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We are thankful for:



The FAB Women are hosting an

Advent Tea

in Anticipation &
 Celebration of the
 birth of our
LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Sunday,
December 4th
 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon
 FAUMC Fellowship Hall
All Ladies welcome!

Please RSVP to Shirley White at 665-4656 by Wednesday, Nov 30th.

THE COMMUNICATOR



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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	Veranita Alvord
Lay Leader	Brenning Shook
Choir Director	Jess Mills
Admin. Asst.	Danya Sellers
Custodian	Glenda Shook
Nursery	Sharon Lutz
Nursery	Amy Dayton
Ushers	Calvin Dixon
	John Howell
	Troy Howell
	Doug Ledford
Acolytes	11/6: Spencer Shook
	11/13: Jansen Arrowood
	11/20: Adam Crook
	11/27: Anna Darby
Greeters	Betty Harkins & Brenda Rhinehart



**Sunday,
 November
 20th
 at 7PM**
**Francis
 Asbury
 UMC**

*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.**

We will host this year's service. Pastor Louis Gibson from Edgewood Baptist will be the speaker. There will be a special offering for Hominy Valley ABCCM. A reception will follow.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Church Council Meeting:
Wed, Nov. 9
at 6PM
Fellowship Hall

Leadership in Multi-generational Congregations
Led by the Rev. Edward Hammett

Sat, Nov. 12
at 9AM-3PM
Skyland UMC
\$10/person, includes lunch

Charge Conference
is Nov. 13
at 6:30 PM
Montmorenci UMC.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday,
November 16th
5-6:15 PM

Everyone is welcome!
FREEWILL DONATION

RSVP by Monday, 11/14

Our Last Wednesday
Worship Service of 2011
will follow at 6:30PM.



"A Mouse Christmas"

Practice has begun for this year's Children's Christmas Production each Wednesday Evening immediately following Praise Time in the Fellowship Hall

Roles have been assigned but there is always room in the barnyard for more critters. Please Contact Mollie Scott at 712-6741 if you have questions or need more information.



ADVENT MINI-CLASS BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 27TH!

"Simply Wait"-Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent. This mini-class will meet in the FAB Room on November 27, December 4, 11 & 18. Books are \$10.

Please Sign-up in the Lloyd Penley Room.

ADVENT STUDY BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 30TH!

Veranita will lead this study that will focus on the Gospel stories leading up to Jesus' birth. This advent study will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM. November 30, December 7, 14 & 21. Bring your favorite bible!



The family of *Bob Owenby*, who passed away on Oct. 12th.

The family of *Oscar Laney*, Brother of Nellie Trull, who passed away on Oct. 16th.

The family of *Kate Best*, Grandmother of Tim Jackson, who passed away on Oct. 26th.

Our Deepest Sympathy and Christian Love to these families.



HOMINY VALLEY ABCCM Needs:

Oil, Sugar, Grits, size 4 Diapers & Ziploc Sandwich bags.

Please leave items in the large basket in the Narthex.



IN MEMORY OF BOB OWENBY

GENERAL FUND

By Brigadoon Homeowners Association

By Robert & Christine Geise

By Louise Henson

By Dot Peebles

By Paul Raby

By James & Amanda Sparger

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By Sharon Lutz

IN MEMORY OF OSCAR LANEY

GENERAL FUND

By Louise Henson

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By Dot Peebles



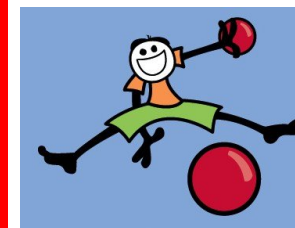
OPEN GYM THURSDAYS

Nov. 3, 10, & 17
7-8:30 PM

For All Ages

Enter through the backside Gym entrance.

Thanks to Brian Turner for opening up the gym for us.



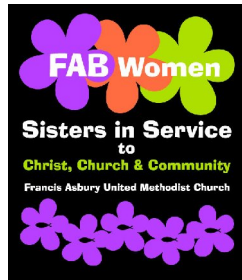
DODGEBALL SCRIMMAGE

Monday,
November 14

6 PM

FAUMC GYM

Our last meeting was at the home of Cindy Crook. We enjoyed a salad & baked potato bar and delicious peanut butter & chocolate dessert. Cindy shared a thought provoking devotion with us. Each day....**Wake up** (*Have a good day*), **Dress up** (*Put on a Smile*), **Shut up** (*Say only nice things & learn to listen*), **Stand up** (*for what you believe in*), **Look up** (*to the Lord*), **Reach up** (*for something higher*), & **Lift up** (*your prayers!*)



The FAB Sponsored Church Yard Sale was a success.

Thank you to all who donated baked goods, yard sale items &/or their time.

FAB Christmas Party will be Friday, Dec. 2nd. Save the Date!

Our Advent Tea will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4th at 3PM. Save the Date for this FABulous time together with Sisters in Christ! Invitations will be forthcoming.

Amy Dayton is in charge of Altar flowers for the month of November.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 6:30 PM

Hostess: Pastor Veranita

Devotion: Pam Hall

Salty Snack: Beth Arrowood

Sweet Snack:

Peggy Milroy

Call V at 667-4888 for directions.

Don't forget the White Elephant Sale!



Snip-it from Sandy:



I have to tell this story on Tim. We moved into this neighborhood a few years ago. We decided to get a

Hot Tub and put it in a quiet corner on our back porch. One evening me and Wyatt were gone somewhere and Tim decided to take a dip. The sun had just gone down and he was enjoying the peace and quiet of the moment. Then, with unwavering clarity, he heard a loud, echoing voice that said, "All rise!" Well, Tim looked around and did as he was told. He stood up right there in the Hot Tub. He thought well, this is the end and that is the voice of God. What he heard next will astound you...the National Anthem began to play. You see, we live near Enka High School and it was time for a Football game! :)

Death is part of life. I know that sounds a bit morbid, but it is the truth. My Daddy has always said that if he were driving in his car when the Trumpet sounds, he was going toward the Cemetery because he wanted to see all of the dead arise. The feelings you experience after someone leaves this earth is like no other. It is a sadness, a feeling of loss. We just lost Tim's grandmother, Kate Best, on October 26th. We take comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering. She is at rest, at peace with everything. And one day when the Trumpet sounds...what a blessing to know that we shall meet up in the clouds with her and all those that we love! What a blessing!!!

When you really think about that statement, "Death is a part of life", it is so true, especially for us Christians. Jesus went through death so that we could have life! What a blessing! Don't ever let Jesus' death be in vain. He died for YOU...Don't forget it!!!

Blessings and Peace, Sandy

For He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ~Isaiah 25:8

FROM THE PASTOR



During October, I had the chance to go to two very wonderful and inspiring locations: Duke University Divinity School and Lake Junaluska. At Duke Convocation, we were exposed to all kinds of artists weaving their creativity into spiritual sounds and sights. There was an art fair with local artists who use Biblical stories and the Christian year for their inspirations. We saw rusted metal twisted into an angel telling the news to Mary that she would have a baby. We saw beautifully blended water colors revealing the Holy Spirit like a dove. We saw tiny pieces of fabric stitched and quilted into whole stories like Abraham and Sarah being promised the stars and Noah's Ark and the rainbow. We heard classical music and blues and improvisational jazz and even some U-2 in the context of the Biblical Psalms of lament and sadness...

we realized that music is indeed a speech which can speak to those experiences which words cannot describe.

I went to Lake Junaluska through the Clergy Health Initiative called "Spirited Life." Spirited Life is a two year cycle of health evaluations and interventions to increase levels of United Methodist Clergy health in North Carolina. Though the information was good and helpful, the fellowship was great (I got to sit with Fred Carpenter). My favorite thing to do was walk around the Lake, observing how the light of the sun was moving across the ridges and dips of the mountains which surround that Lake. My room was on the corner of Lambuth Inn, the hotel at the lighted cross, and in front of my window was a gorgeous, orange-flamed tree.

It struck me when looking at that tree and breathing deep the cool, crisp air that this month, I've been in some other wonderful and inspiring locations. I've visited with you when you were "down in your back" or struggling to make sense of something that was expected--- but not really. I've found myself with great people in the middle of a cloud (!) on the top of Mt. Pisgah one overcast Sunday afternoon. I've been in my own car with a college student talking about God and life and love. I've found myself in a funeral home this month mourning and praying. I've found myself at Sand Hill-Venable open house with our son giving us a tour and at Enka Middle on a tour around the world in 80 minutes. I've been basking in the sun waiting for pizza going to Camp Tekoa. I've been on a zip line and even in a canoe! And really, like Julian of Norwich, the medieval mystic who somehow managed to see all of God's wondrous creation in one hazel nut---

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.
God is the ground, the substance, the teaching, the teacher,
the purpose, and the reward for which every soul labors.

This is a prayer for all of us: That we behold God in every experience and encounter that we have and see God's wonder pulsing in every breath and bursting fall leaf we push aside in our speeding cars or with our walking feet.

Grace and Peace, Veranita



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 <p>Our Communion Offering on November 6th will be for "UNCA Campus Ministry"</p>		<p>1 Gym Reserved 1:30 WOW Meeting in Ladies Bible Class 6-10:30 Land of the Sky Barber Shop Chorus Practice</p>	<p>2 10:30-11 Reflection with V 11:30-1 W. Table 5-6:15 Supper 5:30-6:15 Worship X 6:30 Wed. Worship 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 9AM-12PM Sermon Preparation for V 5:30-7PM Weight Watchers 7-8:30PM OPEN GYM ALL AGES</p>		<p>5 9AM-12PM Gym Reserved 9:30-11AM Weight Watchers</p>																																																	
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<p>27 HVABCCM Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Advent Mini Class Begins in FAB 11:00 Worship FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p>	<p>28 Veranita's Time of Fasting, Prayer and Meditation</p>	<p>29 6-10:30 Land of the Sky Barber Shop Chorus Practice</p>	<p>30 10:30-11 Reflection with V 11:30-1 W. Table 1:30 Advent Study 5PM Worship Comm Xmas Decorating 6:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>NOVEMBER CC TEACHERS</p> <p> 11/6: Bat & Mel 11/13: Beth & Travis 11/20: Glenda & Betty 11/27: Brian & Sharla</p>		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">December 2011</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	December 2011							S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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NOVEMBER 6TH



- 3 Sondra Cooper
- 6 Valerie Mathes
- 6 Dan Shook
- 7 Audrey Jackson
- 8 Kane Jackson
- 8 Rachel Ward
- 9 Andrew Wilson
- 12 Charlie Kooles
- 13 Les Sharpe
- 16 Patrick Ballard
- 18 Logan Crook
- 19 Len Driggers
- 24 Chad Wilson
- 28 Matthew Carpenter
- 29 Mac Vinez

Happy Anniversary to..
8 Dot & Ross Peebles
20 Len & Javotte Driggers