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We are
 thankful for:

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Veterans' Day Luncheon

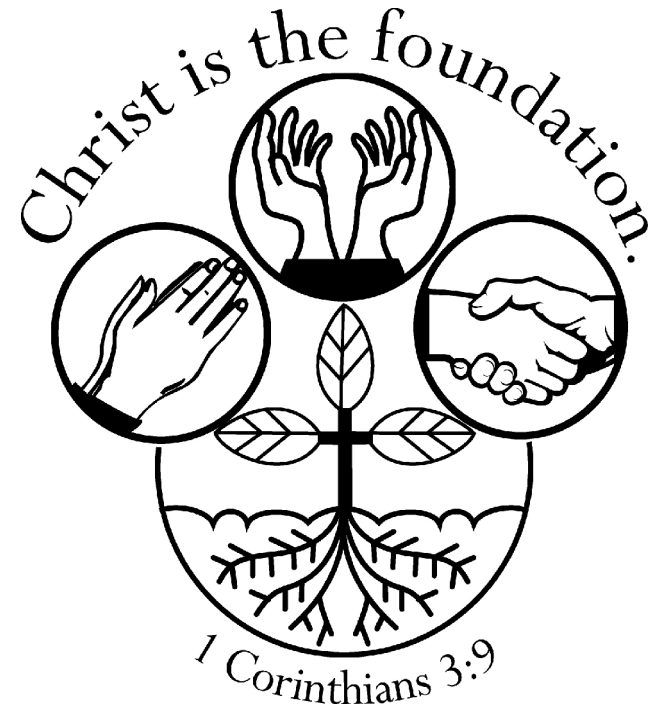


11 AM
Francis Asbury UMC
725 Asbury Rd in Candler

Francis Asbury UMC would like to cordially invite ALL Veterans to be our guest at a special Veterans' Day Luncheon on Tuesday, November 11th at 11AM. The luncheon is free to veterans and their guest and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. *Please make your reservations now by calling the church office at 667.3950 by November 7th.*

For all who have served, we thank you!

THE COMMUNICATOR



Francis Asbury United Methodist Church

November, 2008
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"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."
 1 Corinthians 3:9

IN MINISTRY

Minister	Fred Carpenter
Music Director	Randy Cox
Accompanist	Jamie Bryson
Admin. Asst.	Danya Sellers
Custodian	Glenda Shook
Nursery	Sharon Lutz
	Jenny Shook
	Amy Dayton
Ushers	Beth Arrowood
	Peggy Milroy
	Traci Roberts
	Betty Wilson
Acolyte	Wyatt Jackson
Greeters	Bob & Dottie Lamb

District Super.— Dr. John S. Boggs
 Resident Bishop— Dr. Larry M. Goodpaster

The FAB Women are hosting an
Advent Tea
 in Celebration of the birth of our
LORD JESUS CHRIST!



Sunday,
 November 23rd
 at 3 o'clock
 in the afternoon
 FAUMC
 Fellowship Hall

All ladies welcome!

RSVP to
 Shirley White
 at 665-4656 by
 Sunday, Nov 16th



Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 7PM
at Mt. Pisgah Academy
7th Day Adventist Church

Join us as we give thanks to God for his many blessings with our neighbors from: **Edgewood Baptist, Hominy Baptist, Liberty Baptist, Montmorenci UMC, Mt. Pisgah Academy SDA, Ridgeway Baptist & Snow Hill UMC.**

Pastor Jackie Collins from Ridgeway Baptist will be the speaker at this year's service. Please bring canned goods or money for the HV ABCCM offering.



Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 19
5:30-6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

On the Menu:
Poppy seed Chicken
Green Beans
Sweet Potato Casserole
Waldorf Salad
Cranberry Sauce
Roll
Pumpkin Pie

**Everyone is welcome!
Bring a Friend!**

FREEWILL DONATION

Please RSVP by Monday, November 17th.



FROG Youth

Sunday,
Nov. 2 & 9:
6PM
"Everything"
Practice

Sunday, Nov.
16th: 2:30PM
Pisgah Villa

FROG SS:
Every Sunday
@ 9:45 AM
Breakfast Served.

**Mondays @
Mosaic: 7AM**

**FROG Youth is
open to ALL
High School
Students.**

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

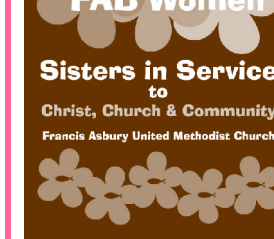
- November 30th: Hanging of the Green Service
- December 6th: Weaverville Christmas Parade
- December 7th: Open House at the Parsonage
- December 14th: Cantata & Dinner
- December 17th: Christmas Play & Supper
- December 21st: Carols by Candlelight
- December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Honor and/or Remember a Loved One this Christmas!

The current advent altar cloths are over 40 years old and new ones are needed. The Worship Committee has purchased new ones and instead of memorial ornaments this year, they are asking that donations be made towards this purchase in honor or memory of your loved one. Forms are available in the Narthex. Deadline to have your loved ones name included in the booklet is Dec. 7th. 2008 Booklets will be available Dec. 14th. Please place your completed form & donation in the offering plate or give to Danya. For more info, please call the church office 667-3950.

Our last FAB meeting was held at the home of Sandy Jackson. Mollie fixed some incredible taco salad and Sandy whipped up the famous Pampered Chef recipe-Lava Cake!



Sandy led us in devotions from a speaker named Kay Arthur from the "Deeper Still" Conference. She gives 7 steps to getting a closer relationship with God and I thought we should share this with the church.

1. Return to God. Jeremiah 4:3
2. Mourn. Jeremiah 9:17-18
3. Pray. Jeremiah 36:7
4. Love God's Word. Jeremiah 20
5. Love others as Jesus loved them. Jer. 31:3 & John 13:34
6. Introduce people to Jesus. Jeremiah 31:31
7. Rest

She also stated in her speech for us to read Ezekiel 14 over and over until we understand it. Read it, Learn it, Live it! God's motto for 2008 and until the end of eternity!

The 2nd Edition of FAUMC church wide cookbook went to the publisher!! We are excited and thrilled about the final copy! We want to thank everyone who sent in your recipes. They should arrive before Christmas and will sell for \$12. Please see Cindy to pre-order your copy today. Christmas gift certificates are available with pre-orders.

FIRST STEP FARM needs are feminine products and bath soap. Please leave in the FAB room.

ADVENT TEA: This special event will be on November 23rd at 3PM. Hostesses please see Shirley White if you have any questions. We will be sending out invitations soon and please RSVP to Shirley White by Nov. 16. We are excited about our speaker and to hear what God has laid on her heart to prepare us for this Christmas season.

SECRET SISTERS: Please have your completed wish list to Cindy by Sunday, Nov. 9 so they can be distributed at our November FAB meeting. Those who didn't participate in secret sisters this year will be drawing names. Once again, the FAB Christmas party will be Saturday, December 5th at Veronica's house starting at 5:30PM.

OUR LAST MEETING will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at Mollie's house. Please call for directions at 670-6740. Veronica will lead us in devotions while Glenda Faye will take care of sweet and Danya will have the salty. We hope to see you there! All ladies are welcome!



The family of **Becky Davis**, sister of Megan Serzan and daughter of Betty Wilson, who passed away on October 24th.

The family of **Jenny Lampe**, aunt of Peggy Milroy, who passed away on October 26th.

Our Deepest Sympathy and Christian Love to these families.

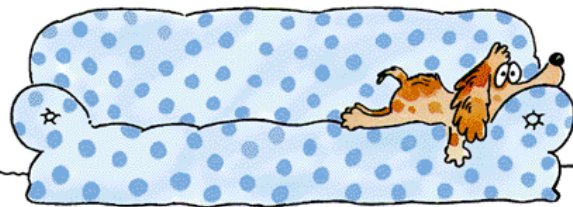
NOVEMBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS

- 11/2: Lynn & Cindy Crook
- 11/9: Pam Hall & Danya Sellers
- 11/16: Brenning & Jenny Shook
- 11/23: Margaret Anson & Traci Roberts
- 11/30: FROG Youth

IN MEMORY OF J. William Russell
BUILDING FUND
by Veronica Crook
by Ladies Bible Class
GENERAL FUND

by Robert O. Russell, Mrs. Martha Tenney & Bernice R. Thatcher

IN MEMORY OF Gwendolyn Jones
BUILDING FUND by FAB Women



Snip-it from Sandy:

Three Men and a Dog...

Do you know someone that seems to be followed by a dark rain cloud?

You know what I mean...bad things seem to follow them like some potential brewing storm! Well, in the month of August I felt like rain cloud girl! I was tickled to death to flip over the calendar to September.

In August 2008, we had planned a long-awaited trip to the beach. We had to wait for Tim's schedule to totally be clear and still pack, get there, unpack, relax, pack, home again, unpack and relax again before school started! Wheww!

In the meantime, Sheffield, our million dollar mutt with "people-looking" eyes had to have doggy knee surgery. This is a torn ACL for humans. He had been limping around for over a month and his knee would not get better without surgery. So, me and Wyatt dropped off Sheffield at the Vet to leave him while we were at the beach. We walked him down to the doggy hotel part and to our shock, he was next to a loud, giant Doberman with the lampshade apparatus on his head! This was no easy task! If you have ever seen Sheff, you know that his eyes look human. To see the sad look in that dog's eyes when we left him for surgery, was truly heartbreaking.

Sunday morning, we left for the beach and arrived without any problems. I was just getting some much needed relaxation when my Mom called. It seems that they had taken my brother to the hospital with terrible abdominal/chest pain. Turns out, he needed his gallbladder removed. On the same day, my Dad had to be admitted to the hospital for tests before his kidney surgery on the 18th. Then, Wyatt gets stung by a jellyfish the last day of our trip! When your baby hurts, you hurt! We return home to the same drought as when we left. Our life was then filled with doggy meds and tranquilizers, because Sheff was to be on "leash walk" only. Then school starts back. This is the last year my baby will be in an Elementary School, so this was also a bittersweet milestone. Then next, Tim surgery gets scheduled the same day as my Dad's!

So to recap...in the month of August, my dog had to have doggy knee surgery, my Dad had been checked into the hospital for tests, my brother had unexpected gallbladder surgery, Wyatt got stung by a Jellyfish, school started back and to top it off...Tim and My Dad had to have surgery on the same day!

Now, the outcome...All surgeries went well, no cancer, and Sheffield is now walking on all 4's again. So now you know about "3 Men and a Dog." Sounds like a movie doesn't it?

So you might ask, What is the moral of the story? Even when we think we can't take anymore, God gives us the strength to carry on and we can't carry on...He carries Us! Peace to all- Sandy

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Psalms 55:22



FAMILY FUNTASIA was October 26th, and we had a GREAT turnout. The kids had fun dressing up and the winners were:

Lexie Malloy as a lady bug (0-5);

Brandon Sanders as the retired politician (6-12);

Mollie Scott as Ginny Weasley (Adult).

Winners of the *Best Decorated Pumpkin* were **Russ & Rafe Conner**.

Robby Scott won the "How many M & M's?" contest & **Adam Crook** won the *Cold Fish Competition*.

The FROG Youth took the kids down in the "belly of a big fish" and they got to feel lots of yucky stuff floating around in there. The kids went on a killer hay ride through the woods compliments of "sweetie" & "honey". Thanks to all who helped support this event! www.faumc.com

FROG Youth Fundraiser

The FROG Youth Christmas Card



Delivery Service will be open for business on

Sunday, Nov. 30th.

Pastor's Thanksgiving Message



The past six months here at Francis Asbury has been an exciting time. There are many things that are reason for excitement, but the one particular thing I am referring to is the new building. For me the excitement does not come from the fact that there is always activity going on or that plans are being made concerning activities and events using this building. For me, the excitement comes from seeing a dream come true. It has truly been a privilege for me to witness the fulfillment of a dream.

Dreams are funny things, it begins with one person or one group of people and another person or group of people see it happen. This is a dream that came long before I arrived on the scene. I have no doubt it will continue being lived out long after I am gone.

I am reminded of King David, he had a dream to build a dwelling place for God. Yet, it was his son Solomon who saw the dream become a reality. For those of us who are present when the "dream comes true," we must realize that the dream is not complete simply when the brick and steel are in place.

The Temple that Solomon built would have been incomplete without two things. First, it would have been incomplete without a time of thanksgiving. What thanksgiving does is remind us of our limitations and the limitlessness of God. It points out the fact that it is not you or me who made this happen it is God and God alone who deserves the thanks. Solomon had a great time of thanksgiving when the Temple was built. We must never forget that it was God who gave the dream, God who preserved the dream and it was God who enabled the dream to come true. Second, the Temple would have been incomplete without use. For all the beauty and splendor of the Temple it was of value only when used. If there were no sacrifice, teaching, worship, praise, prayer and ministry to the sick, lame, blind, deaf, grieving and poor the Temple would have been nothing more than a monument to the achievements of man. We must not allow ourselves to become complacent and satisfied now that the construction is over (almost). We must allow the dream completed to become a vision of what God wants us to be in this place of ministry.

I am so very thankful for the opportunity to be in your midst these past five years. Your kindness and generosity overwhelm me. Thank you each and everyone. I pray that we may press on together to that which God is calling us.

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

With much thankfulness, appreciation and love, *Fred*

NOVEMBER

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- 6 Valerie Mathes
- 6 Dan Shook
- 7 Audrey Jackson
- 8 Kane Jackson
- 8 Rachel Ward
- 9 Andrew Wilson
- 11 Hannah Middleton
- 12 Charlie Kooles
- 13 Les Sharpe
- 16 Patrick Ballard
- 18 Logan Crook
- 19 Len Driggers
- 21 Toni Buckner
- 24 Chad Wilson
- 25 Alicia Crabtree
- 28 Matthew Carpenter

Happy Anniversary to..

- 8 Dot & Ross Peebles
- 20 Len & Javotte Driggers

Blood

DRIVE

FRANCIS ASBURY UMC

Thursday, Dec. 11th

2PM — 6:30 PM