fund Balance Forward	26,386.05
2022 Current Actual Operating Fund Balance	29,169.74
Current Building Mortgage Balance	184,711.63

MAY 14, 2022... SAVE THE DATE!

A spring fundraiser benefiting *The Steven Collins Children's Music Ministry* will be held at the Pleasant Green Community Center and sponsored by the Dream Weavers. Stay tuned for more details soon!

Read more information on the PG Community Center on page 11.

An open conversation on grief, loss, and anxiety during this pandemic

PANDEMIC CAFÉ

Thursdays • 7pm

Mar 3	Hillsborough UMC
Mar 10	Hillsborough UMC
Mar 17	Pleasant Green UMC
Mar 24	Cedar Grove UMC
Mar 31	Union Grove UMC
Apr 7	Walnut Grove UMC

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sunday's @ 10:30am, in person or on our live [YouTube](#) stream.

COME AND HELP SUPPORT THE 2022 EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP!

Pancake Supper: Feast then Fast!

March 2, 6:00 pm. Ash Wednesday Service to follow at 7:00 pm.

Chicken & Dumplings Sale...Now taking orders!

March 19th. \$10/quart. To order, email pgumc@ncrrbiz.com.

Pickup will be after 4:00 pm on March 19th. .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE & ROLL DOUGH!

Please bring your own rolling pins & pizza cutters

Sunday, March 13th - 4:00 pm

Thursday, March 17th - 6:30 pm with Circle of Faith

Mothers Day Tea!

May 1st After Worship Service, \$20 per person.

All are invited to celebrate mom and family. Simply Steeped Tea will host a celebration tea of mom's all over the world. Proceed will be going to the El Salvador mission fund. We thank you for your help. *Praise to God for the gift to go and serve.*

Fill a cup and support El Salvador! Cups are in the Narthex.

Take a coffee cup and fill it with the money you would spend on coffee each day. Money collected will be spent on food for families in need.

GLOBAL FRIENDS ESL PROGRAM

Friday morning classes 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at PGUMC

Volunteers needed to Set-up/Cleanup Church area, Transport families to/from Pleasant Green, Provide Snacks, Assist with Childcare and ESL classes. *Booster seats and car seat donations are needed!

Volunteer Registration Form: bit.ly/GFESLvol

The Global Friends ESL program is a collaborative effort of The Church at Spring Forest, Durham Home Church Network, and Pleasant Green United Methodist Church. We work in partnership with World Relief. Our certified ESL teachers and program volunteers are passionate about welcoming our newest global neighbors and supporting English language acquisition as a major part of companionship refugees in rebuilding their lives here in the United States. We welcome all people without discrimination, based on race, gender, religion, or sexuality. While the Global Friends ESL program is grounded in the Christian practice of hospitality, we are ecumenical and do not proselytize volunteers or students.

Contact Wendy Anderson for questions: 919.630.1939 or wen_a@nc.rr.com.

VOLUNTEERS!

Children's Church teachers, Greeters & Usher volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings! Click [HERE](#) to sign up online or a hard copy is available in the Narthex!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

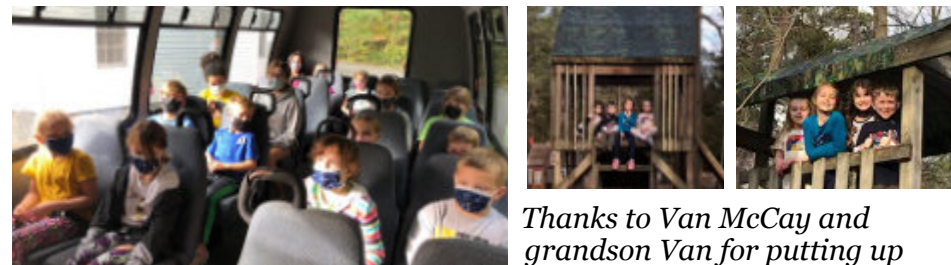


June 20-24. Register here!
Vbs Volunteers: <https://bit.ly/PGVBSVOL22>
Vbs Participants: <https://bit.ly/PGVBS22>
Contact Wendy Anderson for questions:
919.630.1939 or wen_a@nc.rr.com.

PLEASANT GREEN SUMMER CAMP 2022

June 20 - 24, Week 1: VBS 9 am - 12:30 pm
June 27 - 30, Week 2: Mon – Thurs
July 11 - 15, Week 3: Chestnut Ridge Traveling Camp at PGUMC
July 18 - 22, Week 4

Summer Camp Registration link: <https://bit.ly/PGsummercamp>



The church bus has been sold! Thanks to Wayne Walker for finding the buyer!

Thanks to Van McCay and grandson Van for putting up new tarps on the playground treehouses!



Dinner Out for the Youth!

YOUTH

April 29-30: World Vision's 30 Hour Famine!
PARENTS: Please check out the Meal Train sign up sheet if you're able to sponsor a meal for the youth. <https://mealtrain.com/k1qmn2>



Thank you to the Youth for hosting Parents Night Out!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Briar Ray Manning
Son of Phillip & Danni Manning and great grandson of T.C. & Susan Adams, born on February 10th, weighing 9 lbs.



Emma Petra Kinney
Daughter of Ian & Gabriela Kinney and granddaughter of Lou Kinney, born on February 15, weighing 6 lbs 11 oz.

*Pleasant Green Family—
Thank you for the prayers during mother's health decline and passing. It means so much to me, Jennifer and the rest of the family to be remembered during difficult times.
Much love,
Jane Booth*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Aron & Maria Bowlin
Caedmon, Abbie & Jake

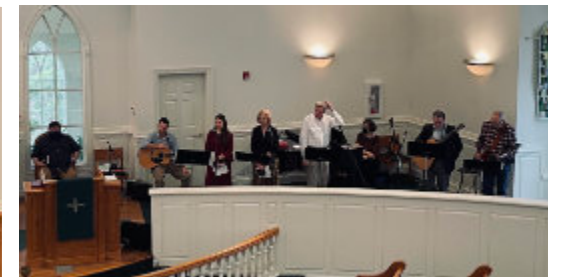


Guy Hurley

THEY SEE ME ROLLIN'



Diane Wingo, Andrea Harris, Gloria Perry, Kathryn Dempsey & George Ann McCay rolling dough for the Chicken & Dumplings!



Guest Preacher Kory Tomlinson and the Last Sunday Praise Band.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service
10:30 am
Children's Church
During Worship, Old Sanctuary
Clyde Walker Sunday School
9:15 am, Zoom
<https://nccumc.zoom.us/j/95216612160>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1st Sunday in Lent 6 YOUTH 4-6 pm <i>*No Traveling Worship*</i> Carly Ann Clark</p>		<p>1 READ & SEED 6:30 pm, Zoom (pg. 8)</p>	<p>2 PANCAKE SUPPER 6 pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7 pm <i>*No Bible Study*</i> Emily Morris Nicholson Amy Walker Moore Abby Nichols</p>	<p>3 PANDEMIC CAFE 7 pm (pg. 1,3) THURSDAYS WITH NAMI 7 pm Zoom (pg. 8) Everett Sollenberger</p>	<p>4 Becky Brogden Ty Walker</p>	
<p>2nd Sunday in Lent 13 YOUTH 4-6 pm DOUGH ROLLING, 4 pm (pg. 3) Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 BIBLE STUDY 10 am CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30 pm Susan Adams David Fox Megan Collins King George Ann McCay Pam Weaver</p>	<p>10 PANDEMIC CAFE 7 pm (pg. 1,3) THURSDAYS WITH NAMI 7 pm Zoom (pg. 8) Brandon Lee Spencer Micol Megan Carter</p>	<p>11 Grey Cook</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>3rd Sunday in Lent 20 YOUTH 4-6 pm Ronnie Brown Heather Walker</p>	<p>14 UMW BOOK CLUB 6 pm, Zoom (pg. 8) Cynthia Walker Mamie Alley</p>	<p>15 ADMIN COUNCIL MEETING 7-8 pm</p>	<p>16 BIBLE STUDY 10 am PRAYER MINISTRY 6:30 pm (pg. 10) CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30 pm Diane Wingo</p>	<p>17 CIRCLE OF FAITH 6:30 pm DOUGH ROLLING, 6:30 pm (pg. 3) PANDEMIC CAFE 7 pm (pg. 1,3) THURSDAYS WITH NAMI 7 pm Zoom (pg. 8) Jacy Chapmon</p>	<p>18 LAST DAY FOR DIAPER DRIVE (pg. 12) </p>	<p>19 CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS PICK UP AFTER 4 pm (pg. 3) Cindy Martin Sonya Braddy</p>
<p>4th Sunday in Lent 27 <i>All are invited!</i> PGUMC QUARTERLY RETREAT 4-6 pm @ PGUMC YOUTH 4-6 pm  Ali DeLeo</p>	<p>21 ELEANOR WALER CIRCLE 7 pm Matt Vukmer</p>	<p>22 Val Ostoyich</p>	<p>23 BIBLE STUDY 10 am BLOOD DRIVE 10 am-3 pm (pg. 12) CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30 pm Melody Link Jordan Anderson</p>	<p>24 PANDEMIC CAFE 7 pm (pg. 1,3) THURSDAYS WITH NAMI 7 pm Zoom (pg. 8) Lisa McCurdy Owen Walker Smith</p>	<p>25 Lorianna Whitford Hohns</p>	<p>26 Jacob Freeman John Link</p>
	<p>28 Wandra Whitford Corbyn Poe</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 BIBLE STUDY 10 am CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30 pm Currie Bryant Rob Smith</p>	<p>31 PANDEMIC CAFE 7 pm (pg. 1,3) THURSDAYS WITH NAMI 7 pm Zoom (pg. 8) Nancy Browning Susan Carter</p>	<p>**NOTICE: 2022 PINESTRAW SALE CANCELLATION** Our supplier is unable to provide pinestraw this year due to a manpower shortage that has severely impacted his ability to harvest & bale the pinestraw. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but it is a matter beyond our control. The UMM thank all of our customers for their support and hope that we will be able to have this fundraiser again next year. PG United Methodist Men</p>	

INTRODUCING: PGUMC QUARTERLY RETREAT!

All of PGUMC is encouraged to join this new time of reflection and growth as we create space for recognizing the wonderful things God is doing in our lives both individually and collectively while also exploring what we can do differently to better enable the mission of our church.

All are invited! Our first retreat will be at the church on Sunday, March 27th from 4-6PM. This event is sponsored by your Administrative Council. We look forward to seeing people of all ages in attendance!

MARCH

READ & SEED

Our next get-together is **Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 pm on Zoom** to discuss *Amari and the Night Brothers* by BB Alston.

Join our Zoom Meeting here: <https://nccumc.zoom.us/j/99801109814> and email Cindy at fireflyfarm2015@gmail.com for questions.

Update on our Little Library idea: We need to choose a design and collect money to cover the cost. One request from Nancy Maloney is to have a 2-story design with children's books on the bottom and Adult books on top. Sounds like a fine idea. I'll try to send out something soon. Be watching for more information. I also mentioned that it would be fun to make packets of seeds to include with each book, so people can read and seed! I know, corny, but this might be especially fun for the children.

And be on the lookout for a book full of food ideas, as we would like to plan on an in-person discussion of such a book featuring the food in the book. Any ideas? I am currently reading *Salt Houses* and it features food in a major way. Here is a taste: https://www.bookbrowse.com/mag/btb/index.cfm/book_number/3573/salt-houses

Bring your book candidates to our next meeting - let's get some good mouth-watering ideas!

UMW BOOK CLUB

We are excited about our new Book Club! The Club will read books from the Reading Program List and will meet on the second Monday of each month from 7-8 pm. See the book choices for the upcoming discussions below.

- March 14-*When Others Shuddered* by Jamie Janoz
- April 11-*Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry
- May 9-*The House on Lowell Street* by Linda A. Keane
- June 13-*Girl Gone Missing* by Marcie R. Rendon

The book discussions will be facilitated by Jeanne Murray. Jeanne is a wonderful United Methodist Woman, a Lay Speaker and a retired English teacher. To receive the ZOOM link for the discussions, please send an email to NCCUMW.Webmaster@gmail.com.

MENTAL HEALTH CORNER

Thursdays with NAMI is held through ZOOM every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. It is necessary to register on a weekly basis: <https://naminc.org/our-work-support/thursdays-with-nami/>

You may also watch through FaceBook. Log into your FB account > NAMI North Carolina > More > Events > choose the Thursdays with NAMI of the week. It is not necessary to register if you watch through FaceBook.

These are stories of hope!

Thursdays with NAMI is a unique way of building conversations – and building community—around mental health. These free weekly video sessions cover a wide range of topics from diagnosis to recovery and everything in between. Various guests and program host Peg Morrison share insights based on their own experience, knowledge, and current trends. Typically guests are real people who have walked the walk of life with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, anxiety, depression, and more. Sometimes, loved ones and experts are featured as well. All of them have lives that have been impacted by mental illness in a personal way. Join us to hear their stories, insights, good times, and what gets them through their dark days.

On another mental health topic - Psychiatric Advance Directives (PAD) is a legal document that tells treatment providers your preferences for treatment in a mental health crisis. You can give consent for or decline specific future psychiatric treatment, AND/OR authorize a trusted person to make treatment decisions in a crisis, based on your written preferences (also called health care power of attorney or health care agent). If you are in a psychiatric crisis and in a state of mind where you cannot speak for yourself or communicate treatment decisions, the crisis treatment provider can activate your PAD. For more information:

Help PAD Guidance and Forms: <https://naminc.org/our-work-support/psychiatric-advance-directives/helpful-pads-guidance-and-forms/>

PAD Training Opportunities to learn how to complete the forms and ask your questions: <https://naminc.org/our-work-support/psychiatric-advance-directives/pads-training-opportunities/>

A WORSHIP NEED:

Many of us enjoy the Live Stream worship each week and we are so grateful for Mike Quinn and Wayne Leonard who so faithfully provide this service each week. However, we need a few extra hands to help and be on call if Mike or Wayne are not able to be present. Our goal is to build our volunteer base in order to sustain this area of ministry. If you (or someone you know) if fairly comfortable with technology and would be willing to be trained, please contact Pastor Laura, Mike, or Wayne.

A note from Mike Quinn...

I wanted to give you all some further information on the *Live Broadcast* (Streaming) of our Church Services. We have been streaming the Sunday Church Service now for a while now and most of the bugs have been worked out. We are down to one more needed device to complete our Studio/Control Room at the church. I will do another announcement regarding the “Character Generator” soon.

This has been a labor of love for Wayne Leonard and me. We have spent many hours developing and building our Broadcast capabilities which seem to be well received with high praise.

A few statistics:

- Since inception, we have had over 350 individual views of our service on You Tube,
- We have had between 9 and 14 real-time viewers of the *live stream* every Sunday.
- One family who recently moved away watches every Sunday and has relayed that, “It is so nice, it feels like we are sitting in the sanctuary again!”

With the installation of all this new equipment, it now is imperative that it is presented as perfect as possible— Bringing this broadcast to the internet is quite a task. We have raised the bar when it comes to the Sound and Video quality and due to the number of views we have had, maybe this is also a good tool for advertising our church to those who are not currently going to a church.

A brief description of what Wayne and I do during the Sunday Service:

Being that his process is a “Real-Time” effort, he and I MUST be present to pull this off every Sunday.

WIFI CONNECTIONS

Upstairs:

TP-Link 2.4Ghz- 80BA40

TP-Link 2.4Ghz- 80BA39

more distance/slower connection

TP-Link 5Ghz – 80BA39

less distance/faster connection

Downstairs:

MySpectrumWifi76- 2G

MySpectrumWifi76- 5G

Password - unioneptic548

I serve as Audio/Sound Engineer plus the technical support for any and all issues that may arise. My tasks are to control the audio during a *live* broadcast. In addition to the microphones, I also handle any additional audio for the music, soloists, instruments, and audio from the congregation. Turning microphones and other sound sources on at the right time and off at the right time are equally important, and you may be doing both simultaneously. All this audio is routed to The Main broadcast console. This job also requires the ability to immediately troubleshoot any issues that arise and be able to repair any piece of equipment in that room ‘on-the-fly’.

Sitting at my right side is Wayne in the Broadcast area. Wayne is serving as the Technical Broadcast Director plus the video engineer that controls the cameras, graphics, and anything else related to the video feed. Wayne is watching a large video monitor that is split into 12 smaller video monitors and manually makes sure all the input is where it should be at the correct time as it’s happening. That includes everything you see on your screen during the service. That is done with 3 separate control consoles. These complicated pieces of equipment are the interface between many video sources and the “on-air feed” that goes out to the internet and You Tube.

Not only does Wayne have to multi-task during the service, but he is working at home during the week creating and preparing the still shots; (i.e.) the opening graphic screen, words to the Hymns, still shots of the church or any announcements and information that will be sent to the viewers during the live service.

Praying...Everything You Do is Right!

Romans 8: 26, 27: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Here is a new one for you; at least it is for me. Did you know there is an Everything you Do is Right Day on March 16th? (<https://nationaltoday.com/everything-you-do-is-right-day/>) What a surprise! No one knows the origin, but the assumption is that no matter what life brings to you, your responses that day are right (except if you use it to hurt other people).

This holiday recalls a discussion that the Prayer Ministry had recently. We were saying that so many people believe they do not know how to pray or who to pray for. Take our prayer list, for example. We have a robust prayer ministry and many of our church members and regular attenders complete the yellow cards, found in the pews, with names of colleagues and loved ones for the church to pray for. Yes – you read it correctly; it is not just the Prayer Ministry that prays for people on our list; it is all of us, in service to God. The Prayer Ministry does pray, manages our list, and promotes praying; but all of us in the church are important. God wants to hear your voice as well as ours.

Here is where the protestations may begin: I don't know how to pray! I don't know these people! There are too many on the list to pray for! Praying is not one of my gifts! Let us go back to the Word of God, Romans 8: 26, 27. That tells us that the Holy Spirit intervenes for us with God; sometimes not with words, but with deep groanings because there is too much hurt to bare. So, just coming to God in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to intervene for us, is enough.

The Holy Spirit also guides us on who to pray for. If you have a thought about how to divide our list to

make it more manageable for you, that idea probably comes from the Holy Spirit. For example, it is possible to:

- Pray for categories of people, such as those with physical or mental illnesses, those in financial difficulties, those with relationship troubles, international leaders, and situations.... You get the idea. It is not necessary to know what problem each person has on the list. God knows and will appreciate your conversation with Him.

- Pray for six or seven people on the list every day. Currently, there are forty-two names on the list. Divide forty-two by seven for seven days a week, and there are six people to pray for every day. The number may change depending on who is on the list.

- From week to week, keep track of new people on the list. Concentrate on them.

- Meet with a neighbor or friend once a week to pray for the people who come to your heart.

- Physically put your hand on the list of people on our prayer list. Lift them up to God and ask Him to intervene in ways that He knows is best.

March 16th is Everything You Do is Right Day; for just one day. God gives us more than that. He gives us every day that we pray is right in his eyes. Our coming to God and starting a conversation with Him is pleasing to Him.

Let us pray about praying! Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing us to you to pray. Thank you for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we pray. Thank you for the Holy Spirit coming to you when we do not know what to say. Thank you for listening when we stumble through prayers we don't know how to pray. Thank you for bringing us to you that first, second, and third time to talk to you about the people on our hearts and minds. We trust you, Father God, to sort out what we want to say. And we trust you to answer with your perfect wisdom, timing, and compassion. In your Son's name, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

The Prayer Ministry meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in person or by free telephone conference. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 pm. You may also contact Gail at pruettg4mh@gmail.com. Please join us! We would love to share God's love with you as we pray for others.



Pleasant Green Community Center Update:

PGCC is currently keeping busy with rentals. As you know, Covid kept us closed for business for over a year. Covid also came along right after some major improvements were completed and paid for—new windows, siding repairs, water and sewer improvements—to list a few. Our operating fund was very low with zero rentals. Some expenses still had to be paid—electricity, gas, and insurance, other fees. While we barely had funds to make it, some friends of PGCC stepped up with donations to help out. To those who helped, PGCC sends thanks. Since rentals have picked up again, the bank account is once again healthy and minor repairs are being completed. It is an old building, so weather, time, and animals continue to “make their mark”. Phil Ray, PGCC president, keeps on top of conditions that need attention. If you are interested in renting PGCC for an event, you can review the online calendar for availability, or call PGCC rental agents Phil Ray, (919-493-1780) or Tim Fowler, (919-383-7728). It is a popular space to rent—reserve early!

Thanks again for your support of this historic community treasure. Sincerely, Sandy Quinn, PGCC Treasurer.



FMF DONATIONS NEEDED!

Collected in the Narthex

New twin/full comforters, New pillows, Pine Sol, Dish soap, Toilet paper, Paper towels

SUPPORT UMCOR'S COFFEE & CHOCOLATE PROJECT

Fair trade provides opportunities for churches to support a system that nurtures rather than diminishes God's vision of abundant life. UMCOR's partner is the employee owned fair trade organization called Equal Exchange. *For sale in the Parlor*

12 oz Ground Coffee Bags, \$8

Mind Body Soul Regular or Decaf

Organic Chocolate bars, \$2.50

Dark Chocolate Almond & sea salt (55%)

Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch & sea salt

Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch (67%)

Panama Extra Dark Chocolate (80%)

Dark Chocolate Orange (65%)

Very Dark Chocolate (71%)

Milk Chocolate

Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch & sea salt

Chocolate with Coconut Milk (55%)



ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

Thank you for keeping our cart in the Narthex full and the OCIM pantry overflowing.

Any monetary donations towards OCIM operating expenses or Meals On Wheels are also appreciated.



THE GARDEN AT SPRING FOREST

Support Local Agriculture!

2022 CSA Season is May 17 – October 25!

Get 20 weeks of healthy, all natural produce over a 24-week period. Foods are non GMO and are free of pesticides, herbicides, artificial hormones and other atrocities. Choose from a full share, small share or bi-weekly share for the season. Perfect for those who like to cook and prepare ahead!

Check out the website and sign up!

www.springforest.org



Pick up in Hillsborough (1907 New Sharon Church Road) or ask Nancy Maloney to drop your box off at PGUMC on Tuesdays. 603.370.2477. More information is available in the Narthex!

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Ways to give

We know and believe that part of being a follower of Christ is being generous with our money. We also recognize that the world is changing, the church is changing, and giving trends are changing with new generations. Thank you for your generosity!

Online www.PleasantGreenUMC.org

Smartphone Text "PleasantGreen" To: 779777

Envelope Mail or slip under office door

Amazon Smile Support PGUMC when you purchase through amazon smile. They donate 0.5% of your purchase price on eligible items to the "Pleasant Green United Methodist Church" charitable organization. We hope you'll consider this as we continue to find creative and generous ways to share resources together.

Already have an Amazon Prime account?

Go to smile.amazon.com and use your existing login.

Pleasant Green's unique charity link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1152936>

PLEASE RECYCLE

Blood Drive

March 23rd at PGUMC

To sign up, contact the Church office at 919.383.5764 or go to pgumc@ncrrbiz.com or go to redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Pleasant Green)

CORRIDOR DISTRICT MISSION ENCOUNTER
AT
DIAPER BANK OF NORTH CAROLINA
1311 E. CLUB BLVD, DURHAM, NC 27704



PLEASE DONATE: DIAPERS (ESPECIALLY 2T-3T AND 4T-5T PULLUPS, PREEMIE AND SIZE 1 DIAPERS, ADULT PULLUPS IN LARGE AND XL;
ALSO PERIOD PRODUCTS AND BABY WIPES

3 WAYS TO DONATE -
1. COLLECT DIAPERS AND OTHER PRODUCTS AT YOUR CHURCH
2. AMAZON ORDER AT <https://a.co/fbgouKpP>
3. UNIT TREASURER SEND ONE CHECK TO ADDRESS ABOVE
DELIVER ALL COLLECTED ITEMS TO THE BANK ON MARCH 19 - 9:30 TO 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON MARCH 19 SEE social.action@corridorumw.org or contact Elizabeth Andrews at 919-533-6615



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