



# Gramling United Methodist News - October 2018

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☞ Sundays: Classes, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. ☞ Adult Choir, 7 p.m.

## Keep Your Eyes on the Horizon

Good morning, Jesus. You're my Savior, my Lord, and my Best Friend. I welcome You into my morning and every moment of my day. ...

*"Those of steadfast mind You keep in peace - in peace because they trust in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock" (Isaiah 26-3-4).*

A few years ago, me and dad set sail for an all-day fishing trip 50 miles off the coast of Myrtle Beach in an old WWII PT boat. The same kind of boat that John F. Kennedy was almost killed in when it was struck by a torpedo. It was the beginning of a memorable day. My stomach is pig iron so I don't get sea sick, but that day I came close. I witnessed several on the boat turn green as they hurled their breakfast everywhere. The thing I remembered the most was the boat captain telling the sick seamen to keep their eyes on the horizon. We were going out to sea, against the waves. They didn't have waves and seas and massive splashes of salt water crashing over boats where I grew up in the hollers of Southern WV. So it was a new adventure for me.

Somehow the wisdom of keeping my eyes on the steady horizon, instead of the tossing waves and see-sawing boat, helped steady my stomach and my nerves. And the storm inside of me began to subside. By the end of the day, we caught a lot of fish and had a lot of fun. Then I was glad; we had gone too far to turn back and had no place to go but forward.

I often think of that story in the midst of the storms and unnerving waves that come crashing across the bow of my boat on this adventure of my life. But Jesus is still the Captain of my boat, and I can always hear God's Spirit cry out, "Keep your eyes on Me!"

Jesus you are my constant horizon, my everlasting rock. You always steady my fears and calm my nerves and encourage me to keep pressing on and moving forward. You remind me that when it's all said and done, if I can just weather the swirling storms, I'll be able to look back and say it was a good day and a great adventure. And we even had lots of fun, despite some angry waves now and then! Thank You for the gift of a steadfast mind that You keep in peace, helping me always to keep trusting in You. In Jesus' name Amen.

Be encouraged today and Keep Your Eyes on the Horizon!

**Love,  
Pastor Rick**



**Sunday, October 14**

Immediately following the service  
Catered by Fatz.

Please be sure to sign up using the bulletin insert or give us a call at 472-2551 to let us know how much to order.



**Each month a new family will be featured in the Newsletter for your reading. This will give us an opportunity to learn more about each other!**

### The Farroll & Peggy Campbell Family

We got married December 3, 1960 (57 Years ago). We have two children, Michael and Kelly, and eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Farroll was born on a farm and grew up in Gowensville. After high school he went into the Marine Corps for three years. He went to work at Homelite Plant there for 38 years as a maintenance supervisor. Now in retirement he's doing God's work through music and song. He enjoys playing the guitar and singing gospel songs.

Peggy grew up in Greer and went to Greer High School. After she and Farroll got married, she was a stay-at-home-mom until the 2 children started middle school. She went to work for J.B. White there for 25 years as a buyer and personal shopper. Now in retirement, she loves reading and being with her children, grandchildren and great grands.

Their son Michael retired as Captain from the Marines after 24 years of service. He now works for Homeland Security in Washington DC and lives in Catlett, VA.

Their daughter Kelly lives in Greenville and works for Wren Hospice as a Community Relations Liaison.

We joined Gramling Church August 15, 1999. 19 years ago. We love our church and our Sunday School Class, the Anne Fryga Class. Also we love our Pastor Rick Brown and his wife Cheri. We are so very Blessed!

## Trunk-or-Treat and Fall Festival Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

6:00p.m. in and around the gym.

Invite your friends and neighbors to a safe place for trick-or-treating and a fun time! There will be hot dogs and games, and of course the Cake Walk!

We love to see LOTS of trunks decorated for the kids to visit, so please let Nancy Bell or the office know if you'd like to set up a space. We're also asking for donations of candy and other little goodies, which you may leave in the narthex during October. If you can bring a cake or other dessert as prizes for the Cake Walk, please contact Nancy.

**Prayer, Praises, and Concerns:** Call Lin Fisher (864-420-6080) or Anne Carroll (472-9434), or email [newsletter@gramlingumc.org](mailto:newsletter@gramlingumc.org) and Lin will forward your request.

*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  
 Helen Burrell . Woodbridge Assisted Living  
 Carl Lane . Clemson Downs  
 Carolyn Brackett . Simpsonville Rehabilitation & Health Care  
 Barbara Runion . Golden Age, Room 110  
 Betty Jean Campbell . The Bridge, Hendersonville

**Church:** Gramling UMC

Rev. Rick Brown  
 Gramling Church Leaders  
 District Supt. Rev. Cathy Mitchell  
 SC Conference Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

**District One Schools:**

Administration, Teachers & Staff

**Military and Civil Defense** - Ed Hershberger

**Family & Friends**

Polly & Wally Harper . Henry Gramling  
 Linda Allison . JoAnn Foster  
 Julian Pruitt . Rick & Sue Pruitt  
 Judy Erwin . Will Brown  
 Kevin Hudson . Laura Gramling  
 Rebecca Davis . Cindy Riddle  
 Hugh & JoAnn Foster  
 Rev. Wayne Culp . Rebecca Culp  
 Barbara Quinn . Bonnie Gramling  
 Janne Thamis . Peggy Campbell  
 Natalie Honadel . Ed Hershberger  
 Tom Tindal . Georgianna Connell  
 Aaron Ritz. Mike & Kathryn Mitchell

Autumn Blackmon & Family . Paige Weissenberger  
 Bob Hogan & Family . Gloria Sugenor  
 Turner Hammett . Lucy Granger  
 Stan Hilly . Sandra Wingo  
 Christine & Tim Fisher . Cindy Riddle  
 Donnie Hodge  
 Andrew Tweedy . Rick Pruitt  
 Matthew Gansereit (Carlton) . Ruba Nix  
 Claircy (Gordon) Purrington . Ruba Nix  
 Donna Fowler . Paula Rhymer  
 Judy Vanadore . Sandra Wingo  
 Christina Easler . Wanda Ballenger  
 The Shaw Family . Julia Wilson



**Happy Birthday in October!**

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|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Stacey Condrey      | 9 Jon Harrison         | 14 Carlton Gansereit  | 26 Ben Wilson     |
| 4 Tanner Williams     | 9 Sam Connell          | 21 Ben Lopez          | 26 Weldon Ford    |
| 4 Betty Jean Campbell | 10 Charlene Lane       | 22 Peggy Campbell     | 28 Gloria Neely   |
| 7 Marion Gramling     | 10 Ed Hershberger      | 22 Sheila Atkins      | 28 Hank Nix       |
| 8 David Connell       | 10 Pat Keadle          | 24 Elizabeth Pressley | 29 Nancy Hamilton |
| 9 Mark Garrell        | 12 Hannah Nussman Shue | 25 Jacqueline Duncan  |                   |

**Wednesday Night Live!**

Come enjoy fellowship and other activities.  
 Everyone is invited!

**6 pm – Supper in the gym for all, at no charge.**  
 Enjoy a great menu with fruit and/or vegetables, along with a little dessert.

**6:30 Hand bell practice for all ages .** children, youth, and adults! September through December.

**Prayer at 5:30 in the Parlor**

>>**Adult Choir 7 p.m.** in the main building.<<

**World Communion is Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Finance Committee meeting October 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm**

**2018 General Tithes & Offerings, week 38**

Budget needed to date: \$213,038 (\$5606/wk);  
 General Offerings received to date: \$196,167

**Online giving is available at [gramlingumc.org](http://gramlingumc.org).**

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