



First Methodist Messenger

Troutman 1st United Methodist Church
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To Worship, To Learn, To Share the Name of

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Sabbath: Friday - Pastor's Day Off

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The Pastor's Pen

"World Communion Sunday"

Do you remember the first time you took Communion? Do you remember how old you were? Did your parents take you forward or did they pass it down the pew? For me they passed it down the pew on a tray where you would take a piece of bread and small cup of juice. I thought it was a special Sunday when we would have a snack. I really did not understand what communion was until later in life.

In the United Methodist Church there is no age requirement to receive Communion; however, it must be hard for a child to really understand what is going on. Whenever a child comes forward to receive Communion, I kneel down to their level and tell them that this is because God loves them. A child understands what love is by how their parents and family cares for them. One Sunday I was kneeling down to tell a child that God loves him and he respond with

"I am not hungry." It caught me completely off guard, but how many times in our spiritual lives do we tell God that we are full or ok, and that we don't need anymore of God in our lives?

The first Sunday of October every year is designated as World Communion Sunday. It is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations.

As we take Communion this month, I hope and pray that you would think about what it means to you and what it means to celebrate World Communion Sunday with other sisters and brothers in Christ all over the world. I look forward to celebrating communion with you. Take care and God Bless.

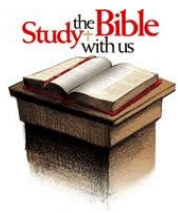
In Christ,

Pastor Mike Carr

John 15:5

SAVE THE DATE

<p><u>IMPACT COMMUNITY</u> SAT. OCT. 1 9am - 12noon</p> <p>Sign-up online OR Do something on your own.</p>	<p><u>SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION</u></p> <p>Sat. Oct 1 4:30-7:30pm \$6 adults 7 & under \$4</p>	<p><u>CHICKEN N DUMPLING SUPPER</u></p> <p>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 4:30-7:30pm \$6.00 adults \$4.00 under 12</p>
<p><u>Help Ministries Ham Day</u> Sat. Oct. 22 6:30—10:30am</p> <p>Plates \$7.00 Biscuits \$1.25 12 and under plates \$4.00 Come support Help Ministries</p>	<p><u>"Fall Community Bible Study"</u></p> <p>With Jean Brown Continues thru October each Thursday morning at 9am</p>	<p><u>Fall Family Fun Night</u> Sat. Oct. 29th</p> <p>Hay Maze 4-8pm Trunk or Treat 6-8pm</p>



Fall Community Bible Study with Jean Brown
 Every Thursday morning at 9am through October 27th
 The study will focus on the 2nd half of Exodus -
 the Hebrews 40 years wandering in the desert.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

With Pastor Mike
 October 5, 12, 19 & 27 @ 6:30pm
 The Basics of the Gospel of John

MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Sponsor a Cub Scout this year ONLY \$25 minimum



There are a lot of new Cub Scouts this year, which means a lot of new families will be meeting here every Monday Night and going on trips throughout the year.

The activity cost for a Cub Scout is \$50 in the Fall and \$50 in the Spring. This does not include the cost for the uniform, hat, or badges.

If you are interested, make a check out to the church with subject - Cub Scouts
 You will also receive letters throughout the year about what the Cub Scouts are doing.

News from the Trustees

The garage apartment behind the church will undergo a renovation. The purpose for the upstairs will be possibly for rent or for youth space. The garage will be used for storage.

The Town of Troutman and this church will be working together to make our playground a Neighborhood Park. The playground subcommittee of the trustees will be working with the Troutman Parks & Recreation committee to plan and strategize this new adventure.



Young Adult Sunday School Class - 20 & 30 year olds

Time: 9:45-10:45am Location: Library

Facilitators: Jim Williams & Kellie Carr

We will be studying what Pastor Mike is going to be preaching on that Sunday.
 Please come with any other thoughts or ideas you might have for this class.

Children's Sunday School Classes

Sunday School is @9:45am

3 Year Olds - Kindergarten - classroom is behind choir loft

Teacher: Linda Franklin

1st - 5th Grade - classroom is up the stairs on the 3rd Floor

Primary Teacher: Jim Pittman



Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Sunday School Class

Every Sunday @9:45am

Teacher: Pastor Mike

Youth Fellowship Sunday Nights

Oct. 2nd - 6pm

Oct. 9th - 4pm

Corn Maze

Oct. 16th - 6:30-8:30pm

Bonfire Crusade at
Fairgrounds

Oct. 23rd - no fellowship

Oct. 30th - 6pm



Youth Spiritual Camping Retreat at Lake Norman State Park

Fri. Oct. 21 - Sun. Oct. 23

Leave: around 5:30pm Return: around 4pm

Only \$20 per youth. *We will be at Sunday 11am worship. You do not need to bring Sunday clothes. Please let Pastor Mike know if you have any questions or you are planning to bring friends because their parents will need to fill out the permission slip.

Feeding the High School Football Team



Players listening to the devotion



Kenny, Jean, Kelly, Donna feeding



Pastor Mike sharing the devotion.



Pastor Joel giving an award



Larry giving out drinks to the players.



Joel is the chaplain for the football team

Pancake Breakfast on 9/11



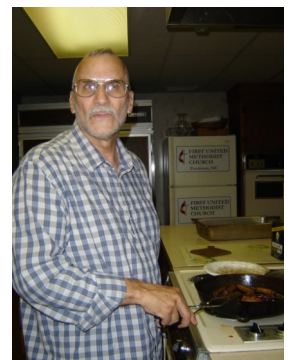
Serving Pancakes



Making Pancakes



More Pancakes



Making Sauages



Thank you to the Police



Great Fellowship



Full from Pancakes



Thank you to the Firefighters

Fall Family Fun Night - Sat. Oct. 29th



4-8pm
Hay Maze

*Fellowship Hall
drinks, snacks, and games

6-8pm
Trunk or Treat
(maybe you can decorate your trunk)

We had a lot fun last year with the Hay Maze and Trunk or Treat.

We had about 300 people go through the Hay Maze and ran out of candy with Trunk or Treat before 8pm. We had a lot people come from all over the community.

We are adding more games and activities in the Fellowship Hall this year and we need your HELP! If you are interested, please talk to Kellie Carr (704-528-5584) or Jean Brown (704-528-5607).

Also, there are other areas that you might want to help:

- Setting Up Hay Maze 10am (clean up Hay Maze Sunday afternoon)
- Decorate Your Trunk and give out candy
 setup before 6pm
- Dress up in costume and help where needed
 4-8pm or when you can
- Help clean up at the end of the night 8pm



Our Prayer Concerns



In Nursing Homes: Lucille Brown, Betty Lenderman, Joe Clodfelter, Marjorie Sigmon, Doris Thompson

Members: Matoka Mullis, Margaret Ford, Willie Fay Freeze, Vernon Ervin, Shirley & Tommy Boger, Lenna Sherrill, Mary Alice Starrette, Ruth Robbins, Jean Hagler, Clarice Miller, Clark & Norma Sherrill, Shirley Miller, Gaye Edmiston, Gus Schade, Madeline Bradburn, Hunter Freeze, Tiffany Caldwell, Ruth Ostwalt, Frank Harmon

Relatives & Friends: Hilda Mitchell, Danny & Sharon Boan, Clinton & Bertha Stewart, Landis Frain, Brad Sherrill, Chris Triplett, Sylvia Smith, Betty Wingate, Deborah Goodpaster, Landon Wood, Bertha Stewart, Donnie Bolton, Jo Levan, Helen Neel, Tracie Sharpe, Judy Hagler

*Please, call Pastor Mike, if you or a family member is hospitalized. Also, please update Pastor Mike about your Relatives and Friends on a regular basis. Thank you.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, October 19th @9am - Parlor Room off of the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come and pray for those on our prayer list.



Women in Mission Happenings

The Women in Mission will meet jointly on October 4th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Lucille Ervin and Norma Boone will be hostesses. Rick Eades of the Iredell County Sheriff's Dept. will present a program on "Security for Seniors". Please join us to hear this important and possibly life-saving information!

The **Chicken 'n Dumpling Supper** on Oct. 15th will be a fundraiser to make improvements to the nursery which has recently been moved downstairs. Any additional proceeds will be used for other improvements around the church. Please come out and eat some delicious Chicken 'n Dumplings and support this effort. Would you like to help? We always have room for extra hands—cooking, serving and cleaning up. Call Marsha Johnston at 704-528-5037



Other Ways You Can Help!

Collect **Labels for Education**: these labels are found on many food items by Campbells, Franco American, etc. We send these labels to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, a mission in Appalachia, one of the poorest areas in the United States. They use these labels to purchase vans for transportation for their clients.

Collect **Box Tops for Education**: these labels will given to the schools in Troutman to help with purchase of their educational needs.



You can bring these labels to church and give them to one of the Women in Mission, or put them in the collection plate. You can also mail them to the church's post office box. Thank you!

Come Check Out the New Nursery - off of Fellowship Hall



Also, we are looking at starting Junior Church downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for children to have a devotion and snack after Children's Time in the worship service. If you are willing to help with this great ministry for children and their families, please talk to Kellie Carr.

October Birthdays

- 10-4 Caley Ringwald
- 10-5 Arleen Brown
- 10-7 Jean Pharr
- 10-7 Martha Money
- 10-9 Kenny Bradburn
- 10-11 Phil Hurst
- 10-11 Louise Dagenhart
- 10-12 Edna Smith
- 10-15 Gilda Pryor
- 10-16 Camilla Loftin
- 10-17 Norma Sherrill
- 10-18 Gerald Clodfelter



- 10-20 Gaye Edmiston
- 10-20 Kalyssa Ringwald

October Anniversaries

- 10-15 Gerald & Karen Clodfelter
- 10-19 Virgil & Laura Crater
- 10-21 Warren & Nancy Nye

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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To be a spiritual connection in the Troutman community...
an example of Christian love to all,
and the body of Christ reaching out to those in need.

OCTOBER 2011 VOLUNTEERS

Ushers - Chief: Bill Ervin

Linda Franklin

Ed Pryor

Gilda Pryor

Keeper of the Church:

Kelly Miller

Monday Teller:

Madeline Bradburn

Sunday School Opening:

Whitener-Little

Greeters:

10-2 Billie Powell & Martha Money

10-9 Virgil & Laura Crater

10-16 Danny & Jean Ervin

10-23 Buzz & Linda Troutman

10-30 Marsha Johnston & Betty Sherrill

Worship Leader:

Tim Whitener

Sunday School Nursery:

Marsha Johnston

Worship Service Nursery:

10-2 Sheila Dagenhart

Michelle Stanley

10-9 Sylvia Wright

Donna Miller

10-16 Laura Crater

Melissa Ringwald

10-23 Kellie Carr

Rachel Shufelt

10-30 Tracy Grant & Nancy Sigmon

. *If you can't be there, please find a replacement.

Let Kellie Carr know who you switched with.

“JOYFUL METHODISTS”

Purpose:

“Sharing the love of Jesus, caring for others, and gathering to fellowship with one another”

October 18th @10:30am Come for games & fellowship.