

# CHURCH CHAT



Come to Services & Sunday School

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHINA GROVE, NC

## August, 2010



FUMC: China Grove



**August 1:** *SERIES: A Place of Grace* Text: Luke 6: 27-36 Title: Your Mission Theme: The challenge of living faithfully

**August 8:** *SERIES: A Place of Grace* Text: Luke 7: 36-50 Title: I Forgive Your Sins Theme: Forgiveness

**August 15:** *SERIES: A Place of Grace* Text: Luke 8: 22-25 Title: Who's Pushing Your Swing? Theme: Jesus' presence in the midst of turmoil.

**August 22:** *SERIES: A Place of Grace* Text: Luke 8: 43-48 Title: In the Crowd That Day Theme: Jesus' healing touch

**August 29:** *SERIES: A Place of Grace* Text: Luke 10: 25-37 Title: Which of These Three Theme: Purpose in life



**PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY:** Our collection of 2,000 pounds of peanut butter and/or jelly ended on July 31. Congratulations. **We exceeded our goal of one ton by 260 pounds!** This is awesome. Many thanks.



**SOUP:** We are now trying to collect one ton of soup (any kind) for Rowan Helping Ministries. Please put them in the usual containers outside of the office and in the Narthex. We're sure we can meet this goal too.



**FARMER'S MARKET:** Don't forget China Grove's Farmer's Market is open on **Friday evening** for locally grown produce -- fruits, vegetables in season, plants, baked goods, etc.



**RECYCLE:** Our recycling program is going well and you are doing a great job! We'll let you know how much money we earned from your aluminum beverage cans in the September issue of *Church Chat*. Please remember to squash the cans if you have the strength.

See the July issue of *Church Chat* for more information on recycling.



**LOSTED AND FOUNDED:** From the very beginning, Nancy and I need to be honest with you. In our first visit to China Grove back in May, we got lost. In our first couple of weeks, we got lost multiple times going here and there and everywhere. Not only have we been lost in our driving around, we've also experienced a bit of lostness with keys, numerous items, phone, and yes, I even lost Nancy in the parsonage one afternoon (boy, is it BIG!!).

On the flip side, however, let us tell you what we've found thus far in China Grove:

- beautiful countryside
- convenience
- barbecue, barbecue, and more barbecue
- smiles

- hugs
- laughter
- a gorgeous parsonage
- train whistles day and night
- an unbelievable church staff
- warmth (I'm not talking about 90+ temperatures)
- a true servant attitude
- an exciting church
- open hearts
- good neighbors
- joy filled worship
- love, love, and more love
- a GREAT church family
- most of all, reminders everywhere that God is good, all the time, and all the time, God is good

In short, what we've found is a home in every sense of the word. Being lost is not such a good thing, but being found sure is!!

Thanks FUMC, China Grove!!

George, Nancy, Walt, & William



**YOUNG AT HEART:** Since Langford Hall will be set-up for Vacation Bible School, the Young-at-Heart group will meet in the church library on **August 2** at **10:00 AM** for the monthly business meeting. An outing to the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis is being planned for later in the month of August. Please watch the bulletin for final plans regarding this outing.

Brenda



**BOOKBAG:** We will have a "Blessing of the Bookbags" on Sunday, **August 22**. Also, on that same Sunday, we will be collecting school supplies for Main Street Mission.

How wonderful would it be for all of the children having their bookbags blessed have the bag full of school supplies for the Mission? Everyone should put the supplies on the front pew.



**YOUTH-CHILDREN ACTIVITIES:**

**August 18 – Mission time:** Our youth group is partnering with Rock Grove UMC and One Church One Child to sponsor a birthday party for the teens of Rowan County that live in foster group homes. This is probably the only celebration they will get for their birthdays and we want to make it special. We will meet at **11:00 AM** at the church to pack the book bags and goodie bags for the birthday youth and then travel together to Rock Grove to celebrate with a hamburger lunch, cake, etc... We should return by 3 PM. **We do need donations to make this happen so if you would like to contribute in some way please let Hope know.** Also, please RSVP by **August 3** if you can attend! VBS is August 1-5 if you want to still include that??

**August 13-15 – Refuge Youth Beach trip!** Plan to get Saturated!! Our weekend together will be a combination of learning what it means to have fun in Christ and Saturating your life so much with Christ that those around you can't help but get wet whether you are at the beach or not! If you plan to attend please RSVP to Hope a.s.a.p. so we can get an accurate head count and yes, you can always bring a friend!

**Youth parent meeting: Tuesday, August 17 at 7 PM.** Plan to come and hear our plans for the new year as well as learn how you can be our support!

**Children's Team Meeting: Thursday September 9 at 7 PM.** We will use this time to firm up our fall activities and get a jump start on our Christmas musical plans.



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** An **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\* General UMW meeting** has been moved to **Tuesday, August 10** in the library due to conflicts

with VBS and Circle meetings. The Executive committee will meet at **6:30 PM** and the General UMW will start at **7:00 PM.**

**Salisbury District UMW Annual meeting** will be **Thursday, August 19** at Cold Springs UMC. Our hands-on-project is school kits. See the lists below. The meal costs \$10 per person and it starts at 5:45 PM with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. If you plan to go please give your \$10 to Telisa by **Sunday, August 1.** Our theme is: Sisters with A Purpose – Whole Persons through Jesus Christ. You will be blessed by our speaker Catherine Guess, who, as a person of many talents, shares her gifts willingly with all. In addition, we are having several of the Cambodian dancers from Charlotte who share their love of Christ through dance.

**School Kits:** Place all supplies in a two gallon Ziploc bag and label the bag either: Elementary or Middle/High School. Each kit will make a big difference in the life of a child.

**Elementary School Kit:**

- 1 - pair Blunt Scissors
- 1 - pack of Glue Sticks
- 1 - pack of Pencils & Sharpener
- 1 - pack of 24 Crayons
- 1 - pack of 8 Washable Markers
- 1 - 1" (3 Ring) Binder
- 1 - pack 150 ct Wide Rule Notebook Paper
- 1 - pack of 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 - pack of 50 ct Construction Paper (9x12)

**Middle/High School Kit:**

- 1 - 2" (3 Ring) Binder

- 1 - pack 150 ct College Ruled Notebook Paper
- 1 - 70 page College Ruled Composition Book
- 1 - pack of Glue Sticks
- 1 - pack of Pencils & sharpener
- 1 - pack of Ballpoint Pens
- 1 - pack of 12 Markers
- 1 - pack of 4 Highlighters
- 3 - folders
- 1 - pack of Divider Tabs

Congratulations to **Lee Ann Hauss** who will be serving on the **District Nominations Committee** for 2011.

A guest speaker, **Zubecca Brown**, will be presenting information about Mother's In Touch International (MITI) at the **August 10** UMW meeting. Anyone interested in learning about a special group of women who gather regularly to pray for the schools in our community is encouraged to attend.



**BLOOD MOBILE** will be in Langford Hall on **Sunday, August 22** from **8:30 AM - 1:00 PM.** The last time you could

have given blood and be eligible to give with us was June 26. To give blood you need to be in general good health, weigh at least 110 lbs. and be 17 years old. See Telisa to make an appointment or if you have questions. To make sure your iron is high enough, eat red meat, beans, broccoli, raisins, and cook in an iron skillet. To ensure that you are well hydrated, drink lots of water 2 - 3 days before donating. Thanks for giving the gift of life!



**WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** Our next meeting will be **October 4** at **6:30 PM**

**Promotion Sunday** will be **August 29** during the Sunday School Hour. Perfect attendance pins will be given at that time.

Our first **Communion Sunday** with George will be **September 5.** We will be trying some different ways of giving communion.

Mark your calendars for **Homecoming Sunday** which will be **September 19** with **Ann Green Langford Duncan** as our speaker. A covered dish luncheon will be held in Langford Hall after the service.

On **October 3** we will be celebrating **World Wide Communion.**

On **October 17**, which is a third Sunday, we will have a **Music Celebration Service.**

Chairperson, **Rickie Faggart**



**WESLEY FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE:** This Circle continues sponsoring the **Prayer Shawl Ministry.** With the help

of others who knit and crochet the church has given 125 Prayer Shawls and 34 Baby Shawls. We wish to thank the members of the church for their support. Also, many, many thanks to those who have done the work.

If you would like to help, we will gladly purchase the yarn. I would also like help in identifying someone in need of a shawl. Contact **Eloise Teeter** at 704-638-0656 or eteeter2@gmail.com.



## ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES:

### *Where did you sleep last night?*

During the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2009, the Rowan Helping Ministries shelter provided 9,918 overnight stays to 397 different men, women, and children. Tracy Asbury, RHM Shelter Manager states, "As Shelter Manager, my goal is to guarantee that all of our guests know they have a safe place at RHM Overnight Shelter. We strive to make this a temporary refuge from life's storms of homelessness, unemployment, stress, and hopelessness."

The Overnight Shelter provides temporary overnight shelter and related services such as showers, laundry, breakfast and supper, plus individual case management to people who have no alternate nighttime residence. This service is extended to the chronic and episodically homeless in Rowan County as well as to those who are transitioning from homelessness into more independent living. Single men and women as well as families have a safe, supervised, warm place to sleep in segregated areas.

Some of the shelter guests are veterans of the U.S. military who were referred to the shelter by the Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury. Others are families with children ranging in age from toddlers to teens. The average age of shelter guests is between the ages of 39 and 43, but the youngest guest was a newborn baby just out of the hospital, and the oldest was a military veteran who was 85 years of age.

Shelter volunteers prepare breakfast and supper to overnight shelter guests. Church groups and individuals as well as people out in the community give of their time to help the less fortunate in their community and therefore strengthen the entire community. Many volunteers provide the services provided by the shelter, but more are needed especially serving breakfast which means arriving at 4:30 AM each morning.

Rita Kizziah, RHM Overnight Shelter volunteer puts it, "We're trying to help people help themselves, and get them off the streets. My favorite part about this is the people out there knowing that someone cares about them."

### *Are we doing our part?*



**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:** This Board met on **July 11** providing the following information

--**Treasurer's Report:** Direct deposit for donations to the church can begin at any time at no charge to the church. Those wishing to participate should contact their bank to set-up the draft to the church. They should also contact Diane to get our bank account number and our bank transit number.

--**Outreach:** The IMPACT program was a great success with our church having 76 participants--the most in the district.

--**Witness:** George Beaver will speak in August for the "moment of Sharing." Plans have begun to have the group "Singing Men of America" for a program in September to be held in the church parking lot in hopes of increasing attendance.

--**UMM:** This group meets each **Wednesday** at **7 AM** at Porky's for those wishing to join them.

--**Vacation Bible School:** An Egypt travel will be the theme for this year on August 1-5. Last year's

program was a big hit, and this year's promises to be as exciting.

--**Youth:** They will have a spiritual trip to the beach August 13-15 with the theme being "Saturate Your Life with Christ." Also, the youth will have a mission project in conjunction with Rock Grove UMC and the One Church, One child program on August 18 to celebrate birthdays of youth in foster group homes.

--**Pictorial Directory:** Work has begun on this project. More information will be coming soon.

--The Rev. George Yates stated that he has three things to say about his new appointment--great people, great church, great God!

The next Board meeting will be held **August 8** at **7 PM** in Langford Hall.

*(Ed comments: Please help. If you type your Church Chat articles and have e-mail capabilities, send your information in the body of an e-mail and not only as a "hard copy" and not as an "attachment.")*

**WE NEED INFO** We still **need information** on: Sunday School Classes, Daycare, other Circles, other Committees, other Meetings, other Church activities, other Community activities, etc. **Please be a CC reporter.**

**NEED TO KNOW** Please save these dates and remember to confirm all dates and times **before** the scheduled event as changes do occur.

- Sun, Aug 1: 8:30 & 11 AM Services
- Sun-Thu, Aug 1-5: VBS
- Mon, Aug 2: 10 AM Young at Heart
- Sun, Aug 8: 8:30 & 11 AM Services
- Sun, Aug 8: 7 PM Administrative Board meeting
- Mon, Aug 9: 7 PM Mission Seekers
- Tue, Aug 10: 6:30 & 7 PM UMW meetings
- Fri-Sun, Aug 13-15: Youth Refuge beach trip
- Sun, Aug 15: 10:30 AM Service
- Tue, Aug 17: 7 PM Youth Parent meeting
- Wed, Aug 18: 11 AM Youth packing b'day bags
- Thu, Aug 19: 5:45 & 7 PM Dist UMW meetings
- Sun, Aug 22: 8:30 & 11 AM Services
- Sun, Aug 22: 8:30 AM - 1 PM Bloodmobile
- Sun, Aug 22: Bookbags, collection for & blessing
- Sun, Aug 22: School supplies for Main St Mission
- Sun, Aug 29: 8:30 & 11 AM Services
- Sun, Aug 29: Promotion Sunday

**Remember:**  
UMM: **Each** Wed 7 AM at Porky's for breakfast  
Communion Sunday: First with George on Sep 5



### **DO YOU LIKE ANY OF THESE SHORT BUMPER STICKERS?**



- Watch your step carefully, everyone else does.
- Men do not fail, they give up trying.
- He who has tact has less to retract.
- There is no right way to do a wrong thing.
- Example is a language anyone can read.
- Having a sharp tongue may cut your own throat.
- Anger is only one letter away from danger.
- Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.
- If you stand for nothing, you'll fall for anything.
- Every home is a school. What do you teach?
- He who is content with little, possesses much.
- Best way to have the last word is to apologize.
- If you pause to think, you'll have cause to thank.
- Trade God your pieces for His peace.
- The wage of sin is death; quit before pay day.
- Deciding not to choose is still making a choice.
- If you have a kind thought, share it now.



Many thanks to those who serve in this manner.

	8:30	10:30	11:00
<b>Aug 1</b>	Nursery: Sharon Barger & Heather Shue		Jeff & Kelly Street
	Lay Reader: Isaac Bell		Eunice Holt
	Greeters: Chin-Ying Swink		Dot Eller & Ruth Mash
	Acolytes: ??		??
	Fellowship: Doug & Zetta Earnhardt		
<b>Aug 8</b>	Nursery: Kurt & Erin Culbert		Lisa Shores & Pam Austin
	Lay Reader: Heather Shue		McKenna Caudill
	Greeters: Valerie & Magan Richard		Brenda Seamon
	Acolytes: ??		??
	Fellowship: Harriet & Vernon Clodfelter		
<b>Aug 15</b>	Nursery: Brian & Tina Koontz		
	Lay Reader: Loren Parkinson		
	Greeters: Lisa Pruett & Patty Morris		
	Acolytes: ??		
	Fellowship: Frank & Jennifer Caraccio		
<b>Aug 22</b>	Nursery: Shane & Kelly Stewart		Jason & Jennifer Warden
	Lay Reader: Kelly Vinson		Dawn Wilhite
	Greeters: Andy & Megan Parks		Mike & Donna Burr
	Acolytes: ??		??
	Fellowship: Dale & Gayle Keiger		
<b>Aug 29</b>	Nursery: Josh & Kelly Vinson		Sharon & Debra Basinger
	Lay Reader: Isaac Bell		Andy or Sabrina Caudill
	Greeters: Ralph & Jean Luther		Kristi Mitchem & Hope Oliphant
	Acolytes: ??		??
	Fellowship: Chin-Ying Swink & aprille Bell		

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