



Gramling United Methodist News - September 2017

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☞ Sundays: Classes, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Pastor's Corner:

Back to School Bash was a Blast! We didn't know if we would have ten or fifty or more. Nowhere in my wildest dream did I think we would have over

600! Our campus between the hours of 2:30 to 3:30, was crawling with people. Who would have known? God did! Thank you to all who helped make this day possible.

I recently went to Atlanta to attend the School of Congregational Development. I heard some excellent preaching and attended classes. There is great concern in the United Methodist Church, especially in the rural church. They describe the rural church as having lived throughout the years as an %inherited+church. %inherited+church means the members had children who remained in place and became leaders, who had children who remained in place - and so on. In other words the church grew through its families. In our world today, our children are no longer remaining in place and some are not even remaining in the church or they are going elsewhere.

Thus we are at a major turning point in the life of the church. Our small number of young adult visibility is telling the story here at Gramling. So the number one question becomes, What are we to do? Do we continue to go on as we have?

I attended two classes offering innovative, creative ways to reach the unchurched in our communities. One is called the multi-site church and the other Fresh Expressions. I won't try to explain either of them now, but will offer more info in October and November. It gives me hope though, that churches are taking risks, stepping out of their comfort zones to try something different.

I'm praying for God's church called Gramling, praying for the community around us: God show us the way! Let us be creative! Let us be willing to take risks - for the right reasons! And may God open the community around us to hear the Gospel in new and fresh ways.

Pastor Rebecca

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! RESUMES SEPTEMBER 6TH

6:00pm - Supper in the gym for all, at no charge. Enjoy a great menu with whole fruit and/or vegetables, along with a little treat for dessert. ☺

Our Handbell Choir is led by Fran Davis for 4th grade and up & Children's choir for 3rd grade and under is led by Pastor Rebecca.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship -

Kick-Off-September 10th

Trip to Lake Lure after church.

Bring a friend!!! money for lunch, swim suit, change of clothes & a towel.

Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

2017 General Tithes & Offerings, Week 35

Budget needed: \$199,836; Received: \$162,857.55

Work Day Offering for Epworth Children's Home
Sunday, September 10th

Prayer Time Wednesdays 5:30pm Parlor

Open Volleyball Thursdays 7-9pm Gym

Adult Choir practice Wednesdays at 7pm

September Meetings (Social Hall)

Sunday, September 10th Trustees 6pm

Monday, September 11 Nominations Comm. 6:30

Tuesday, September 12th Vision Team 6:30pm

Thursday, September 14th Finance Committee 7pm

Tuesday, September 19th Church Council 7pm



Inman Harvest Day

Saturday, September 30th



Our church will have a booth again this year at the Inman downtown festival. We want to show the love of Jesus and invite people to visit GUMC. We're looking for volunteers to man the booth where we'll give out free water bottles, sell our %God First+ t-shirts, and offer prayer for those who request a need. **Please see Julia Wilson or call the church office to select your time slot to help.**

Charge Conference:

Sunday, October 1st, 4:30pm

All Church Council members are asked to attend, while any member of the church is welcome to come also. Forms and information related to this time of reporting to our District Superintendent are due the week prior.

Please Note Date Change!

Community Senior Day is October 24th!

Help us get a head start and let Will and Catherine Gramling know where you'd like to help again this year. More details to come!



Food Pantry: Many in our community are in need every day. Bring goods to the narthex or to the old kitchen downstairs on Sundays.

Come Join Us!

Church Fellowship Day after church

Sunday, October 8th

Food provided by the church (Rick's BBQ)

Door Prizes & Rocking Chair Views

**Prayer- Praises and Concerns: Call Lin Fisher (864-420-6080) or Anne Carroll (472-9434)
email: newsletter@gramlingumc.org**

*Are any in your community suffering? They should pray. Are any celebrating? They should sing praises to God.
Are any sick? They should call the elders of your church and ask them to pray. James 5:13-14a*

Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Jane Fisher - White Oak at North Grove
Joyce Evington - Wesley Ct. Assisted Living
Jean Johnson . Skylyn Place Assisted Living
Rebel Brackett . Lake Emory Care
Helen Burrell . Maranatha Manor, Spartanburg
Carl Lane . Clemson Downs
Mary Nussman . Rosecrest
Jo McPherson . White Oak Manor, Lancaster
Carolyn Brackett . Country Christian Care, Fair Play
Barbara Runion . Golden Age Room 110
Betty Jean Campbell . The Bridge, Hendersonville

Church: Gramling UMC

Pastor Rebecca
Gramling Church Leaders
D.S.Paul Harmon
Bishop Holston

World: District One Schools/ administration,
teachers & staff
Immigrants/Israel/Iraq/US leaders/ SC leaders

Military and Civil Defense - Ed Hershberger

Family & Friends

The Bryan family
Rev. Wayne Culp & family
Dannie Blackwell - Sue & Rick Pruitt
Ray Mosley . JoAnn & Hugh Foster
Gene Parris . Cindy Riddle's uncle
Mary Mayo . Wanda Ballenger's niece
Kathy Simmons . Amy Beeson
Donna Fowler & Tracie Weisenborn . Paula Rhymer
Kim Culbreth Rouse . Beth Edmondson
Delia - Gloria Neely's mother
Mrs. Huitt . Gwen Gramling
Leah Laster . Frank & Amy Beeson
Ann Friend . Lula Mae Atkins's daughter
Tammy Jones-Cynthia Woodfin
Ann Henderson, Marvin Jones & Judy Vanadore . Wingos
Karen Harrison . Sarah Harrison's mother
Randy Brant . Lee Bryan
Randy Green . Lorna Burrell
Kay Hensdale . Sandra Wingo
Jeff Pierce family- Sue Maley
Wayne & Nancy McAbee . Lin Fisher
Bob Hoover . Mary Lou Ridgeway



Happy Birthday in September!

2 Mary Callie Granger	7 Haley Nussman	17 Steve Blackwell	22 Cynthia Woodfin
2 Rachel Lane	8 Kathy Woodham	18 Pat Hope	23 Linde Weissenberger
3 Emily Grace Cobourn	8 Trish Cobourn	20 Joy Duncan	26 Helen Burrell
3 Sarah Caroline Cobourn	9 Sue Maley	21 Angela Lanford	26 Sandy Stanley
3 Larry Prieb	9 Myra Covil	22 Mary Lou Ridgeway	28 Ann Hodge
4 Bonnie Gramling	10 Logan Harrison	22 Cynthia Woodfin	29 Henry Jackson
6 Sue Turpin			

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