

The month of September began with an adult mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky with 16 going and having a great time. They shared their experiences on Sunday, September 23rd. The #102 Women's Walk to Emmaus was held and two pilgrims, Jessie Ainesworth and Molly Johnson, attended. A Whobodies trip to Camp Cheerio, led by Robert Chou, had 36 people come back more connected and deeper in the faith. The United Methodist Women held their yearly yard sale and will net over \$9000. They appreciated all the donations and volunteers. The Red Cross Blood drive netted 38 units of blood. The United Methodist Men had a great program on September 24th with 40 men present. The Pumpkin Patch continues since 1990, as the first load was delivered on Saturday, the 29th.

As October is here, it is an exciting time at Mount Pisgah UMC. Our fellowship meals have started back and they are delicious, thanks to Nancy Pierron and all of her helpers. We have experienced a surge in our Wednesday Night Bible studies with over 160 people in these classes and in our children's choirs and Kid's Club.

This month, we will hold a Holy Spirit Retreat for the 25 people taking the Alpha class. On the first Sunday of the month, October 7th at 3:00pm, a Church Council meeting will be held to hear a recommendation from the Finance Committee on the 2019 Ministry Budget, which is a 2.45% increase, along with hearing a recommendation from the Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership.

The Blessing of the Animals will be held for the third year in a row on our front lawn on October 21st. The activities will be from 1:30 - 3:30pm with the actual blessing from 2:00-3:00pm by myself, Rev. Cody Johnsen and Rev. Donald Thomas. At 3:00pm that afternoon, we gather for a Charge Conference to hear recommendations from the Church Council on our 2019 Ministry Budget and Committee on Nominations, as is the procedure in the United Methodist Church. Our Stewardship Sunday has been set for November 18th as we seek to secure pledges for our 2019 Ministry budget.

On October 28th, 4:00-6:30pm, we will have our Trunk or Treat event, which is always fun and draws the community. Please take time to participate by decorating your trunk or by being present and helping the church with candy donations. Contact Dana Hanlon to help in any way. dana@mtpisgahgso.org

The month of October, my preaching through the Bible continues. I encourage each of you to read weekly with me as we learn together the Biblical truths of God's Holy Word.
Oct 7 Ezra 1-6, Oct 14 Ezra 7-10, Oct 21 Nehemiah 1-7, October 28 Nehemiah 8-10

This month, we have numerous mission opportunities - Hurricane Florence Relief efforts, Operation Christmas Child, Eagle Scout Award, Semi Annual Food Drive, Pumpkin Patch, and the Trunk or Treat - to support. I encourage you to help as you are able.

Rev. Jeff Johnsen



Mission and Ministry Moments by Rev. Donald Thomas

This year here at Mt. Pisgah, we started a new ministry activity called Fellowship Trips. Its purpose is to bring the people within our various worship services, small groups and ministries together to enhance our fellowship one with another. We planned four fellowship trips this year and we have planned four trips next year as well.

This year in January, we took a trip down to the Victory Junction Gang Camp and The Richard Petty Museum in Level Cross, NC. We learned a lot of how the camp works with children all over the country with various illnesses. We also saw the place in Level Cross where Richard Petty lived and got his start in racing.

In April of this year, we took a trip to the Billy Graham Library and learned a lot about his life, ministry and legacy. This trip was enjoyed by everyone who went, and we look forward to going there again sometime in the future.

On Thursday, September 27th we all had a great time on a sold out "Mystery Trip" for parts unknown. To close out the year, will be going to see "A Christmas Carol in Winston Salem in December. I hope that next year you will consider a "Fellowship Trip" so that you might get to know someone whom you have never met within your own congregation here at Mt. Pisgah. Blessings!

By Rev. Donald Thomas

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 21: 1:30 – 3:30pm
Blessings from 2:00-3:00pm

More details to come in your weekly E-news.

All God's creatures great and small are invited to be blessed by one of our Pastors. We ask all pets be in a pet carrier or on a leash for their safety and the safety of others.

Come join us and take a photo in the Pumpkin Patch with your Pet Family!





To reserve spots for Wednesday Night Live meals, contact Nancy Pierron at lepetitmarket@yahoo.com or call 336-286-3768 by the Monday before the meal. Cost is \$7.50 per person, \$4.00 per child, or maximum \$20.00 per family. The meals for October are as follows:

OCTOBER 3

Layered chicken enchiladas
Mexican rice
Chips/salsa
Caramel flan

Children's menu:

Chicken enchiladas
Cheese quesadillas
Rice
Apple slices, and cookies

OCTOBER 10

Pork loin
Sweet potatoes and apples
Salad bar---rolls
Pineapple upside-down cake with
whipped cream

Children's menu:

Chicken and dumplings

OCTOBER 17

Shepherd's pie
Salad bar---roll
Tapioca pudding

Children's menu:

Hamburger sliders
Peas and carrots
Mashed potatoes
Tapioca pudding and cookie

OCTOBER 24

Soup and pie supper
Vegetable beef
Cuban black bean
Potato
Grilled cheese sandwiches
Assorted pies

**QUARTS OF SOUP FOR SALE.
FROZEN WHOLE PIES FOR SALE**

Children's menu:

Grilled cheese sandwiches
Ice cream and cookies

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP: We are so excited we have over 160 people enrolled in Wednesday Night Discipleship classes, Whisper: Hearing the Voice of God, 10 Dumb Things Christians Believe, Seven Realities for Experiencing God, God is for the Alcoholic, Experiencing God at Home, Alpha, Children's Choirs and Kids Club. What a Blessing! We are beginning planning for winter classes. If you have a book or topic, or are interested in leading, please contact Dana Hanlon at dana@mtpisgahgso.org.

Women's Retreat

**Under Construction April 5-7,
2019 at Kingston Plantation,
Myrtle Beach, SC**

We are so excited to have Leslie Neese as our retreat speaker. She will be bringing a new message to us about our faith and the ongoing construction we face. Join us for a special time with friends and family as we head to the beach to grow in spirit and fellowship.

We have space for 80 ladies and the registrations are about half filled. Don't delay and sign up on the website today. The cost is \$160.

Columbarium Dedication

On Sunday, November 4th at 12:15 pm, immediately following the worship services, a dedication will be held for the Columbarium. Everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to purchase bricks in someone's memory, please contact Ann Jones at 336-288-0490.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 4th, we will be recognizing all church members who have passed away since November 5, 2017. The video, created by Robert Chou, will be shown at all services and recognition will be held during the 11:00am service.

We welcome back into our church membership Art and Nancy Cassill. They transferred their membership from Elon First United Methodist Church on September 30th.

We extend our love and sympathy to Eddie Brame and Charlie Nelson and family upon the death of Dorothy Brame, on August 31 in Greensboro; to Gary Wegner and family upon the death of his mother, Marjorie Wegner, on September 3 in Greensboro; to Georgia Harris and family upon the death of her sister, Peggy Koontz, on September 8 in Salisbury; to Ashley Barnwell and family upon the death of her aunt, Linda Lynch, on September 11 in Greensboro; to Jim Scifres and family upon the death of his wife, Paula Scifres, on September 27; and to Steve Woodard and family upon the death of his mother, Lurlei Woodard, on September 28 in Greensboro.

The family of Paula Scifres invite you to a Celebration of Life worship service, in memory of Paula, on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 3:00pm in the Mt. Pisgah Church sanctuary. Immediately following the service, family will receive guests at a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Hospital list:

Charlotte Green (mother of Krista McEachern), Frances Osmint, Marizell Thompson, Judy Mabe (sister of Mary Jane Bennett), Daryl Lundy, Emma Hardin, Rebecca Hansley, Jennifer Young (daughter of John Woolsey), Gennie Barnes, Fay Arnold, Jill Jarrell (wife of Bill Jarrell and daughter of Albert and Hilda Evans), Linda Shelton (niece of Tom Shelton), Primo Molinari, Cathy Leach, Nancy Sharp, Lib Boland, Barbara Walker, Gray Morgan (brother of Jan Skiver), Jack McNairy (brother of Mac McNairy), Crystle McKinnon, Brent Holmes, Caroline Comerford (infant granddaughter of Jim and Suze Comerford).

Children's Ministry

Contact: Dana Hanlon @ dana@mtpisgahgso.org

Set a Foundation

Faithful Stewardship

One of the most powerful ways parents can convey biblical truth to their kids is by using Jesus' parables. And a significant portion of Jesus' lessons were about money—more specifically, about being faithful stewards of *all* our God-given resources.

Christian stewardship involves more than just putting money in the offering plate or pledging donations to charities. Through his teaching, Jesus reveals that stewards must wisely manage time and talents, as well as financial resources. That involves using those resources to serve God and other people.

From a young age, children observe their parents' financial habits and learn about the role of money. It's important to model Bible-based attitudes about saving, spending, and giving. When we're honest about everything from daily transactions to yearly tax returns, we demonstrate how to be trustworthy. And when we give to church, charities, and neighbors in need, we teach the joy of from-the-heart generosity.

Financial experts recommend using an allowance system that works for your family so children can save for the future, spend some of their earnings, and donate a portion as well. Such habits set the foundation for a lifetime of financial stability as well as God-honoring stewardship.



Living and Learning

Teachable Moments

Where's Your Treasure? Set up a treasure hunt so children can look for real coins or candy coins. Afterward, decorate wooden "treasure chests" with paint and heart-shaped stickers. Read aloud Matthew 6:21 and discuss what it means to treasure something. Ask: When it comes to money and possessions, how can we keep our hearts in the right place?"

Give It Away Give each family member six gift bows to stick on their clothing. Say: "When I say, 'Give a gift,' try to give away your bows by attaching them to someone else's clothes. The goal is to give away all your bows without receiving any." After playing, discuss what it was like to give—and receive—bows. Read aloud Malachi 3:10. Say: "We are God's gifts to each other. Let's always be generous and give to others."

October 7th children in Grades K-5th will join worship for communion. Children will be escorted in toward the end of communion and escorted back to class for pick-up

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28: 4:00-6:30pm

Bounce Houses, Hot Dog Dinner, Funnel Cakes,
Decorated Cars and more!



If you are interested in staging your car for Trunk or Treat, please contact Dana Hanlon at dana@mtpisgahgso.org. Have a few friends join you and start a theme!



We need your Candy Donations for our Annual Trunk or Treat! Please bring in personal sized (not large sized) individually wrapped, peanut and nut free candy to our church office! We need to Fill the Bus with candy!

United Methodist Men will meet on October 22nd at 6:30pm for supper. Their program will be Scott Thornhill, who is from the Industries of the Blind. Last meeting, the UMM contributed \$506 dollars to relief work in Hurricane Florence and heard a stirring testimony from Sam Hicks in his relief efforts of women and children in war torn areas.

Cody Johnsen, Associate Pastor

Recently, I spent the last week of September in Orlando, Florida at the Asbury Theological Seminary, which is one of the approved United Methodist seminaries. I took two classes in New Testament and Missional Formation. The classes offered were formatted in hybrid style, which means that I only have to go for a week a semester instead of attending weekly classes in the traditional way. These classes require classwork before I arrive and after I return. Also, I am taking an online class in Pastoral Care giving me nine hours this semester. The degree that I am seeking is a Master of Divinity degree required to become a United Methodist Minister. I am appointed to Mount Pisgah as a Part Time Local Pastor.

Youth Ministry Update



September was packed with fun & well attended events! We started Youth Alpha, went to Camp Cheerio [see the photo to the left] & just unloaded a FULL tractor trailer load of pumpkins and fun fall decor.

Come and visit us in the patch this month! If you have not had a chance to sign up to volunteer in The Patch, please visit the church's website. We still have plenty of opportunities for you to join us and get involved. I have listed the hours of operation below for your convenience.

Sunday 12:30- 7:00PM
Monday- Thursday 10:00AM- 7:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM- 7:00PM

Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 21st!! Mark your calendars for this fun event! Please ensure that your animal is on a leash or safely inside of its carrier upon arrival and for the duration of this event for their safety and the safety of all of God's creators.

For other dates, please see below or contact Robert Chou [robert@mtpisgahgso.org]!

Please visit the church website to sign-up for your pumpkin patch slots. We will also be visiting your classroom soon! Thank you in advance for your partnership & support!!

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October WhoHappenings

5 & 6th- Youth Alpha Holy Spirit Lock-In

13th- Second Pumpkin Unloading

14th- Student Leadership Meeting

21st- Blessing of the Animals

28th- Trunk-or-Treat

Financial Highlights:

2018 Actual: \$800,992

2017 Actual: \$777,774

2018 Budget: \$770,178

Upcoming Scripture Passages:

Oct 7 Ezra 1-6

Oct 14 Ezra 7-10

Oct 21 Nehemiah 1-7

October 28 Nehemiah 8-10

MEMORIALS

Fellowship Area Building Fund: In Memory of Roy and Evelyn Angel: Mt. Pisgah UMC.

In Memory of Marilee Lipper: Ann Schwabeland; Bill & Vickie Apple.

In Memory of Wallace Wilson: Keith & Glenda Smith; Mt. Pisgah UMC; James & Dee Earl; Ellen Wheaton; His sister & family, Agatha, Don, Greg & Jeff Martin and families; Randy & Betty Auman; Sue, Dwayne, Keith & Tara Eaker; Ernestine Beal; Dan Wood; Tom & Agnes Shelton; Jerry & Cynthia Wall; Robert & Linda Powell; Forrest & June Jenkins; Benjamin & Libby Arnette; Don & Jayne Cameron; Tom & Carol Wood; Ned & Ann Jones; Sis Maiden; Betty Collins; Ann Schwabeland; Ken & Billie Baynes; Mrs. Earl Rutherford; Virginia Forbis; Betty Jean Page; Jean Scott; Charlie & Libby Hundley; Garry & Nadine Comer; The Warren Family (Mary Sue Warren); Lacy & Lena Baynes; Jimmy Wilson; Susan Moore; Barry & Sue Cummins; Sherry Holden Harris; Paul & Connie Roethlinger; Charlie & Millie Maulsby; Fletcher & Jerry Riffey; Bill & Vickie Apple; Margaret Lewis; Cheryl & R. K. O'Bryant; Margaret K. Norris; Stuart & Linda Tugman; Kirk & Marleta Menzel.

In Memory of Dorothy Brame: Mt. Pisgah UMC.

Chancel Choir: In Memory of Mac McCollum: Fletcher & Jerry Riffey; John & Cheryl Walter; Ellen Wheaton; Omni Financial Central Recovery; Tom & Joy Harris; Seekers Class; Randy & Betty Auman; Sis Maiden; Ned & Ann Jones; Paul & Connie Roethlinger; Nancy Jones; Betty Collins; Tom and Agnes Shelton; Margaret Lewis.

In Memory of Mac Amos: Fletcher & Jerry Riffey. **In Memory of Ester Amend:** Fletcher & Jerry Riffey.

In Memory of Marilee Lipper: Fletcher & Jerry Riffey.

MPUMC/ELP Scholarship Fund: In Memory of Wallace Wilson: Jerry & Jo Ann Snyder. **In Memory of Mac McCollum:** Jerry & Jo Ann Snyder.

Senior Outreach: In Memory of Mac Amos: Jan Skiver.

Mt Pisgah Endowment Fund – Missions: In Memory of Merilee Lipper: Tom & Joy Harris.

October - November Mission Highlights and Opportunities

- The sign-up sheet for car wash (\$20) gift cards is posted on the UMW board. The Women's Yard sale raised over \$9000. Thanks for your support.
- The Red Cross Mobile netted 38 pints of blood. (Jane Buchanan)
- The Testimony service raised \$200 to support the tragedy in Indonesia.
- The ERT has made two trips to Lumberton with 13 participants in recent months. We are ready to respond. (Don Cohan)
- October 5-6 - Food Drive, Harris Teeter at Horsepen Creek (Bill Thomson)
- October 24 - Soup and Pie Supper during Wednesday Night Live. (Nancy Pierron)
- Costa Rica - Next trip scheduled February for 16-23, 2019. Family discount of \$500 for family of 3 or more family members volunteering. Chris Helt chris1224@triad.rr.com

Hurricane Florence Relief— The people of Eastern North and South Carolina have been devastated by flooding from Hurricane Florence. We have an urgent request for assistance in these areas. We are collecting canned food, disposable baby diapers and infant formula. There is a bin in the Volunteer Office. Please donate by Sunday, October 28th. The items will be taken to Pastor George Wilson at Renovation Vineyard Church outside Myrtle Beach on Monday, **October 29th**. Rev. Wilson is a friend of Donald Thomas and he has reached out to us for help. Also, we are collecting gift cards to McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Walmart to be distributed to the people in the Lumberton area, as well as the Myrtle Beach area. If

you'd like to contribute to this, please make your check payable to Mt. Pisgah UMC and on the memo line write "gift cards." Our first batch of cards totaled \$1350 and has been delivered. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ as we assist the people in need! Contact Vickie Apple at 336-681-5840 or Donald Thomas at 336-288-3321 with any questions.



The **Gathering Sunday School Class on November 11th** will present 100 Blankets and Personal Care Bags for Greensboro homeless persons to Greensboro Police Department Representatives. The policemen carry these in their car and distribute as needed. This is an annual project of the class.

The Shoe Box Packing Party is November 11 at 4:30pm. The goal is to pack 200 shoe boxes from all the items you donated. "October's Items of the Month" are combs and hair brushes and we need more items. Shoe boxes are due in the office by November 18. There are red envelopes in the pews for help with shipping. Please leave envelopes in the offering plate or Dee's mail slot. Kathy Sharp (Danielsmom7808@aol.com) Gina York (gdovel116@aol.com).

WORSHIP PARTNERS

8:30 am Greeters: Oct. 7 - Betty Collins, 14 - Bill & Joann Cooper, 21 - Jerry Ryan, 28
- Betty Collins

11:00 am Greeters: Oct. 7 - Marcia Hayden, 14 - Doris Stanback, 21 - Carolyn and
Dean Lovelace, 28 - Christina and Jilda Jehu-Appiah

8:30 am Ushers: Spencer Ferguson, Pat Manahan, Bob Johnson, Russ Gordon,
Dennis Scheer, Andrew McEachern

11:00 am Ushers: 1st week-Mac McNairy, Mark Nolte, Ann Tanner, Gene Tanner

2nd week-Bob Tursky, Rick King, Charles Moon, Leo Schaaf

3rd week-Randy Lewis, Ned Jones, Tim & Christy Stream

4th week-Bill Apple, Gaye Clifton, Ken Clifton, Kendal Laughon

Altar Guild: 8:30 am Margaret Lewis and Mary York, 11:00 am Beth Long

Bereavement Team: Bob and Pat Hatley

Levites

The first season is now complete. The second season begins soon. I am looking for a couple of people who desire to use their spiritual gifts in leadership within Mount Pisgah. The first meeting of the Levites is October 7th from 4:30-6:00pm. Please contact me ASAP if you desire to be a Levite. jeff@mtpisgahqso.org

STEW TIME

United Methodist Men and Women: Please mark your calendars for November 8, 9, and 10. Everyone - Please buy and sell tickets right now. See Bill Pickens; get a book of tickets to sell. Tell your friends. Remember how good stew tastes in the middle of the winter when you don't want to cook. Remember that one quart is not enough. Fresh cornbread, or a toasted cheese sandwich.... Remember that all the proceeds go back into the community and the church.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

1	John and Brooke Booth	16	Chris Shirley
2	Drew and Terry Bugden	17	Don Long
	Eric and Sabrena Bancroft		Greg Hathcock
	Leo and Pat Schaaf	18	Abigail Dragoo
3	Scott and Shelia Bancroft		Sayge Dragoo
5	Chris and Stacy Helt		Sydney Dragoo
9	Chuck and Ann Cannell	19	Ruth Rumley
	Mark and Traci Ritchie		Pat Schaaf
14	Marc and Michelle Bumgarner		Mike Lawrence
17	Bob and Larky Johnson		Chuck Cannell
18	Jon and Mary Anne Traurig	20	Smitty Smith
20	Grant and Cameron Page		Kenny Church
21	Chuck and Kathy Cormack		Max Miller
23	Rob and Edie McHone		Daniel Mayo
24	Bradley and Alison Harrison	21	Marcia Nolan
25	Evan and Katie Knight		John Poer
27	Kurt and Sina Jarrell		Debbie Nix
29	Stamps and Emilee Transou	22	Julie Helt

Birthdays

1	Tripp Miller	23	Ernestine Beal
	Luke Andrews		Dwayne Eaker
2	Emma Hardin		Nancy Hall
	Ronda Foster	24	Laura Kernels
	Harold Powell		Terry Edwards
	Stacy Webb		Ethan Norman
3	Mikah Miller	25	Wayne Nall
4	Zella Settlemyre		Kristina Clifton
	Lisë Webb	26	Angela Butler
	Christie DaVanzo	27	Greg Light
	Amy Leebrick	28	Beverly Yeboah
5	Sue Marsh	29	Charles Moon
	Rochelle Brown		Ann Jones
6	Ellery McLaurin		Jeff Thomas
	Toni Snyder	30	Ellen Underwood
7	Betty Smith		Dede Scott
9	Bob Muhl	31	Keith Smith
	Amy Chandler		Amy Miller
10	Tomas Barina		Connor Kropira
11	Katelyn Dixon		
12	Maddie Meadows		
13	Jim Kesler		
14	Vivian Glass		
	Pat Belton		
	Susan Matthews		

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